

AutoZone wants zoning change

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP — The Bedford Township Planning Commission will consider an application to rezone a portion of property located on Secor Rd. in Lambertville.

AutoZone, an automotive parts store, is seeking to change the zoning of a portion of the property from C-2 to the higher commercial zoning of C-3, said Dennis Jenkins, the township's planning coordinator.

"It would be built in the parking lot just north of the Kroger gas station," Mr. Jenkins said. "It would be directly across from O'Reilly's."

O'Reilly Auto Parts is another automotive store that moved into the former Lifestyles for Ladies building

last year.

The company is looking to build a 6,000-square-foot store if the zoning is approved, Mr. Jenkins said.

The planning commission will review the application during its meeting at 7 tonight at the Bedford Township Government Center, 8100 Jackman Rd.

AutoZone is expected to have a company representative at the meeting to discuss plans.

If the township's planning commission approves the zoning change, the request will move to the Monroe County Planning Commission for approval. The Bedford Township Board will have to approve the request before the zoning change is finalized.

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Panel okays zoning for auto parts store

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The Bedford Township Planning Commission approved the rezoning of a property on Secor Rd. in Lambertville, but not to the zoning requested by the applicant.

AutoZone, an automotive parts store, sought to change the zoning of a portion of the property from C-2 to the higher commercial zoning of C-3, said Dennis Jenkins, the township's planning coordinator. However, the

panel approved the zoning change to C-1, a less-intensive commercial zoning.

The zoning was approved by a 6-0 vote. George Welling was absent.

"The commission was concerned about future uses," Mr. Jenkins said. "If the AutoZone would close, they were concerned about what could go there."

A C-3 zoning district would allow for a gas station or an adult entertainment facility.

A C-1 zoning district would

allow for a carryout or small store, Mr. Jenkins said.

The commission's vote to approve a C-1 zoning for the property still would allow for a 6,000-square-foot structure to be built on the property, which is just north of the Kroger gas station.

If approved by the Bedford Township Board, the store would be located across the street from O'Reilly Auto Parts, which is another automotive store.