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Horsham approves redevelopment map



The former Willow Grove Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base viewed from above Route 611 & County Line Road in 2016. BUCKS COUNTY COURIER TIMES, FILE

Former Willow Grove Naval Air base now cleared for future use

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Horsham officials just took another small step in the decades long redevelopment process for the former Willow Grove Naval Air base with the approval of

the official map for the plan Monday night. The official map does not dictate the future land uses on the site but instead identifies the locations of public lands and facilities like streets, trails, water and sewer infrastructure and more. “It can be amended but it give us and

any future developer that is interested in the property, shows them where these public facilities are located on the base,” said Horsham Township Manager William T. Gildea-Walker. Now approved, the map can only be changed through official council action in the future. The former base closed in 2011 and since then, the township and the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority have been planning the strategic

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UPPER BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Committee members mull policy changes

Residents raise conflict of interest concerns

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Joint operating committee members for the Upper Bucks County Technical School discussed changes to policies and procedures regarding conflicts of interest last week. The conversations were just ahead of a school board meeting where residents continued to discuss the committee members’ handling of a recent hire. This Aug. 21 meeting for members of the joint committee, which is made up of three school board members each from Palisades, Pennridge and Quakertown school districts, was packed to capacity, with some residents sent to an overflow room. Most of the public comment centered on the hiring of Jordan Blomgren to a teaching position at the tech school this summer while she sat on the joint committee, plus a new conflict of interest concern raised about Chris Kaufman, another Pennridge board member.

Upper Bucks tech school mulls conflict of interest changes

Opponents of Blomgren’s hiring, including several joint committee members, have said that allowing a sitting committee member to interview for a

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Second pot-bellied pig discovered at Upper Bucks state park

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These two little piggies went to the state park. And they may soon be ready to go to new homes. Folks, this is no average pig tale. For the second time in about a month, a young pot-bellied pig has been found at Nockamixon State Park in Quakertown.

“It is certainly unusual to have two stray pigs in the same general location within such a short period of time,” Bucks County SPCA spokeswoman Cindy Kelly said. Pot-bellied pigs gained popularity as a unique house pet in the 1980s, but roughly half are re-homed before turning a year old, according to petmd.com. The lifespan of a pot-bellied pig can be

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This handsome pot-bellied pig, who is being called “Lewis,” was found Aug. 21 abandoned in Nockamixon State Park in Quakertown. He is the second pot bellied pig found abandoned in the park this year. PROVIDED BY BUCKS COUNTY SPCA

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