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Impact fee may be reduced in Washington Township

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WAYNE HEIGHTS —Washington Township's impact fee committee will hold a public hearing in June to hear comments about an amended capital improvement plan for Washington Township Boulevard and the impact fee.

The hearing scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, in Washington Township's meeting room, 13013 Welty Road, will cover the capital improvement plan which suggests lowering the impact fee to a maximum of \$2,485.

Currently the fee, which is paid by developers, is set at \$3,147 and is based on a calculation for each vehicle their project adds to the road during the peak time between 4 and 6 p.m.

"That would be a 21 percent reduction in the impact fee," said Michael Christopher, Washington Township manager.

The fee was adopted in 2005 and was designed to help pay for the construction of Washington Township Boulevard — a relief route designed to run from Route 16 in Rouzerville to Route 16 west of Waynesboro.

Due to the recent economic downturn, the impact fee has not generated nearly the anticipated funds to complete the boulevard.

After the hearing, the impact fee committee will make a recommendation for Washington Township supervisors on how to proceed with the capital improvement plan and impact fee.