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Housing project vote delayed

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A vote on a proposed housing development in Lower Paxton Twp., a project that has worried some neighbors, has been postponed.

The vote on the proposed Autumn Oaks Estates project, initially scheduled Tuesday night, has been delayed until Nov. 10. McNaughton Homes is the developer.

Township Supervisor Bill Hornung confirmed Monday that board Chairman William Hawk had asked McNaughton Homes to request a continuance on the vote.

"We hope this window of opportunity will allow the developer to address concerns raised by neighbors," said Darwin Aurand, one of the residents, in a statement the citizens group issued Sunday.

The plans call for 92 single-family homes to be built on the flanks of Blue Mountain. The average lot size is projected to be 1 1/2 acres.

Residents of Centennial Acres met with the developer last week to air their concerns on several points, the largest being control of rainwater runoff.

The residents have asked McNaughton Homes to increase the size of vegetative buffer areas between their properties and the development, establish an escrow account in the event of water damage to their homes, and provide security around the large retention basins.

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