

# Citizens Urged To Attend! Lower Paxton Hearing On "Onerous" NOISE ORDINANCE Tuesday, April 5

Frankly, the **NOISE ORDINANCE** proposed by **Lower Paxton Township**, (**Hearing Tuesday, April 5**), is not just onerous... it is ridiculous and **infringes on life in Lower Paxton!**

*THIS Township Meeting is worth attending!*

## Noise Police Should Not Be Allowed & Subsidized By Township

For Lower Paxton Township to pay for noise detection equipment, and to pay for **Noise Police**, out of taxpayer money is both an affront to human dignity and peaceful serene life in Lower Paxton Township!

For residents to have to be **fearful of any noise whatsoever** on their property, depending on whether your neighbor is "ticked off" with you or not... should not be promoted by the Lower Paxton Township Board of Supervisors!

For residents to have to look at their watches to see if they can sing or perhaps even cough in the wrong direction is absolutely unthinkable! (*And should parents be FEARFUL if the baby cries?*)

To look over and see the "Noise Police" with a piece of noise detecting equipment listening to what is going on in your property seems to *The Paxton Herald* to be **totally unconstitutional** and is an affront to everyone who lives in Lower Paxton Township and to anyone who even VISITS people in Lower Paxton Township.

*The Paxton Herald* urges the Lower Paxton Township Board of Supervisors to immediately vote to throw out this Ordinance and to tell neighbors in the "Stray Winds Development" to **go to a Counselor!!**

For the Noise Police to stand on what they **MIGHT THINK** is your property line in order to **harass you**, fine

you, and maybe **slap you in jail**, is unthinkable, untenable, and if passes, should be challenged in the Courts!

## Do You Know Where Your EXACT Property Line Is??

As a Lower Paxton property owner, do you know where your **EXACT** property line is... **to the inch??** Probably not! So where are the "Noise Police" going to stand in checking out the noise in your home and on your property?? Perhaps **property surveyors will have a field day having to survey every home in Lower Paxton Township** in order to protect themselves... **or is Lower Paxton Township going to use tax money to pay for these surveys??**

The Noise Police Ordinance, to be considered by Lower Paxton Township on Tuesday, April 5, is a "can of worms"... that is best left sealed and discarded!

## L.D. Citizen's Letter "Says It All!"

### • Check out those decibels!

The Paxton Herald is REPRINTING this letter from a subscriber regarding the Noise Ordinance to be voted on April 5 in Lower Paxton Township.

We feel that the letter "says it all," and is **WORTH REPEATING!**

★ **See CITIZEN'S LETTER**  
**...below on this page**



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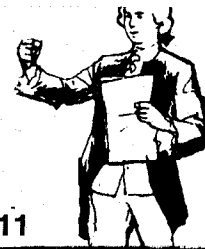
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# CITIZEN'S LETTER

## ✓ Check Out Those Decibels! *Lower Paxton's Proposed "Noise Ordinance" An Affront To Citizens!*

### Beware Lower Paxton Township Residents – New Unreasonable Noise Ordinance Being Proposed

Attend the **Public Hearing** on **Tuesday, April 5, 2011** at 7:30 p.m. at the Township's municipal center on Prince Street.

Lower Paxton Township is currently trying to pass a noise ordinance that is unnecessary if current laws were being enforced for disturbance of the peace or disorderly conduct. Essentially, there are **two residents in particular** that are having some issues with their neighbors that has generated this proposal, so Lower Paxton Township is now trying to enforce a strict noise ordinance for **everyone**.

If you enjoy having a cookout going past 10:00 p.m. or have kids playing outside on a summer night after 10:00 p.m. – **be careful** – because if the new Ordinance passes, you could be **fined up to \$1,000 or 90 days in jail or both** if caught making noise over 55 dB.

**What is 55 dB?** Since not many people know, please see the chart below - **normal conversation is 60-70 dB**. Sitting on a patio on a warm summer night with a few friends talking and laughing **would potentially be in violation**.

If an officer **standing on the property line with a noise meter**, (which they are planning to obtain), monitors the noise being generated in a backyard and it's **higher than 55 dB**, he could, according to this new Ordinance, cite that individual. During the day, **noise is not to exceed 65 db. A child practicing their musical instrument for school exceeds this depending on where they are sitting or standing.**

### Discrimination!

Of course this Ordinance is also discriminatory, **people who can afford larger properties** are permitted to make more noise since the decibel level lowers as the distance increases. Therefore, **individuals that have small properties and live in apartments will be affected even more.**

Even if the Township does not plan to actively enforce this, it shouldn't be on the books. All it takes is one overzealous person to make it miserable for everyone.

Please look at Lower Paxton's website to see the details of this Ordinance.

**If you believe it is overly restrictive, please attend this meeting on April 5** to voice your opinion, **otherwise it will be passed.**

- A concerned resident that is tired of being over-regulated  
Name withheld by request.

*(Editor's Note: You can also get a copy of this onerous Ordinance at The Paxton Herald office.*

### Environmental Noise Decibels

Weakest sound heard .....	0dB	Normal piano practice .....	60 -70dB
Whisper Quiet Library .....	30dB	Violin .....	82 - 92dB
Normal conversation (3-5) ..	60-70dB	Cello .....	85 -111dB
Telephone dial tone .....	80dB	Flute .....	92 -103dB
City Traffic (inside car) .....	85dB	Piccolo .....	90 -106dB
Power mower at 3' .....	107dB	Clarinet .....	85 - 114dB
Snowmobile, Motorcycle .....	100dB	French horn .....	90 - 106dB
Power saw at 3' .....	110dB	Trombone .....	85 - 114dB
		Tympani & bass drum .....	106dB

