

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Merton
Waukesha County

PUBLIC HEARING— TOWN OF MERTON
MAY 4, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Merton, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, hereby provides its written notice of a public hearing on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town of Merton Town Hall, W314N7624 Highway 83 , North Lake, Wisconsin. The hearing is to discuss amending ordinance sections 20.05 Moose Lake and 20.08 Lake Keesus of the Town of Merton Municipal Code in the interest of public health, safety, and/or welfare, including the public's interest in preserving natural resources, as they relate to the equipment, use, or operation of boats or to any activity regulated by Wis. Stat. §§ 30.60 to 30.71.

Present: Chairman Tim Klink
Supervisor John Krogmann
Supervisor James Fleming
Supervisor Don Herrick
Supervisor James Olson
Clerk Donna Hann
Attorney James Hammes

Public Attendees: 85+

Chairman Klink called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Hann read the Notice of the Public Hearing.

Attorney Hammes talked about the purpose for the Public Hearing which is for the Board to listen and evaluate the comments. The Town Board cannot respond to any questions tonight or dialog tonight. All the comments will be reviewed by the Board.

Chairman Klink clarifies that residents will be limited to three minutes and if time allows, they can come back up to add. He clarified that this is a discussion. There will be not cheering or clapping after comments or back & forth in the audience.

Chris Dierbeck, W2952N8394 Camp Whitcomb Rd. Lived on Lake Keesus since 1974 and a safety threat to her family with wake boats unable to see swimmers. Behave has continues. The lake is small. The Rip Wrap is affected and have incurred cost. Protect Property Value.

Michael Schulz, N82W28361 Vista Dr. Question is if wake enhancement is able to be used on Lake Keesus. Many Studies done but there is common sense approach. This activity should be banned. Played video.

Mike Touhey, N79W28630 Appaloosa Lane. Talked about safety to residents due to wake enhance. Family with a pontoon boat parked in North Bay had to protect family when the boat was raised and almost hit his family. The Town would have a bad outcome.

Sue Scholl, W287N8319 Dobbartin Rd. Family has been on the Lake for 101 years and enjoyed many activities. I have been nearly capsized in my kayak. Children should not fear the water. Fisherman lose their balance. Boulders are being moved by the wave energy. Please ban these large waves/boats.

Ed Schlumpf, W289N8485 Northbay Rd. I have on North Bay since 1987 and service on the Management District when it was formed. The fish building in shallow water and the hatching of the fish has been disrupting from these waves. Wake Boats are not able to clear their ballast when leaving the lake. Spent over \$5000 to fix part of the problem last year. The Lake is too small for this activity.

Sibylle Krause, W329N6529 Forest Dr. I live on Moose Lake. I was standing in knee deep water, watching the boats. I didn't have time to prepare for the ocean size waves and suddenly was throw into the rock by the waves.

Monica Hartl, W290N8234 Florencetta Hts. I support the draft ordinance . Moose Lake is too small for wake boats. I spoke at Madison about the size of Lake Keesus. My husband almost hit his head when a Wake Boat went by and he was knocked off his board. The shoreline rip rap has had to be repaired. Dead fish and plants show up along our shoreline.

Jan Grimm, W330N6245 Hasslinger Dr. Lives on Moose lake. I agree the comments about safety. Happy that there has been an ordinance put together and cannot really on the State.

Brian Bence, W292N8328 Camp Whitcomb Rd. Been on the Lake for 40 years and opposed to the ordinance. The Public Trust Doctrine ensure that waters are held in trust for public use. The DNR is responsible for enforcing the Public Trust Doctrine and use of the waters. Wake surfing can be managed through distance, depth or operations not exclusion. I am opposed to this ordinance.

Mary Schlumpf, W289N8485 Northbay Rd Lived on Moose Lake since 1987. Tried to drive the pontoon boat and it was swamped and no longer drive it. I am afraid to go on the lake because of wake boats. Please pass the ordinance.

Patti Tews-Ruehle, W287N8329 Dobbertin Rd. I live on the Edge of North Bay and experience the most damage. Heard they were going to self-police and nothing has changed. They had problems putting in a lift because a wake boat come around before they were done. Not fair to have to deal with these incidents. Family is scared.

