

# Developer Lou Pektor says he has filed suit to preserve Sewer Authority in Upper Mount Bethel

By Jeff Ward

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL - Last year, the township formed a Municipal Sewer and Water Authority to handle wastewater from developer Lou Pektor's 800-acre project along the Delaware River. Then, after the composition of the Board of Supervisors changed because of an election, the supervisors voted to disband the authority in March.

Pektor said he has filed suit in Northampton County to keep the authority, which he said is needed to attract manufacturing companies to River Pointe.

"Manufacturers are not looking for sites with on-lot septic systems," Pektor said in a statement. "They want public systems where the pretreated wastewater is then further process by a treatment facility. The Municipal Authority gives the Township the controls over the contents of the wastewater they will accept."

Pamela Tobin, an attorney with the Kaplin Stewart law firm, represents Pektor in the suit. The lawsuit names the township and officials as defendants. It does not seek financial damages.

"On behalf of the landowners of extensive property, which is industrially zoned, we are asking the Court to stop the Township from interfering with the Sewer Authority that will monitor and ultimately own the sewer system that the landowners agreed to install at their sole cost, a sewer system that the Township has needed for years but failed to install," Tobin wrote in Pektor's news release.

Tobin said the township has needed a sewer system for years but has failed to install one.

Pektor's land is zoned for industrial use, as Tobin noted. For years, Pektor has said the land near Route 80 in New Jersey is too valuable to use for warehouses.

Opponents say they fear high-cube warehouses, truck traffic, pollution, noise and the end of their rural way of life. Pektor's plan is for buildings covering about 6 million square feet total.

Pektor has said he is pursuing food processors and manufacturing companies for River Pointe.



A rendering of the aerial view of the proposed River Pointe complex in Upper Mount Bethel Township. Photo: River Pointe Commerce Park website

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## Quiet Valley Farm Animal Frolic

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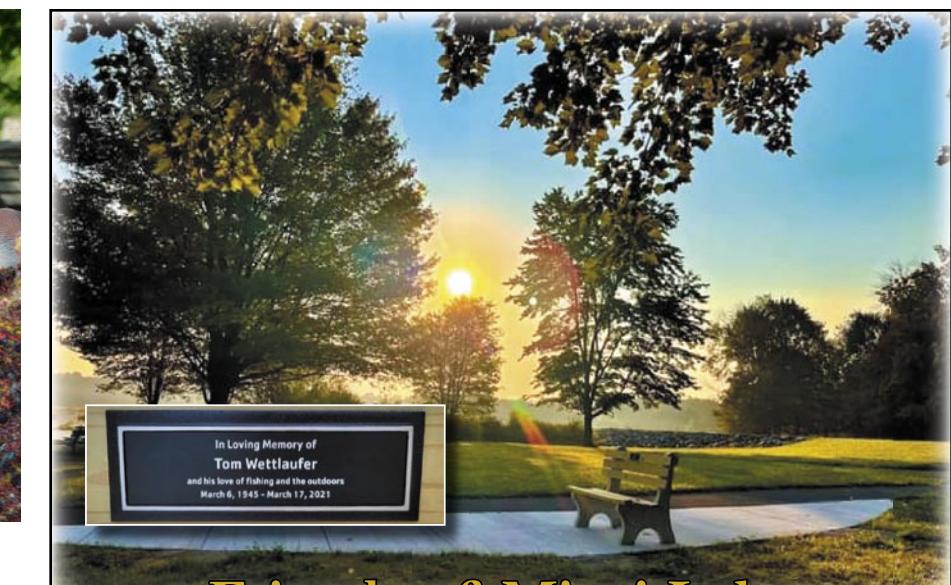
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