

# Lipstick on a Pig

*Dear Editor,*

My mother used this expression when something was all gussied up to hide its inner ugliness. I never liked the expression myself – it is insulting, both to women and to pigs! However, it came to mind when thinking about the new application for a proposed 70-unit RV park.

I looked up the definition of the phrase. It means: *“Making superficial or cosmetic changes to something in a futile effort to disguise its fundamental failings.”*

My mother was right. This land is gussied up with a few wimpy trees, but fundamental flaws remain: the developer illegally destroyed the natural landscape; the noise from 70 units (up to 700 people including guests, partying day and night) will travel far across our waters; two cars per unit plus guests parking up and down Miller and Torch River Roads and golf carts scooting across Cherry is a recipe for someone to be killed; not enough sheriffs to police what happens in our village already, much less add 700 people. This gussied up pig is no different from the last proposal. It offers no benefit to the citizens of the township and is not consistent with our Master Plan. It must be denied again.

*C. K. Crout, Rapid City*