Brian Fons, N8680 Wilmers Grove Rd, East Troy. I live on Lake Buelah and an avid fisherman. Over the 10 years lots of damage on weed beds has occurred. The numbers have dropped dramatically. The wave impact into the shore and the wave energy has changed the roots and algae. Wake boats should only be used in 25 ft and more than 500 feet off the shoreline.

Bonnie Merath, N8465 Townline Rd, East Troy. Had the opportunity to dive and were wake boat owners. Have seen the lakes change at different feet. Ran a wake boat over them and saw the damage. The lake bed would bubble and pull everything up with it.

Gina Gonzalez, W289N8473 Northbay Rd. Lives on North Bay and feel this Lake is too small. Erosion effects everyone. Feel it is not fair that using only two bays. This lake is just too small.

David Rosenberg, W332N6308 County Road C. I live on Moose Lake. Not worried about Moose because they are slow no wake. If he goes to Okauchee Lake he runs from the waves. People don't care and the problem is all the power goes right down to the bottom of the lake.

Gary Scholl, W287N8319 Dobbertin Rd. Great Grandfather was first president of Lake Keesus. He doesn't put in a power boat because the wave will come over his boat. He approved this ordinance.

Jeff Vanderkin, W287N8272 Dobbertin Rd. I am a sailor and windsurfer. Large waves effect my enjoyment of the lake.

Sandra Brown, W287N8255 Dobbertin Rd, Family has been on the lake for 90 years. The rock wall has had to be replaced because of the wave crashing on the shoreline. I support the ordinance.

Maggie Sonnemann, N79W28978 Park Dr. I am a wake surf boat owner. I have the same problems. I have erosion to the shore line too. Don't target wake boards. Tubing shows the same wave problems as wave surfing. Let's come together work with restrictions and stop the division.

Jeff Bula, N82W28529 Hillcrest Dr, My family has been out here since 1960. In the last few years, I have seen the destructions to the shoreland. I have experienced the problem with a pontoon boat and large waves.

Michael Lehmann, N82W28709 Audrey Drive. New to this Lake and located in the main channel. The past two seasons have seen operating within 40 feet of their pier. Impact not limited to wake boats. Boats are not operating according to the current rules and there is a lake enforcement problem. Ordinance does not solve the problems.

Carol Phillips, 6724 Wildcat Lake Rd. Retired Civil Engineer. 200 to 300 feet is not enough Lake Keesus is not big enough.

Linda Ziemer, N80W28254 Keesus Rd. Co-owner with sister and family home. Started a petition and earned how the State and organizations study how the eco system. The size of body of water should be considered. Each Township needs to regulate.

Richard Philips, 6724 Wildcat Lake Rd, Presque Isle, WI. He is a retired corporate attorney and has spoken at many lake meetings. No case study on Public Trust Document. DNR doesn't acknowledge the challenge. 4 other states have included wave regulations. Don't allow threats to legal challenge.

Scott Jankowski, W325N7128 Clearwater Dr. Lives on North Lake and it will have to deal with this. Look at the signs and the energy that these boats/waves that are created. These hulls that displace the water so much and fish spawning is affected. Look at the science.

Patty Mueller, W288N8009 Park Dr. Retired and developed the survey. Lake Keesus Residents do not support a Wake Enhancement Ban Ordinance. 163 Residents returned the survey, 220 properties on Lake Keesus, 103 responses were broken down to 21 follow guidelines, 67 amend and 18 other options.

Dennis Barney, N82W28719 Audrey Dr. There have been years of research, studies and surveys. Lake came to a head to make a recommendation to the Town Board for an ordinance. Why can't we just get along and work together. Boat industry has moved away from ski boats. New boats have a weight of 13,000 pounds are like a car. To push that weight, you need more horse power.

Rona Sonnenberg, 3404 Turnberry Oak Dr, Waukesha Talked about swimming on Moose Lake and the safety of her children. Pass the ordinance for Moose Lake.

Sally Ketter, W338S130 Foxtail Ct, Oconomowoc A member of Carl Shurz Park and spoke to pass the ordinance on Moose Lake for the safety of swimmers.

