

WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM KEITH N. LUCK (3/13/2026)

Thank you for reaching out. I'd like to provide a short statement in an effort to set the record straight and clear up some misinformation that is circulating around the internet.

My company, The Good Luck Properties LLC, acquired the property containing the Barberton Speedway on December 15, 2025 with the intention to use the land for the expansion of our existing business, Mulch Makers of Ohio, Inc., located on the adjacent parcel immediately to the north of this property. As part of the process to convert the property to use for our business, we have hired Kiko Auctioneers to conduct an online auction of all of the Speedway's personal property which is scheduled to occur online only from March 27th through April 2nd.

I understand and appreciate the deep attachment that the local community has to the Barberton Speedway being born & raised in the City of Barberton, and having attended many races throughout the years with my father. Because of this, I have passed on several opportunities over the past 10 years to acquire the property, despite the value it would have added to Mulch Makers' business, in order to defer to other interested parties that intended to continue the Speedway's existing operations. The property has been marketed for sale extensively over the past 20 years by several different owners and has been sold to new buyers at least 6 times in that timespan. In fact, even during the current acquisition process, after we had negotiated with the former owners and come to terms to acquire the property, I voluntarily stepped aside to allow a last ditch acquisition effort by a third party to continue the Speedway's operations to proceed. It is our understanding that this third party was unsuccessful in obtaining financing for the transaction. At that point, the former owners circled back to me to inquire whether I was still interested in moving forward with the purchase, and we entered into an agreement that ultimately led to our purchase of the property on December 15, 2025.

Unfortunately the Barberton Speedway has succumbed to the same fate as many other regional stock-car racetracks throughout Ohio (e.g., Columbus Motor Speedway; Sandusky Speedway; Kil-Kare Speedway; Southern Ohio Raceway; Painesville Speedway; etc.)--the inability to continue as a viable enterprise due to skyrocketing costs of doing business, including insurance and property taxes, as well as reduced attendance due to a variety of entertainment options competing for the attention of its target audience. While I understand this is deeply disappointing to the Barberton Speedway's loyal patrons, this outcome has been inevitable for many years now due to these economic factors. Many parties have tried, and ultimately failed, to continue the Barberton Speedway's existence as a viable business. While we share in the community's disappointment, it is our intention to return the property to productive use instead of allowing it to remain vacant and grow dilapidated as so many other racetracks have after closure. Mulch Makers currently employs approximately 40 local residents and its profitable operations contribute income tax to the local community. Purchasing this adjacent property will allow for the expansion of its current business operations, creating more jobs and further increasing the benefits

to the local community. We would greatly appreciate the support of the local community in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Keith N. Luck,

Owner

The Good Luck Properties LLC &
Mulch Makers of Ohio, Inc.