

Butte area resort eyes lease option

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PALMER — In an effort to assuage public concerns about the sale of borough land for a resort and golf course in the Butte, an agreement consisting of a lease with an option to buy instead of an outright sale is being prepared.

The Homestead Resort's application to acquire 320 acres of borough land in the Butte will be acted upon by the Planning Commission at its meeting next Monday at 6 p.m.

Borough Manager Don Moore said he directed the land division of the Planning Department to redo the land transfer plan to help ease concerns expressed by Butte residents and others.

The Butte Community Council at its November meeting voted unanimously to oppose the project, after listening to a brief presentation by Homestead developer Victor Trygstad.

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buy could include mile-markers as to what the developer has to do. That way," Moore added Tuesday, "people don't have to worry about a gravel pit or something else going in instead."

The Agricultural and Forestry Board voted 5-2 in favor of the sale at its Dec. 4 meeting.

After the review by the Planning Commission, the next step in the process will be a vote by the borough assembly whether to approve the land transfer to Trygstad. Moore expects the measure to come before the assembly will be the lease with an option-to-buy version.