

Norwich Township Citizens Urge Veto Of Annexation Bid

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Norwich Township residents are pressuring Franklin County commissioners to turn down the proposed annexation of 319.6 acres of the township to Columbus.

A public hearing on the annexation is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Dec. 16.

ABOUT 40 AREA residents, opposed to the annexation, have written letters to the commissioners. They have received form letter replies saying in part, "... the county commissioners are required to approve annexation cases if the annexation procedures as required by law have been followed."

The tract is mostly on the west side of Dublin Rd. and runs from Hayden Run to Davidson Rds. Jeffrey Brown Builders, 4900 Reed Rd.; Riverview Ltd., 50 W. Broad St.; Timp Corp. of New York City; and George and Karen Sorensen of 4409 Shire Creek Ct. have applied for the annexation.

Five of the nine owners of the tract have requested the annexation. State law requires at least half of the owners to apply for annexation.

BROWN, AFTER signing the application, asked to have his name removed. However, in October he rescinded the request.

Norwich Township residents fear the annexation would pave the way for high-density housing in the township and increase traffic congestion.

Also on Dec. 13, county commissioners will hold a public hearing on a request filed by Lepalo Inc. of 40 S. 3rd St. to have 178.69 acres of Prairie Township annexed to Columbus.

THE IRREGULARLY shaped tract runs from Alton and Darby Creek Rd. to the east side of Doherty Rd. and from Feder Rd. to the Penn Central railroad tracks.

At 10 a.m. Dec. 6, county commissioners will hold a public hearing on a request to annex 113.469 acres of Jackson Township to Grove City.

James Henry of 250 E. Park St., Grove City, and five others own the tract which is south of the intersection of Stringtown and Old Stringtown Rds.

COMMISSIONERS WILL open a public hearing at 10 a.m. Dec. 20 on a request filed by James and Mary Rogers of 1941 Steltzer Rd. and six others to have a 18.949-acre tract annexed from Mifflin Township to Columbus.

The tract is on the west side of Steltzer Rd., midway between Agler Rd. and Rt. 62.

The Franklin County Rural Zoning Commission will hold public hearings beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 on two requests to have a total of 21 acres of land in unincorporated parts of the county rezoned.

JOHN AND DORIS Heading of 1963 Harrisburg Pike, Grove City, have applied to have almost one acre of land on the west side of Harrisburg Pike, about 1,100 feet south of Clime Rd., in Franklin Township, rezoned from rural to suburban office and institutional use so a real estate office can be operated on the tract.

Formula K Raceway Inc., care of Ronald Keffer of 2957 Cortona has applied to have 21 acres on the west side of Westerville Rd. about 1,400 feet south of Ferris Rd. in Mifflin Township rezoned from general commercial to exceptional use so a racetrack for "minicars" can be operated on the track.