

Application should be denied

Dear Editor,

As full-year residents of Milton Township, we have been extremely concerned with a down-state developer's application (and extensive land development) for an 80-site RV park in Torch Bridge Village. There was public outcry, based on many legitimate concerns, nearly 200 letters to the planning commission, and robust comments at open meetings. Environmental and engineering experts provided extensive review of the proposal, and Beckett and Raeder, Inc. were hired to perform a final analysis. Based on that, the Planning Commission unanimously denied the application in July (just three months ago). Denial was based on failure to comply with five sections of the zoning ordinance. The developer subsequently appealed the decision in Circuit Court, which is pending.

Recently, the down-state developer has applied for a Special Land Use Permit for a revised 70-site plan, while simultaneously developing the site under the guise of erosion remediation. There is no significant difference between 80 and 70 sites, and the same lack of ordinance compliance is present. The developer has abused the process, caused substantial property damage due to erosion (including silt deposition in the Torch River), and has demonstrated no interest in the well-being of the community. This application must be denied.

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