

Developer may have to scale back plan

A developer who wants to build more homes than Amity Township officials are willing to allow has asked township officials for flexibility as he develops 100 acres along Route 422.

Montgomery County developer Jay Tornetta proposes a mix of homes, offices and retail establishments among other uses for two properties along Toll Gate and Township Line roads.

He had asked for the township to allow housing on 40 percent of the land, which officials said was too much. They indicated they would be more comfortable with 20 percent to 25 percent of the land used for housing.

Supervisor Scott Stepp said it was important to change developers' perception of the township.

"I'd like to see us act as leaders in encouraging green programs promoting energy efficiency, and maybe offer some bonus incentives for businesses that choose to build here," he said.

The board also awarded a contract to Milford Builders of Quakertown, Bucks County, to replace the Geiger Road bridge. Milford's \$109,808 bid was the lowest of nine.

Geiger Road is one of the township's main thoroughfares. The bridge has been closed since 2005.

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