

## **Borough's impact fee takes effect**

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New developments will be putting in their fair share toward road improvements in the borough.

Builders will be charged \$1,000 per housing lot in future developments.

The money collected from each house being built will be put back into capital improvements for that area.

Plum Borough Council approved to have Trans Assoc-iated Inc. prepare a transportation capital improvements plan and impact fee analysis. The study will survey traffic throughout the borough and prioritize necessary traffic improvements.

Planning Commission members were updated during Monday night's meeting about their role in the execution of the study.

They will be part of a committee that will meet after each planning commission meeting starting on Monday, Nov. 21.

Six commission members are part of the 10-member board appointed by council.

On board are planning commission members Charles Bayne, Martin DeGore, Robert Kalichuk, Darrell Knopfel, Robert Zunich and Mark Allison, who is also a registered architect. Joining them are Danielle Straley Realtor from Coldwell Banker; Paul DeSabato, mortgage broker; John Grasinger from Grasinger Homes; and Mark Pisone from the Meritage Group.

The study will cost the borough \$115,820.

To help fund the plan and analysis, Jim Rumbaugh of the Meritage Group donated \$50,000. The rest of the funding coming from the borough.

Greg Bachy, borough director of planning and economic development, also explained the details surrounding the dividing of zones. Some roads and busy intersections could be divided into different zones to receive additional money.

Bachy discussed with the planning commission possible places to consider into the zones. Areas around Saltsburg Road where the Penn Hills Wal-Mart is planned to be built, and the intersection of New Texas Road and Saltsburg Road were some of the initial discussions.

Roads in areas that are already developed, like Holiday Park and Boyce Park, may be eliminated out of the zones, because they will not have any new houses built in the near future.

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