

Survey Analysis

Section 6

LAKE RESIDENTS' OPINION SURVEY & COMMENTS REGARDING CROCKERY LAKE REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04-01

The Ordinance states: "**Section 6 – MAXIMUM LENGTH OF A DOCK AND OTHER DOCK REQUIREMENTS**

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4. For all properties with frontage on Crockery Lake in any residential or agricultural zone district under the Chester Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, only boats or watercraft owned by the owner of the lake property involved may be moored, kept, beached, docked, or stored on that property (or the bottomlands thereof) overnight."

DOES COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE CREATE A HARDSHIP FOR YOU? IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN

Yes - 34

No - 11

No comment - 11

Many stated they had family members who visit frequently and bring or keep their boats at their place.

Some cottages are family owned and shared and boats are in kids names.

Some cottages are rented occasionally and the renter brings a boat for a week.

Ordinance protects the lake.

Who owns the boat doesn't contribute to the safety of the lake.

Land owner would not let any boat on property without permission.

Visitors couldn't have boat overnights.

Kids own the boats.

Taking boats in and out in the poorly maintained boat launch brings more wear and tear on the launch.

SHOULD IT MATTER WHO OWNS THE THREE REGISTERED WATERCRAFT AS LONG AS THERE CAN ONLY BE THREE ?

Yes - 7

No - 49

The Ordinance states: "**Section 9 – SETBACK REQUIREMENTS**

1. No dock or pier shall be placed or located within ten (10) feet of the side lot lines of the lot or parcel where it is located as extended to the center of the lake.
2. No shore-station or boat hoist shall be located within two (2) feet of a side lot line as extended to the center of the lake. If the shore-station or boat hoist has a canopy that extends out further than the other parts of the shore-station or boat hoist, the measurement used shall be from the edge of the canopy and not the shore-station or boat hoist.
3. No watercraft or other boat shall be launched, stored, moored or docked within two (2) feet of the side lot lines of a lake parcel or lot as extended to the center of the lake.
4. Where a parcel or platted lot lawfully existed as of record prior to the date of this Ordinance and the lake frontage of that lot or parcel is not wide enough to accommodate or allow a dock or pier to be located at least ten (10) feet from both side lot lines, then the parcel or lot may have one dock or pier which must be centered within the lake frontage. The exact location, size and length of the dock or pier, as well as the placement of boats or watercraft thereon, must be approved by the Chester Township Zoning Administrator. In no case, however, shall the dock, pier or moored boats extend beyond or over the bottomlands of the parcel or platted lot involved."

DOES COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE CREATE A HARDSHIP FOR YOU?

Yes - 23

No - 19

No opinion - 14

As long as they are not encroaching on the neighbors waters anywhere should be fine.

This is already creating strife with the neighbors.

Should be able to go to property line.

Shouldn't matter if I own all the land.

Guidelines are good to have

Requirement should be by lot line.

Will need to change my seawall.

Causes problems with my swim area.

DO YOU FEEL THE NO-FEE VARIANCE FOR OWNERS WHO ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE SETBACK SECTION BUT HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THEIR NEIGHBOR REGARDING DOCK PLACEMENT REMEDIES THE PROBLEM OF NONCOMPLIANCE?

YES - 23

NO - 19

NO OPINION - 14

DO YOU AGREE WITH THE INCLUSION OF THE ABOVE SECTION IN THE ORDINANCE?

YES - 23

NO - 31

NO OPINION - 2

The Ordinance states: "**Section 10 – BOAT STORAGE DEVICE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.** No fill or the addition of any permanent or stabilizing structure or material shall be added to the bottomlands of Crockery Lake to support any pier, dock, boat hoist or shore-station."
IF THE WORDS "WITHOUT A DEQ PERMIT" WERE ADDED, WOULD YOU AGREE TO THIS CHANGE?

YES - 25

NO - 28

NO OPINION - 3

It's my land I can do what I want.

It's a big hassle and a long process

Same stabilizer placed in same place every year. Not hurting lake or anyone.

Township has no right to handle DEQ

Too vague because need to put something under in the muck

Need to put in pallets

Already a state law

People should be allowed to modify for their dock

The Ordinance states: **“Section 12 – NO BOAT RAMPS OR LAUNCHES**

No boat launch, boat ramp or similar access for a boat or watercraft to Crockery Lake shall be installed, created or used after the effective date of this Ordinance. Any and all boat ramps, boat launches and similar lake access areas that were lawfully in existence prior to the date of this Ordinance may remain, but shall not be upgraded, widened or expanded.”

DOES COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE CREATE A HARDSHIP FOR YOU?

YES - 31

NO - 18

NO OPINION - 7

Repairs could be called an upgrade

The word used should be taken out

Changing this doesn't protect the lake

Seadoos slip easily in and out at my shore

I own the property and want to maintain it so i should be able to use it this way.

Restriction seems unnecessary

My property, my use

Want to use my own property

Boat launch is a problem - too much noise, swearing all day and night

OTHER COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT DISCUSSED ABOVE. FEEL FREE TO ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.

Survey #26 penalties are too harsh, too many enforcers. Let it be a civil suit and the parties involved can foot the bill.

Survey #29 has additional comments

Survey #31 said there are conflicts of interest. See additional comments

Survey#40 additional comments

Survey#41 additional comments and pictures. If township keeps it up no one will want to live on this lake. Check the water.