

**ADAMS/SEVEN FIELDS****'Where am I?' relevant in attempted house sale**

By Darlene White Natale

It appears that before Maryann Lenard can sell her townhouse on Forest Drive, municipal officials will have to agree on where in Butler County it is located: Adams or Seven Fields.

On Monday evening, Lenard appealed to Adams supervisors to resolve the borderline issue soon.

She said she wanted to sell her home, but that the dispute over location was scaring off prospective purchasers.

Lenard has been paying property and wage taxes to Seven Fields and Seneca Valley School District. She owns the end unit in the six-unit building.

One of her neighbors in the same building, however, has been paying taxes to Adams and the Mars Area School District. That neighboring unit is located between Lenard's home and four units believed to be in Seven Fields.

Adams solicitor James Taylor told her that several townhouses thought to have been built in Seven Fields appear to be across the municipal line in Adams.

Officials from Adams and Seven Fields have been meeting to resolve the issue, he said. Supervisors asked Lenard for a little more time.

Lenard told them she can't wait, since she wants to sell the townhouse. She complained that she's been leaving messages since last month, and that neither Adams nor Butler County officials had been responsive.

Her deed says her home is in Seven Fields, she said, and she didn't realize there was any problem until she put her home up for sale.

"Now all of a sudden, I can't sell it," Lenard said.

Lenard said she would prefer her unit remain in Seven Fields. Many

prospective buyers would not want their children attending school in a different district than the one used by their closest neighbors.

But the total real estate taxes are similar. The property tax rate is 9 mills in Seven Fields, which also has Seneca Valley School District's tax rate of 99.79 mills; and the rate is 5 mills in Adams, which has Mars Area schools, at 103 mills.

Several Adams residents voiced their frustration over noise caused by exhaust fans at Roessing Bronze Co. on Myoma Road. The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration ordered the fans installed in August 1997.

Resident Pete Ferraro said he found it difficult to sleep with the constant noise. The plant operates three shifts.

"We've had to change rooms at night just to get some sleep," Rich Stachel said. He is a member of the township planning commission member.

Stachel and Ferraro said managers at Roessing Bronze told them that they had ordered noise-reducing baffles that would cost \$11,000 each.

A spokesman for Roessing Bronze said no one would be available to comment on the issue until tomorrow.

The township planning commission is looking to head off future noise problems. They plan to recommend putting noise standards into new zoning rules.

The supervisors voted to purchase a decibel meter, which measures noise, to enforce any new zoning rules.

They also asked Al Barbour, president of Roessing Bronze, to attend their next meeting May 11 to discuss the complaints.

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**ADAMS****Verdict in: She lives in Adams**

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Maryann Lenard of Adams has had a problem: she always had the understanding she lived in Adams and the Mars Area School District, but, for some reason, was paying taxes to Seven Fields and the Seneca Valley School District.

Lenard owns one of four townhouse units on Forest Drive, where officials were uncertain about in which Butler County community the residents lived.

Lenard's problem was that she wanted to sell her townhouse, but was having trouble because prospective buyers were spooked about the tax situation.

So, several weeks ago, she ap-

pealed to Adams official to resolve her problem.

On Monday evening, she got her question answered. Officials of the two communities decided that the four townhouse residents would pay taxes to Adams and the Mars Area School District.

And, she learned, the tax schedules in Adams and Mars Area were very similar to those in Seven Fields and Seneca Valley.

Adams solicitor James Taylor told Lenard that he would inform the tax assessor of Butler County of the compromise agreement.

In other business, the supervisors announced that they had resolved complaints from several residents about noise at a plant.

The residents said the noise from federally mandated exhaust fans at Roessing Bronze Co. on Myoma Road were disturbing their sleep.

Al Barbour, president of Roessing, said he hired several consultants to study the problem and decided to install giant baffles on each exhaust fan to help silence the noise.

"We think this will solve the problem," Barbour said, adding that the manufacturer has promised shipment of the baffles by May 26.

In another matter, the supervisors gave fellow Supervisor Ed Vogel the OK to proceed on his plans to develop Silver Creek, an 18-acre site on Warrendale Road.

Mike Ogin of Olsen Engineering, Butler, told the supervisors that construction at the site could begin "when we get water."

That water obstacle may soon be removed.

The Adams Water Authority signed a water purchase agreement with the West View Authority in February. Bill Weaver, chairman of the Adams Water Authority, recently had a discussion about the situation with the supervisors.

West View Water lines are only about 250 yards away from the proposed Silver Creek Development, but it will be necessary to construct meter pits at West View's lines on Treesdale Drive and Mars Road in Treesdale.

The Water Authority will further discuss the matter at a meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

The supervisors heard from the Adams Development Group on their proposed "True walk to school community."

Sweetbriar Farm Estates, a 100-acre subdivision with lots ranging from one to four acres, will be located along Three Degree and Denny roads with the northeast corner abutting Mars Area High School property.

The zoning hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. June 8 in the township building on Hutchman Road.

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