

Franklin Township OKs Building Plan

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WAYNESBURG — Franklin Township supervisors granted final approval Monday to plans by Fox Auto to construct a new oil change and tire shop east of the company's dealership on High Street. Fox Land Co. LLC received final approval to construct the building at 901 East High Street, Waynesburg, the site of a former BP station.

The 4,547-square-foot building will house the Quick Lane Oil Change and Tire Center. Plans for the building earlier had been reviewed by the township planning commission, which recommended it be considered by the supervisors for conditional approval.

Supervisors granted conditional approval July 11. Since the time, all conditions have been met, making the project eligible for final approval, said Steve Coss, township code enforcement officer.

During the meeting, the supervisors met with two property owners to discuss a stormwater problem on Sherman Avenue. Supervisor John Higgins explained the township has been considering placing a new box culvert for stormwater runoff on the road but wants to make sure it is in the right location.

"We want to put it where it will do the most good," he said. Higgins said he had checked the road during a weekend storm to see where it might be best to install the culvert.

A heavy rain fell during the supervisor's meeting and after adjourning, supervisors went with the property owners Bob Land and Walter Lohr to inspect the site.

A heavy storm Friday night had knocked down trees and flooded roads and basements throughout the township and Waynesburg Borough.

High, Greene and East streets in Waynesburg had to be closed for several hours Friday night because of the water runoff.