

Bath Township Trustee Sean Gaffney
395 Springside Drive - Rezoning vote comments
3-4-2024

As a Bath Township Trustee, I have reviewed the request to rezone 395 Springside Drive from B-3 to B-2. This is my position.

First, Bath Township is in the process of updating its comprehensive land use plan. A community-based committee was formed and, in their capacity, they have preliminarily identified areas in the Township which need future consideration. Springside Drive in Bath Township within the Montrose JEDD is one such area.

Second, Bath Townships Zoning and Comprehensive Plan documents have long standing guidance toward the future of Bath. Occasionally, land use options are proposed which differ from the current documents. If these proposed land use options are acted upon, local authorities, from the Zoning Boards to the Trustees in the Township must follow the complete process for any change.

Third, Bath Township must continue adapting to a post Covid-19 business environment and residential needs.

In conclusion, I want to maintain the rural character of Bath while thriving as one of our regions finest communities. To that end, Bath has supply of available vacant sites in existing commercially zoned areas of the Township which can be utilized, or repurposed. The proposed re-zoning from B-3 to B-2 for a Petitti's Garden Center at 395 Springside Drive is one such area. The proposed site includes a developer's agreement which protects the Townships interests and should prove mutually beneficial in the success of the project.