

McGrath continues to lead Amity Township

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The Amity Township Board of Supervisors unanimously reappointed Kimberly J. McGrath as board chairperson at its annual reorganization meeting on Jan. 5.

Supervisor Richard L. Gokey was unanimously reappointed as vice chairman.

Peter Gaskins, Birdsboro, was appointed as a representative on the five-member Parks & Recreation Board.

He will serve through Dec. 31, 2017. McGrath and supervisor David Hackett were absent from the meeting.

The board unanimously reaffirmed all other current appointments.

It also unanimously approved to not enforce the note on a 15-year-old land development plan regarding the former Amity Primary Center

That note allows the township to close the Weavertown Road exit from APC.

Township manager Charles E. Lyon said Cemetery Lane would be widened if the Weavertown Road exit was closed.

The Daniel Boone School Board voted in May 2013 to close APC at the end of the 2012-13 school year as a cost-saving measure.

School Board President Richard Martino told the board that APC's more than 200 students were reassigned to the Monocacy Elementary Center and the Amity Intermediate Center, which was later renamed the Amity Elementary Center.

The district is leasing a portion of the former APC building to River Rock Academy, Reading, as an "Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth" program.

Martino said River Rock Academy's current enrollment is less than 40 students.

School district administrative offices also occupy the building.

"If you make it [Cemetery Lane] two-lanes, there would be a lot more people coming out on Old Airport Road," Martino said. Supervisor Paul R. Weller said the board will abstain now to close Weavertown Road, "but we will retain our options as legally stated."

Public Works Foreman Alistair Howell-Clarke said the road repair estimate for 2015 is \$397,891.