

Supervisors drop appeal for village

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Carroll Township supervisors have dropped their appeal of a court decision in which they were ordered to approve the plans for the Village at South Mountain, a high density housing development with a commercial center to be located on Logan Road across from park.

The action, taken during the supervisors meeting on Sept. 14, would allow Dillsburg Ventures, LLC to build the plan as it was in February 2008 when it was denied by supervisors. The developers challenged the denial and Judge John Chronister agreed with the developer. The township

appealed Chronister's decision and lost that appeal. They then entered into court ordered negotiations with Dillsburg Ventures, LLC.

Because of a confidentiality agreement that is part of negotiations, township officials were not at liberty to elaborate any further on their decision to drop the case, but have promised a broader statement when the withdrawal has made its way through the legal system and been accepted, a process that could take several weeks.

In other subdivision action, plans for The Townes at Sommerton Glen were given another extension. Developer Joel McNaughton was present

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at the meeting. When he was asked why there had been no action on the plan for more than a year, he explained that he had been trying to handle things within his own company, but has now realized that he needed some outside help. He assured supervisors things would be moving now.

Supervisors granted a 1-month extension, not the 3 months that had been requested.

"We'll see where we are in another month," said supervisor Bob Faulkner.

This plan involves 20 housing units near the intersection of Mountain Road and Route 15. It also became the subject of a land use appeal to the Court of Common Pleas when a decision by Carroll

Township supervisors to deny a conditional use application was overturned.

Classic Communities, the new owner of Logan Meadows, now has a \$600,000 security bond in place and can begin to work on the project. The development, located on Logan Road, was abandoned over a year ago when Altieri Homes of Maryland went bankrupt.

Robert Szajunk, the owner of Al's Pizza, was back before supervisors to request another hearing. Last month, a hearing to allow Al's Pizza to sell malt beverages by the glass, bottle, pitcher and six-pack brought no public comment and Szajunk went back to the Liquor Control Board for the next step. That license was a

temporary one, renewable every year and offered as a part of an economic stimulus program. In the meantime, Szajunk became aware of a permanent license for the same products, which was for sale, and he would now prefer to have that one instead.

"So, you'd rather own than rent?" quipped supervisor Bill Turner.

The hearing date was set for just prior to the October supervisors meeting.

Supervisors agreed to pay the Minimum Municipal Obligation for uniform police officers in the amount of \$194,065. They will receive \$70,000 back in state aid.

Trick or Treat night for Carroll Township was set for Saturday, Oct. 31.