

Supervisors approve updated development

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The Amity Township supervisors have approved an updated plan for the proposed 72-unit Arbour Green housing development.

The new plan calls for twin homes instead of clusters of town houses for the development on the west side of Old Swede Road at Pine Forge Road.

Supervisors Paul Weller, Kim McGrath and Terry Jones approved the update during a special meeting Wednesday night. Supervisors Robert R. Yanos and Richard Gokey were absent.

The developer, Telvil Corp. of Harleysville, Montgomery County, is now proposing units consisting of two semidetached dwellings instead of structures holding three to five town houses.

"The business motivation behind the change in plan is the downturn in the economy and housing market," Telvil President Bryan Hunsberger said.

The development is designed to be an age-targeted community, providing homes for residents entering retirement who want to downsize.

The new plan will include the conditions from the previous one, which calls for the removal of a hump on Old Swede Road that obstructs sight lines.

"This development should make the whole general area safer," Jones said.

- By Stephanie Weaver