

## Amity seeks to create new zoning district

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Amity Township officials are working on creating a new zoning district, hoping that it leads to the commercial development of a large tract.

Supervisors hope to zone 600 acres off Limekiln Road north of Route 422 for business, office or light industrial development. The project is called Amity West Industrial Park.

"The main purpose for doing this is to relieve the tax burden on our residents, at the same time minimize as much negative impact which naturally goes along with it," supervisors Chairman Robert Yanos said. "We just have to weigh the pluses and minuses, and make a decision which is in the best overall interest of Amity."

At Wednesday's meeting, the supervisors reviewed the wording of the ordinance and heard residents' concerns about increased traffic and other expected day-to-day inconveniences.

"If this park comes to life and is able to generate substantial tax revenue for the school district and the township, I'd gladly put up with the consequences," Supervisor Paul Weller said.

Blair Gilbert, vice chairman of the township's economic development committee, warned the board that overly restrictive zoning and building requirements are not good for Amity.

"We continually lose commercial development opportunities in this community because of your restrictive building requirements," Gilbert said. "What a developer wants to do is, when he reviews the building requirements, see that he can make some money. So, you can zone yourselves right out of business if you're too strict."

Supervisors will meet in August to again review the ordinance.

There was no timetable for approval of the measure and development of the tract, and no businesses have been lined up.

- By Dan Andrews