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Forks to accommodate truckers

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FORKS TWP. | Township officials pledged Thursday to work with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to regulate truck traffic on township roads.

"The trucks can't find their way to businesses or certain streets," township supervisors Chairman John Ackerman said. "There is not enough signage to help."

Supervisors will work with PennDOT on a plan to install signs on the township's busiest roads. Ackerman said he expects the state to pay for signs on its roads.

Other officials and residents complained recently about wayward trucks turning around on narrow streets and causing problems when drivers look for directions.

Ackerman, who owns Forks Equipment, said he wants to see signs at the intersection of Uhler and Kesslerville roads.

"Truck drivers don't know how to get to Kuebler Road," he said.

Kuebler is a main access point to the Forks Industrial Park.

Officials want to keep trucks off small roads like Mitman Road.

"We'll be looking at all intersections to make it better to get to all roads," Ackerman said.

Also Thursday, supervisors gave unanimous approval to two housing developments.

(Patriot Village developers received final approval from the board for a 21-home tract adjacent to Sullivan Trail and Mecro Road.

Developers had to revise their plans three times for the planning commission. The final design includes two cul-de-sacs. The second cul-de-sac was installed because township officials said they did not want direct access for the development to Sullivan Trail.

"It was a long process, but I think they had to accommodate the township," Solicitor Karl Kline said.

(Supervisors also approved the Estates at Steeplechase North. Developers worked with Forks officials to annex a portion of Plainfield Township. The finished plan changes township boundary lines.

The 14-home development sits on Farcroft Drive next to Stockertown and Plainfield Township. Farcroft could be extended through a temporary cul-de-sac into Stockertown.

Also Thursday, the board also approved the purchase of a new \$100,000 dump truck for the township.

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