

Officials working on rural village zone

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The Amity Township supervisors are staying abreast of the planning commission's work on rezoning parts of the township's so-called rural village, which would include residential, commercial and institutional uses.

According to township Manager Charles E. Lyon, the rezoning would be in keeping with the joint comprehensive plan among Amity and Exeter townships and St. Lawrence.

Officials are talking about trying the zoning in Amityville first to see how it goes.

"We may get a lot of push back on this. It's going to require some thought," Chairman Robert R. Yanos said.

Yanos suggested the supervisors attend future planning meetings to ensure a consistent direction.

In other business, the board approved planting trees in Amity Community Park as part of the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Tree Vitalize program.

Tree Vitalize is a public-private partnership to increase public awareness of the importance of community trees and to reverse the loss of tree cover in metropolitan areas.

Lyon said the township was approved for a grant of about \$4,000 to plant the trees, which include white oak, red oak and white pine.

- By Keith Smoker