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## Access planned for mall

By MIKE CONDON  
EDITOR

**ROXBURY TWP.** – With what the developer calls big, positive changes planned for the Ledgewood Mall, easier access from Route 46 will definitely be an issue.

Not to worry, however, says attorney Tom Malman. The developers, Advance Realty and DeBartolo Development, have that covered too.

When the Township Council met on Tuesday, July 25, Malman and traffic consultant engineer John Harter presented the council with a plan which will, essentially, create a left turn lane from the west-bound side of Route 46 onto Mary Louise Avenue to access what will be known as The Shops At Ledgewood Commons.

Harter, of Atlantic Traffic And Design Engineers, headquartered in Warren, presented the conceptual plans to the council after having been referred to the governing body by the Plan-

ning board.

Harter said that a “stacking lane”, comprised of cars waiting to make the left onto Mary Louise Avenue to access the mall on the Walmart side, will be about 350 feet long; far long enough to accommodate a length of cars waiting to turn at peak times.

“Really, about 400 feet of vehicles could stack into this area,” Harter said. “We really looked at it exhaustively. We factored in residential vehicles as well,” he said, referring to cars which might not be headed to the mall but which might be headed to the townhouse developments located behind the mall.

Harter said the west-bound Route 46 traffic is heavy in the evening, but said this new left turn lane will not negatively impact that. It will also relieve traffic at the Commerce Boulevard and Main Street (Succasunna) intersection, he said.

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## Council honors former members, and volunteer

By MIKE CONDON  
EDITOR

**ROXBURY TWP.** – It was a night of kudos again for the Township Council on Tuesday, July 25.

At the start of the meeting, Mayor Mark Crowley, on behalf of the entire council, bestowed thanks and honors on former Councilman Gary Behrens, former Councilman Tim Smith and long-time Roxbury Arts Alliance volunteer Mark Barbone.

Behrens, a Republican, very recently resigned his seat on the council representing Ward 2 after selling his home and moving to Florida. He was back in town Tuesday night, and accepted a plaque from Crowley for his years of service to the township.

“I thank you personally for all of those morning phone calls, keeping me up

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on not just what was going on in Ward 2, but all around town,” Crowley said.

Behrens said he sold his company, Gas Drying, Inc., appointed a new president, and now serves as a consultant, working at home, from Florida.

His new home is in Fort Meyers.

“I love it,” he said. “I’m getting a lot of sun and spending a lot of time at the pool. I’m eating good food and just relaxing.”

The council appointed Republican Jacqueline Albrecht to fill Behrens’ post on the council in July.

In accepting the plaque,

PLEASE SEE COUNCIL, PAGE 2



This official rendering shows what the gazebo at the Roxbury Township Public Library will look like once it is rotated and moved close to Main Street in Succasunna.

## LIBRARY GAZEBO WILL BE TURNED, MOVED CLOSER TO ROADWAY

**ROXBURY TWP.** – You know the gazebo in front of the Roxbury Township Public Library?

No? You aren’t alone. A lot of residents don’t even know it’s there, according to township resident Don Dyrness.

And Dyrness, a local builder, working with the library’s Board of Trustees, plans to rectify that, by rotating the large structure some 90 degrees and moving it a bit closer to the sidewalk along Main Street, Succasunna.

Dyrness and Board of Trustees President Jen Wasek presented the plans to the Township Council at the Tuesday, July 25 council meeting.

Constructed more than 40 years ago using parts of the historic Wolfe home that once sat on the library property, the gazebo has sat for decades on the property.

Dyrness said his dad, Dan, also a township resident, was a key player in the construction of the gazebo.

Dyrness said a new foundation will be laid, and the structure will be literally rotated 90 degrees and moved closer to Main Street, right on the library’s front lawn.

That will allow, he said, more visibility and greater use of the gazebo for cultural events like poetry readings and concerts and musical performances.

The plan calls for the move to be done before Olde Succasunna Day in September.

“The gazebo stairs will face the road,” Dyrness explained. It will sit where the current library sign is, which will be moved.

In addition, the back of the gazebo will be removed, to the back is open.

Parts of the historic Wolfe home are contained with the gazebo’s construction, he said, and will be maintained.

Deputy Mayor Robert DeFillippo pointed out that Don Dyrness, as an Eagle Scout candidate years



Photo by Mike Condon

Roxbury home builder Don Dyrness and Library Board of Trustees President Jen Wasek discuss plans to move and revitalize the gazebo on the library property during the July 25 Roxbury Township Council meeting.

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The time has come for this move. Please see page 4. Please see a video of the event at [roxburyregister.com](http://roxburyregister.com).

ago, built the pathway that leads up to the gazebo.

Wasek said that the project will be undertaken using only library funding. No taxpayer money will be used for the project.

“We will make a new foundation right near the exiting library sign. We will rotate it 90 degrees and the front of the gazebo will be 10 feet off the sidewalk,” he said.

It will be repainted and equipped for electrical connections.

“We will maintain it and refurbish all of the historic elements that are contained from the Wolfe home,” he said.

With the council’s blessing, Dyrness said the project should start in the next two weeks, and should be completed by Olde Succasunna

Day, which this year is planned for Saturday, Sept 9.

“It will be physically moved by a housing moving firm from Pennsylvania,” Dyrness said.

DeFillippo also said that Dyrness will be providing supplies and equipment to offset the cost.

“Without Don and his father’s help, we wouldn’t be able to do this at all,” he said.

Mayor Mark Crowley agreed, and thanked Dyrness for his efforts.

A rendering of how the new gazebo will look was also provided and reviewed by the council.

“It’s going to look beautiful, as you can tell from the rendition,” Wasek said. “The trustees are backing this 100 percent.”



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