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## School buses to roll into Amity development

Amity Township accepts street ownership, clearing way for a new Daniel Boone route

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If everything goes according to plan, Daniel Boone school buses soon will be running through the High Meadow development in Amity Township.

Township officials recently decided to accept ownership of the streets, which will allow buses to enter the development to pick up students.

Work had halted in High Meadow when the developer, Heritage Building Group, could not afford to continue building after the economy took a turn for the worse, township officials had said.

That meant Amity would not accept the streets for maintenance, and students had to meet school buses at Pine Lane. In some cases, students had travel nearly a mile to catch the bus.

Amity officials decided in September that they were tired of waiting for the developer to finish the necessary roadwork. The township seized escrow funds that had been set aside for future improvements.

While final paving will not be completed until 2013, the supervisors agreed to accept the streets for dedication.

"Since we took over the escrow, we more or less own them and they become our responsibility anyway," Supervisors Chairman Robert R. Yanos said.

Township Manager Charles E. Lyon said the bus contractor that serves that area, New Rhodes Transportation, agreed to use the newly dedicated streets even though they are not finished.

"As long as we do a drive through and observe it is safe, they do not have a problem going in there," Lyon said.

Township road master Alistair Howell-Clarke is preparing bid specifications for base repair of the streets and obtaining cost estimates for sewer repairs in the development. He'd like to have both completed before the end of the year.

"We'd like to move forward with getting it (the base) repaired before wintertime, so that when we go to top the roads, everything will be satisfactory," he said.

The following streets were accepted for dedication: High Meadow Drive, Shadybrooke Drive North, Shadybrooke Drive South, Peach Blossom Drive, Summer Meadow Drive, Meadowside Drive, Green Meadow Drive and parts of Pine Lane and Woodbrook Drive.

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