Brenda Larson, W288N8016 Park Dr. 1998 Bought property and Lake Keesus is a special community. Served on Survey Committee. Look at the enjoyment of the Lake. Why consider ordinance when all boats create waves. Waves are a part of life. All sources need to be looked at.

Greg Larson, W288N8016 Park Dr. Unwilling to compromise with other residents. Only 67 responded not the majority. Why are we here? Not working together since July, 2025. Nothing posted at the launch. Should not rush into regulation.

Erika Hartl, 477 Sunset Trail, Hartland. Cottage owner at Carl Schurz Park. Fulling supports the ordinance for Moose Lake. Wake Boats are disruptive and can be dangerous to Swimmers, Paddle Boarders, and Fisherman.

Peter Janik, 477 Sunset Trail, Hartland. Moose Lake since a child. In favor of the ordinance. As a fisherman, I have seen the damage.

Scott Susek, N82W28291 Marshall Dr. Been on this lake for 60 plus years. A lot of talk of rip rap is caused by ice and wind damage. Crabs and the eco system changed way before this issue and not caused by Wake Boats. Anything about the clean out of the Lake and draining that has not been addressed. Issues not addressed. He has a raft that is out during the weekend and that holds in place with the waves. He wants everyone to enjoy the lake.

Stephanie and Brittany Curry, N80W28322 Keesus Rd. Agree to opposing the ordinance. Observed unsafe boating not limited to Wake Surf Boats. Have had not wave issue at their location. There are all ready restrictions on Lake Keesus. Want everyone to enjoy the lake.

Mark Davis, W288N837 Park Drive, Wants a safe lake and has different ideas on how to make that happen. Offered to work with groups however nothing has happened. The 1/3 group that want to work to find a compromise. The people who want the ordinance are in the minority. Nothing is scientifically proven. There are factors that the board has not reviewed when looking at this ordinance.

Jean Zeller, W290N8241 Florencetta Hts. I grew up on Audrey Dr. and agree with the ordinance.

Diane Brunclik, N82W28583 Hillcrest Dr. Ban will divide the lake. Propose a compromise and look at all lake issues. All should have time to enjoy the lake. Increase education and maybe limit time for a compromise. Common Sense should dictate.

Craig Snyder, N79W28946 Park Dr. Hand out paper to the board. 5 of 9 the neighbors have had to replace their shoreland. We live in North Bay. Damage is not only about wake boats. Tons of Weeds getting ripped up happens not a new problem.

Lynda Sobstad, N82W28722 Audrey Dr. I live on Lake Keesus for 50 years. Friction on the lake since Wake Boats. Agree that fishing has been affected. I am in favor of this ordinance.

Jean Schlidt, N79W28463 Woodrest Dr. 80 years coming to this lake. Seen lots of changes. Big Waves do not belong on Lake Keesus. Elkhart Lake had buoys to keep wake boaters away from the shoreline. And I support an ordinance.

Ken Wolford, N82W28737 Audrey Dr. Agree with Ordinance to not allow wake surfing.

Barb Carrera, W287N8391 Center Oak Rd. Here my whole life. Too many boats on the lake. Notice a lot of weeds on the weekends. Thinks Lake Keesus is too small. Need this ordinance.

Daniel Tranchita, W288N8075 Park Dr. Heard a lot of comments on how busy the lake is. Crazy on weekends. Taking away the rights of a tax paying citizen is difficult. Makes more sense to work together. Town lacks the resource for patrol. High risk of property decrease.

Ken Wieshuegal, W284N7983 Woodrest Dr. had Monica Hartl, W290N8234 Florencetta Hts spoke for him. I have been on this lake since the 1980's Fishing boats and canoeing not possible to navigate in waves. Weeds have been disturbed in shallow areas. Wants to preserve the lake. Fully support the ordinance.

Jacob Lehmann, N82W28709 Audrey Dr. Experience with all types of boats. Data shows both sides and not conclusive data. Lake Survey was split. Tax Payer and concern of the legal challenges. Compromise is still available. Better Signage at the launch and real dialogue with neighbors.

