

# Amity prepares to submit tree grant

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The Amity Township Board of Supervisors approved on Feb. 1 for the township to apply for a state Department of Conservation & Natural Resources grant for planting 25 to 30 trees at Amity Community Park, Weavertown Road.

Environmental Advisory Council Chairman Marlin Zechman said one requirement to obtaining the \$6,000 DCNR grant is that four township representatives attend an eight-hour training session.

He said one of the four must be an elected official.

Supervisor Richard L. Gokey volunteered to attend the Sept. 28 training in Bethlehem, Lehigh County.

Zechman said a state forester will visit the park with him to review and hopefully approve the tree-planting plan on the 44.6-acre site.

The grant application would be presented to the board after it has been approved by the state forester and then submitted to DCNR by the March 1 deadline.

"We don't want trees too close to the paths, that will break up the asphalt, or planted where there could be future sports fields," said Board Chairman Robert R. Yanos, adding that the board also wants real trees planted that will provide long-term growth and shade.

Approximately 100 trees were planted when the park was built and opened in September 2005 in conjunction with the adjacent Daniel Boone Middle School.

## **In other business:**

The board did not discuss any impact of Supervisor Terry L. Jones pleading guilty on Jan. 30 to drunken driving charges and reckless endangerment charges.

Jones caused a two-vehicle accident in Pottstown last year, which injured a child.

He will begin serving this month an eight day to six month sentence in the Montgomery County jail. The judge in the case said Jones can serve his minimum sentence over the course of four consecutive weekends beginning Feb. 3.

Code Enforcement Officer Steven Loomis said the local District Justice has sent by certified mail a notice of violation to a resident of Winding Creek Drive, Douglassville.

The resident recently violated the township's sign ordinance by painting profanities on the wall of their outdoor storage shed

storage area.

Loomis said a bench warrant would be issued for that person's arrest if the violation is returned unclaimed.