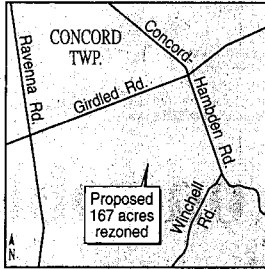


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No vote on rezoning issue



■ Residents voice opposition as attorney tries to prove plans would benefit township

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The final decision on the rezoning of 166.873 acres south of Girdled Road and west of Route 608, was not made any easier Wednesday, when Concord Township trustees held a final public hearing on the issue.

More than three dozen residents piled into the Township Hall to voice their concerns over the request of developer Thomas Riebe and 20th Century Construction to rezone the land from R-4 residential, 1-acre minimum lot size, to R-1 residential, 1/2-acre minimums.

All but three stood up in opposition to the controversial issue of what would be Crossroads at Summerwood development.

Representing Riebe, attorney Joseph R. Klammer pulled out all the stops in an attempt to make the community and trustees understand that the request is only in the best interest of the township.

He presented a "mammoth binder" to trustees, according to Trustee Chris Galloway, which included three studies commissioned by Riebe following a Feb. 1 trustee meeting.

At that meeting, concerns over possible traffic increases and the ability of safety services to get into the planned development arose.

The first was an extensive impact study done by Silverlode Consulting Corp. of Cleveland.

In a news release given to trustees along with the binder at the meeting, Klammer wrote: "The findings prove that these concerns are not founded; the revenue generated for the schools, township and county far outweigh any costs."

Greg Myers of Silverlode Consulting spoke to trustees in an attempt to clarify information in the binders, which the trustees had not had a chance to read at the time of the meeting.

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Attorney Joseph R. Klammer discusses the proposed rezoning of Crossroads at Summerwood development Wednesday night during a public hearing at Concord Township Hall.

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