

Resident will pay for road abandonment

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The Amity Township supervisors have accepted a letter of understanding from a property owner that formalizes his offer to pay all costs associated with the township abandoning a public road.

Boyertown attorney Eric C. Frey presented the letter on behalf of Peter D'Angeli, who wants Bieber Road turned into a private drive. In making the request last month, D'Angeli said motorists using the road exceed the 35 mph limit and cut across his property.

According to D'Angeli, three of his neighbors support his request.

The board voted 3-0 to accept the letter. Terry Jones and Scott Stepp were absent.

The terms of the agreement are no different than the township would require of a land developer, supervisors Chairman Robert R. Yanos said.

Solicitor Brian Boland said, "Any engineering expenses related to investigating or abandoning the road would be borne by the landowner."

Per the terms of the agreement, D'Angeli is on the hook to cover those expenses, even if he changes his mind about the road being closed to the public.

Supervisor Paul R. Weller said, "He can pull the plug anytime he wants."

Bieber Lane connects Route 662 to Morlatton Road and is only partially paved.

Township Manager Charles E. Lyon previously noted that the roadway is dangerous at night for motorists who aren't familiar with it.

Still undecided is where to close the road to the public and how to ensure access for fire and emergency vehicles.

- By Kevin Duffy