Dave Mielke, W289N7840 Park Dr. Owner since 1990. Need a compromise. Need to work together. Computers on the Boats and adding a QR code at the launch and auto pilot could help. Property Values will be going down if you can't wake surf. Avoid this ban.

John Mueller, W288N8009 Park Dr. Statement was read by his wife. I own a wake Boat and normally surf week days. Concerned how residents will understand if he wake surfs but not in a wake enhanced mode. A solution would be restricting hours for wake surfing. All bays have bottoms affected by lake activities.

John Hayes, N78W29070 Flynn Rd. Don't use Wake Enhancements and thinks there is room for compromise. Neet to come together and correct issues. Don't think we need this.

Steve Belter, N78W29196 Flynn Rd 42 years lived on the lake. Many things come up over the years. Zebra mussels, ski restrictions. Concerned to see one sport that no can do ever on the lake. Maybe change restrictions 12 to 4 in the larger bays.

Cheri Riehle, N9481 Island Dr. from Lake Bula in East Troy to support this ordinance. People on each side. There is responsibility living on a lake. Read statement on stewardship. Make the right decision.

Greg Larson, W288N8016 Park Dr. Wants daughter to be able to surf. Compromise and share the lake. Find a way to work together. Banning will not slow damage then they tube and tubing is more dangerous.

Laura Milbrath, W290N8258 Florencetta Hts in favor of the wake surfing ordinance.

Dennis Barney, N82W28719 Audrey Dr. Concern on the surf boats in the future. Lake Keesus is not getting any big. The town board received a recommendation from LKMD for the ordinance.

Chairman Klink closed the public hearing at 8:54 pm and Thanked Everyone for coming and Speaking. The Board will review the comments and will be at least 30 days before they make any decision. It will be on the agenda coming up. Questions you can contact the Town Hall.

EMAILS RECEIVED ADDED TO THE RECORD.

Cathy and Jim Hazzard, W288N8024 Park Dr, stated in an email they oppose amendment for Lake Keesus. We celebrate 30 years of residency on Bull's Bay on Lake Keesus. The current guidelines in place work well for utilizing two out of the five bays by wake boats. Voluntary guidelines have not been posted at the launch. They believe in neighbor-to-neighbor compromise before government regulation. We have no damage and believe we can work together.

Bob Lechenberg, N81W28706 Park Dr, I live on the peninsula between Bull's Bay and the channel. I am opposed to creating a new ordinance banning wake enhancement on Lake Keesus. I believe compromise I the right path. I am a water skier with a multi-sport boat. I don't go out when surfers are out and I don't water ski when tubers or jet skiers are out. I believe everyone can manage to schedule their preferred activities based on the current limitations and we don't need a new ordinance.

Katie Burns, W288N8053 Park Dr, I live on North Bay on Lake Keesus and I am opposed to creating a new ordinance. I believe this community can resolve this issue with a compromise and without government intervention.

Amy and Mike Spiech, N79W29068 Park Lane, We have lived on the lake for 20 years and feel a ban on wake surfing is not the best interest of the community. We live in Marquart's Bay and are opposed to more rules and regulations. The current record does not evidence to justify restriction. I am worried about tax dollars used to defend a lawsuit. I have not had damage to my property caused by wake boats.

Robert Zigman, W284N7863 Woodrest Dr. I live on Rice's Bay and opposed to banning wake enhancement. I believe we need to find a compromise that serves all for Lake Keesus. Compromise should be on the table with weekend non surfing times or other shared use arrangements.

Bob Heckel, N78W29166 Flynn Rd, I live on Lake Keesus at the end of Marquardt's Bay. Fishing boats with live wells function similarly to ballast systems in regards to aquatic invasive species. There are many reasons that affect the shorelines with ice and mother nature being the largest but not limited to how people fertilize their yards. In years past, people wanted to ban jet skis. Everyone needs to compromise using the waterways and get more education on boating, not regulating.

Jeff Morgan, W290N8198 Florencetta Hts, I live on Lake Keesus in North Bay. I am opposed to creating a new ordinance. The solution is to work towards a compromise so the everyone can enjoy the lake. A simple compromise would be to limit the hours that wake boats may operate. I have lived on the lake for 9 years and use the lake for fishing and floating in a tube before 10 am or after 7 pm. Wake boating is not a problem at that time. The board should not intervene for several reasons. The Board should encourage those who support an ordinance to reach a compromise. I don't see any direct evidence that wake boats are damaging the lake. Most residents don't support a ban and the town could be challenged legally.

