

Memorial Homes may get \$200K in gas impact funds

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Memorial Homes housing development project will get its second installment in natural gas drilling impact funds if the Lycoming County commissioners approve \$200,000 in such funds Thursday.

The funding would go to site improvements, such as new sidewalks, curbs, accessible ramps, street trees, crosswalks, pavement, drainage, lighting and more, said William Kelly, county planning department deputy director.

The project cost is \$300,000, and Williamsport has dedicated up to \$100,000 in its impact funds for the project.

If approved, that phase should be completed by October 2015.

The funding stems from two years ago when the county pledged \$610,000 in impact dollars toward the Williamsport Housing Strategy, which includes the Memorial Homes project, the Brodart Neighborhood Improvement Program and the Grove Street Commons project. Those dollars are given as each phase is reached, such as the \$140,000 the county gave for the Brodart site remediation and demolition, Kelly said. The Grove Street Commons project will get the third round of \$270,000.