

## Franklin Township Supervisors to Advertise Ordinance Revisions

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WAYNESBURG — Franklin Township supervisors voted Monday to advertise changes to the township zoning ordinance that will increase the minimum lot sizes for building construction.

"We have been talking about this for ages and have wanted to make changes to the ordinance," Supervisor Reed Kiger said, following Monday's meeting.

Opposition that arose to plans by the Woda Group to build a single-family development off Powell Lane only "encouraged" the supervisors to move ahead with the proposed revisions, he said. Woda had proposed building 50 homes for low- and moderate-income residents on a 17-acre parcel of land.

The advertisement of the proposed ordinance changes will begin a 30-day public comment period. After that time, the supervisors can consider adopting them. The proposed changes include:

- For construction of a building where there is neither public water nor public sewage, the minimum lot size must be 25,000 square feet; a 100-foot minimum lot frontage to a street also is required except where a flag lot is authorized by the ordinance.
- For construction of a building where public water is available but no sewage, the minimum lot size will be 20,000 square feet; a 75-foot minimum lot frontage also is required, except for an authorized flag lot.
- For construction of a building or buildings where both public water and sewage is available, the following applies:
  - The minimum lot size for a single-family detached dwelling will be 15,000 square feet with a 60 foot minimum lot frontage, except where there is an authorized flag lot.
  - The minimum lot size for a single-family attached dwelling will be 20,000 square feet for the first two units plus 3,000 square feet a unit for each additional unit. A 60-foot minimum lot frontage is required except for a flag lot. No more than 10-dwelling units are permitted for a building, and there must be a minimum of 30 feet between buildings.

- The minimum lot size for a multi-family dwelling will be 20,000 square feet for the first two units plus 2,000 square feet a unit for each additional unit. A 60-foot minimum lot frontage is required except for a flag lot.
- The minimum lot size for a two family detached or a two family semi-detached dwelling will be 20,000 square feet; a 60-foot minimum lot frontage is required except for a flag lot.

In other business, the supervisors announced cleanup day will be held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 30 at the municipal building parking lot. Certain items cannot be accepted at the cleanup. They include batteries, tires, microwaves and oil. Air-conditioning units and refrigerators also must be tagged with the Freon removed. The township regularly holds two cleanup days a year.

The supervisors accepted the resignation of Bruce Wermlinger from the township planning commission and appointed Dave Thomas in his place.