Deborah Peterson, W290N8208 Florencetta Hts. I live on Florencetta Hts and opposed to creating a new ordinance banning wake enhancements on Lake Keesus. Rather than implementing a broad restriction, the focus should be on enforcing existing rules consistently and addressing specific problem behaviors directly. A more balance approach will preserve access while still addressing concerns around safety, shoreline impact and user conflict. The goal should be coexistence not elimination of specific activities.

Rob Quadracci, W290N8308 Florencetta Hts. I am a resident of North Bay for 30 years. I urge the board to pursue a reasonable compromise rather than adopt an ordinance banning wake enhanced activities. Voluntary guidelines are already in place and compromises like adjusted hours or shared uses should be given a fair opportunity. I know this lake is not in constant conflict most days are calm and all activities have coexisted. I believe we can preserve that balance without unnecessary regulation.

Tim Ohnmacht, N78W29098 Flynn Rd. I live on Marquardt Bay. I am opposed to adding a new ordinance banning wake enhancement. Voluntary guidelines and neighbor to neighbor compromise should be given a real chance before the government steps in with a ban. I believe those who wake boats n Lake Keesus have done a good job in self-policing their use to be respectful to others.

Brett Engelking, W288N8067 Park Dr, I live on the south end of North Bay and am opposed to adding a new ordinance banning wake enhancement. With respect to wake enhancement damaging the lake bottom, I agree. However, I see fishing boats, ski boats, tubing and pontoon boats stirring up the bottom every weekend. I agree that wake enhancement causes damage to shorelines but no more than other wave producing entities , high winds, heavy storms and the annual freeze/thaw cycles we all deal with. The majority of boats with really loud music, surfing in shallow bays, to close to shore and generally ignoring the rules are drop ins from off the

lake. Better signage at the launch along with better communication would help. We have a beautiful lake, let's make sure we also keep all of the friendly people on it.

Steve and Karen, Lauterbach, N84W28761 Northbay Rd. I am a property owner on Lake Keesus and opposed to a new ordinance banning wake enhancement because it impacts property rights and reasonable use and enjoyment of lakefront property. A specific ban would unfairly restrict rights of property owners based on a single activity rather than behavior. Voluntary neighbor-to-neighbor solutions should be given a genuine opportunity before the Town imposes a permanent restriction. Both sides of this issue would benefit from continued dialogue, cooperative problem-solving, and compromise so the community can move forward together.

Megan Reardon, N79W28966 Park Dr. I live on Marquardt's Bay and am opposed to adding a new ordinance banning wake enhancement. I don't believe it is only surf boats could be the cause of any changes affecting wildlife. My biggest concern is the destructive nature of the muskrats that have torn up my shoreline and tunneled far into my yard. We have a strong community and believe we are capable of working together to resolve this issue. Reasonable compromise such as reduced weekend wake-surfing hours should be considered before moving to an outright ban.

Richard and Mary Bock, N83W29172 Florencetta Hts. We live on North Bay for 30 years and are not interested in a new ordinance banning any type of boating on Lake Keesus. The lake is a community with a love of water sports of all kinds. Creating an ordinance and involving the town government will create unnecessary problems. We need to allow the lake community to voluntarily create a safe environment on the lake.

Gregg Brunclik, N82W28583 Hillcrest Dr. I live on Lake Keesus and I am opposed to adding any new ordinance banning wake enhancement on Lake Keesus because of my enjoyment there. Everyone has the right to safely and respectfully use of the lake pursuing the activities they enjoy and all boats cause waves. I think it is wrong to blame wake boats exclusively. Every boat produces damage to our lakes. A reasonable compromise should be considered. A ban is a major step when compromise is still available and believe it is the wrong approach.

