

Proposed project along Route 422 discussed

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The Amity Township supervisors say a decision is in the works on a commercial and residential development proposed for 100 acres along Route 422.

The tract at Tollgate and Township Line roads next to Route 422 near Douglass Township is owned by 422 Properties. It has been the subject of correspondence between the parties for more than two years.

At their meeting Wednesday, the supervisors said they would decide in June whether the development can move forward in preliminary stages.

According to officials, the property would be developed in phases starting with the commercial end. Commercial possibilities include big box stores, restaurants, banks, government offices, lodgings and day care facilities.

Residential development would be limited to 200 homes. Possibilities include apartments, town houses, age-restricted housing or assisted living.

The supervisors agreed to take the matter up next month after speaking with Jay F. Tornetta of Tornetta Realty Corp. in Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County.

Appearing on behalf of 422 Properties, Tornetta said the project's benefits would include substantial tax revenues for the township and the Daniel Boone School District.

The supervisors expressed some concerns but said the commercial development could be a boon.

- By Jennifer Hetrick