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Adult-care home plan worries Amity Township supervisors

The Amity Township supervisors have authorized their engineer and solicitor to oppose a special-exception request for a personal care home and adult day care center on Weavertown Road opposite the Daniel Boone Middle School.

The facility is proposed for 1.3 acres in the low-density residential zone. The applicant's name was unavailable.

Nursing homes are permitted in the district by special exception. The zoning ordinance does not address adult day care.

The supervisors expressed concerns about the proposed building and the possibility that it might be used for drug rehabilitation.

"I don't see how I can support this application," Supervisor Richard L. Gokey said. "I'm concerned about 1,200 kids across the street. Will adults with criminal backgrounds be allowed? It does not fit with the character of the neighborhood."

The zoning hearing board is scheduled to hear the special-exception request Aug. 17.

The supervisors also approved new rules for township parks that include a ban on smoking in all parks, not just Amity Community Park. The recreation board recommended the changes.

- By Stephen F. DeLucas