John Schwabenlander, W290N8132 Florencetta Hts. I live on the South end of North Bay and I am opposed to adding a new ordinance banning wake enhancement. Voluntary Guidelines and Neighbor-to-Neighbor compromise should be given a real chance before government steps in with a potential ban. Today it is one regulation after another. Make all residents work together. A small set of voices do not speak for the vast majority of homeowners in this community.

Karen Curry, N80W28322 Keesus Rd. I understand the concerns of some residents regarding shoreline erosion and safety. Guidelines such as 200 feet from shore and only surfing in areas of the lake that are deeper have been implemented. Wake surfing can continue to be an activity that can be enjoyed safely as long as it is in a way that respects everyone.

Ken and RuthAnn Rupert, W289N7936 Park Dr, We live on Bull's Bay and are opposed to creating a new ordinance banning wake enhancement on Lake Keesus. The current information does not show the kind of clear evidence or clear consensus that should be required before the town imposes new restrictions. Voluntary guidelines should be posted at the launch for drop-in boats. We are worried about our property value decline if we have this ordinance.

Jeff Kubisch, W288N8097 Park Dr. I have lived on the lake for nine years. Any water activity there are times of heavier and lighter use. Wake surfing was an important part of our time on the lake. I feel everyone deserves the same opportunity to enjoy the lake as we did. I have been impressed by how surfers have made significant adjustments maintaining distance from shore.

Michael and Gail Lauer, N80W28286 Keesus Rd, I live on Marshall Bay, I am opposed to banning wake enhancement and I have not had any damage to my property. I believe compromise would provide less restrictive alternatives boats staying 200 feet from shore and constraints for non-surfing times. Not enough evidence and will likely be challenged and prefer tax dollars not be used for Town Attorney fees.

Ellen and John Hayes, N78W29070 Flynn Rd, We live on Marquardt's Bay and are opposed to banning wake enhancement and I have not had any damage to my property. A ban is a major step when compromise is still available possible weekend non-surfing times or shared-use agreements. Our son experienced real compromise and understanding with a fellow boater this past year. Both sides have their studies.

Kenny Kaestner, N82W28279 Marshall Dr. I have been on Lake Keesus since 1968 and have seen many changes. Urban sprawl has definitely taken a toll on the lake. I am against any watercraft ban and am for some sort of regulation or compromise. I have noticed that surfers need to be more cognizant of where they operate and for how long. Wake boats have been around for a long time they were called Wakeboard boats. The main reason for the controversy is wakeboarders expend more energy and wakeboarding is more difficult resulting in longer time and more giant waves over a longer period of time. There is an add on in trailer that arrives weekly every Wednesday and dominates the lake for 4 plus hours. Badgerland stays in one bay and aren't continuously skiing for 4 hours. Common courtesy and a little common sense go a long way. I am completely in favor of some sort of adjustment to hours. Nobody enforces the rules we have not, we don't need more.

Jeff Kubisch, W288N8097 Park Dr. I have lived on Lake Keesus for nine years. There are naturally times of heavier and lighter uses. My family has spent many years wake surfing and feel strongly everyone should enjoy the lake as we did. Surfers have made significant adjustments resulting in community engagement and self-regulation. Residents have noticed improvements. I believe a complete ban is unnecessary and disproportionate. Many activities like jet skiing, tubing and others can be disruptive at times and wake surfing can be handled through reasonable rules and designated quiet periods. My concern is pressure from a small but vocal group than by full and accurate understanding of how the broader community feels.

Jeff and Linda Bartlett, N82W28441 Vista Dr. We strongly oppose the ordinance against surfing. We live in Marshals Bay for just over two years and have no damage to the shoreline. We lived across in Marquarts Bay for over 20 years and repaired the shoreline every year not from Surfer damage. Surfing is not the only way to make large waves. My daughter swivel skied and you need to go slow which creates a big wave. Our fishing board can make a wake by going slow. Banning Wake Surfing is not the answer. The comprise would be to enforce the voluntary guidelines put together by the surfing committee. We moved to the lake because we love the quality of life it allows us. Wake Surfing alone does not damage the integrity of the Lake. Let us not exclude one water activity because of unapproved shoreline issues.

