

'Proposals pending' for Starpointe space

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BURGETTSTOWN - Several companies have Starpointe in their sights, according to the marketing agent for the mixed-use industrial park in Hanover and Smith townships.

Mark Schneider, a principal with Pittsburgh-based Fourth River Development, told economic development officials Thursday that the company has several proposals pending on the remaining 15,000 square feet of a new flex building.

Schneider's remarks were made as the park's developer, Washington County Council on Economic Development, officially opened its 30,000-square-foot "Flex 2" building, half of which is already leased to T.D. Williamson Inc., a Tulsa, Okla., pipeline equipment and services company.

"We have several proposals pending on the remainder of the building," Schneider said. "One user looked at the building and decided they want their own building, and another user is looking at a site in the next phase."

Williamson, which will be the first of Starpointe's six tenants that is working with drillers in the Marcellus Shale strata, has signed a 10-year lease and is expected to move into its space within the next 30 days.

During WCCED's annual board meeting that followed at Pepsi-Cola Roadhouse, Schneider noted that aside from the numerous marketing proposals, the best piece of news to emerge for the park is that construction has begun on a sewage treatment plant near the Bavington exit of Route 22 that will bring sewerage to the park.

"It's going to take a lot of uncertainty out of the marketplace," he said.

Fourth River's Patrick Marosetti noted that the company has a letter of intent from a company to build a 30,000-square-foot structure and has seen interest from other manufacturers interested in building sites ranging from 20,000 to 100,000 square feet. While several pad-ready sites remain in Starpointe's 148-acre first phase, it also is preparing to grade another 100-acre phase, Schneider said. The park has a total of 1,153 acres for development.

During the business meeting, the following were named to WCCED director's seats for terms effective to 2015: J. Lynn DeHaven, Ann Dugan, Donald Hodor, Josephine Johnson and Joe Kirk.

Renamed to the executive committee were Richard White, chairman; J. Lynn DeHaven, vice chairman; Anthony Lombardi, secretary; Cynthia Kotowski, treasurer; and Raymond Vargo, member at large.
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