Dan Belman, N79W29056 Park Ln. I live on Marquarts Bay since 1999. I am opposed to the ordinance banning wake enhancement on Lake Keesus. There are too many variables with boats making sizable wakes and to single out a certain activity would be unfair. We should wait for the State of Wisconsin to address this.

Lean Hepfner, N76W30912 County Rd VV. I am a Town Resident and opposed to adding a new ordinance banning wake enhancement on Lake Keesus because I don't feel Lake Keesus needs another ordinance. There are already time limits. My family members have enjoyed surfing and teach their kids to surf properly and safely.

Scott Vogeltanz, N91W28365 Hickory Rd. I have enjoyed using Lake Keesus for almost twenty years. My concern is the town exposing themselves to potential litigation and legal expenses as a taxpayer. Why is this matter not being handled by LKMD who has the responsibility and liability. I am opposed to the Town of Merton amending the ordinance.

Troy Hepfner, N79W28419 Woodrest Dr. I live on Marshal Bay and own a wake boat. I disagree with the proposed ban on wake surfing/wake-enhanced activity on Lake Keesus. I live in the condos and our shoreline was replaced a few years ago well before any wake surfing was present and since have had no further damage to the shoreline. Motorized boats can be harmful to our lake. We need to compromise. Wake surfing is getting 100% of the blame for safety issues. Countless times jet skis, water skiers and tubers are going at a higher rate speed causing close call with swimmers and people falling off their boards, skis etc.

Dean Turtenwald, W289N7951 Park Dr. I live on Marquardt's Bay and I am opposed to adding a new ordinance banning wake enhancement. I believe compromise is the right path and voluntary guidelines are already in place. Other compromise should still be on the lake including possible weekend non-surfing times or other shared-use arrangements. If the ban moves forward, I don't want my tax dollars spent on Town Attorney fees due to legal challenges.

Jeff Wesell, W280N8070 Black Diamond Ct. I am opposed to adding a new ordinance banning wake enhancement on Lake Keesus because of my enjoyment and time there. This is the wrong approach; the information does not show conclusive scientific evidence that should be required before a restriction is imposed. I don't want my tax dollars spent on Town Attorney fees due to legal challenges.

Amanda and Jeff Pollack, N81W28644 Park Dr. I believe compromise is the right path on Lake Keesus with voluntary guidelines that exist. Other compromise should still be on the lake including possible weekend non-surfing times or other shared-use arrangements. Living on the lake I observe lots of different situations. It does not depend on the type of boat but the amount of boat traffic.

Dylan Allamian, W290N7870 Park Dr, I am a town resident opposed to the ordinance. The lake is for everyone to enjoy. An ordinance that bans a specific activity/boat sets a precedent. We already have restrictions on when wake sports can occur. I support more education and training so we all can coexist and enjoy the lake.

Jill and Pete Hanson, N71W29845 Ridgeview Ln. I spend July 4 on Lake Keesus as well as other times throughout the summer. I am opposed to adding a new ordinance banning wake enhancement on Lake Keesus because a lake community should be working together to resolve their differences without government intervention.

Michael Harvat, W288N8933 Antler Circle. I am a town resident and oppose adding a new ordinance banning wake enhancement of Lake Keesus because of my enjoyment there. I am worried about my tax dollars used to defend a lawsuit if the town moves forward with the draft language.

Michael Curry, N80W28322 Keesus Rd. I am opposed to a ban on wake surfing/wake enhancement on Lake Keesus. The current record does not show clear evidence to justify a new restriction. Voluntary guidelines are in place and that approach should be given more time.

Carol Lionard, W288N7978 Park Dr. Information provided does not warrant a ban on surf boating activities. With the voluntary guidelines in place, I feel our lake community is able to work out situations in a mutually advantageous way.

Molly Modrzynski, W287N8610 Center Oak Rd. I am a town resident and oppose adding a new ordinance. All motorized boats cause waves. I believe a compromise should be considered and feel that a ban is a major step when compromise is still available. If the ban moves forward, I don't want my tax dollars spent on Town Attorney fees due to legal challenges.

Dan Sazama, N81W29083 Florencetta Heights. I am a frequent user of the lake; my uncle lives on the lake. I have enjoyed the lake for 30+ years and wish there to be no wake restriction.