

Tire company owner agrees to vacate storage area in Hanover Township

Residents feared tires posed fire hazard

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The threat of a giant tire fire, which has worried Hanover Township residents, might soon be extinguished.

Kus Tire Inc., which has been the subject of compliance orders from the Hanover Township code inspector and the state Department of Environmental Protection regarding the improper storage of thousands of tires, was issued a notice of eviction by its landlord. The tire company will now have 60 days to vacate 1586 Sans Souci Parkway, according to a letter issued by an attorney for the landlord, New Century Corp.

"Kus Tire must be out," according to a copy of the eviction notice sent by William E. Vinsko Jr., attorney for New Century.

The Hanover Township Zoning Board met Tuesday night with only two items of new business on its agenda. Both of them were related to Kus Tire.

Before the board could open discussions, however, board Solicitor James Pyrah announced that he had received communications from the

lawyers for both New Century and Kus Tire.

Pyrah announced that New Century had issued an eviction notice to the tire company, and that "the attorneys have agreed to waive any requirement that the board take action."

Pyrah also presented a letter from Paul

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COMMENTING ON KUS
TIRE VACATING SITE**

Pugliese, attorney for Kus Tire, to the board: "In accordance with our conversation today, my client has advised me of his intention to vacate the premises."

The news was apparently a surprise to the board. The members immediately adjourned into a closed executive session.

There were no representatives from either Kus Tire or New Century in attendance at the 6 p.m. meeting.

Owner Bernard Kusakavitch could not be reached for comment. A woman answered a

call to his home and before hanging up said "He's not here, so there is no comment. Thank you."

Several Hanover residents said they attended the meeting because they were concerned about the tire company.

"The whole neighborhood would be gone" in the event of a tire fire, said Ellen Cosgrove during the recess. Cosgrove said she lives next to Kus Tire, and has been in the same house for 22 years.

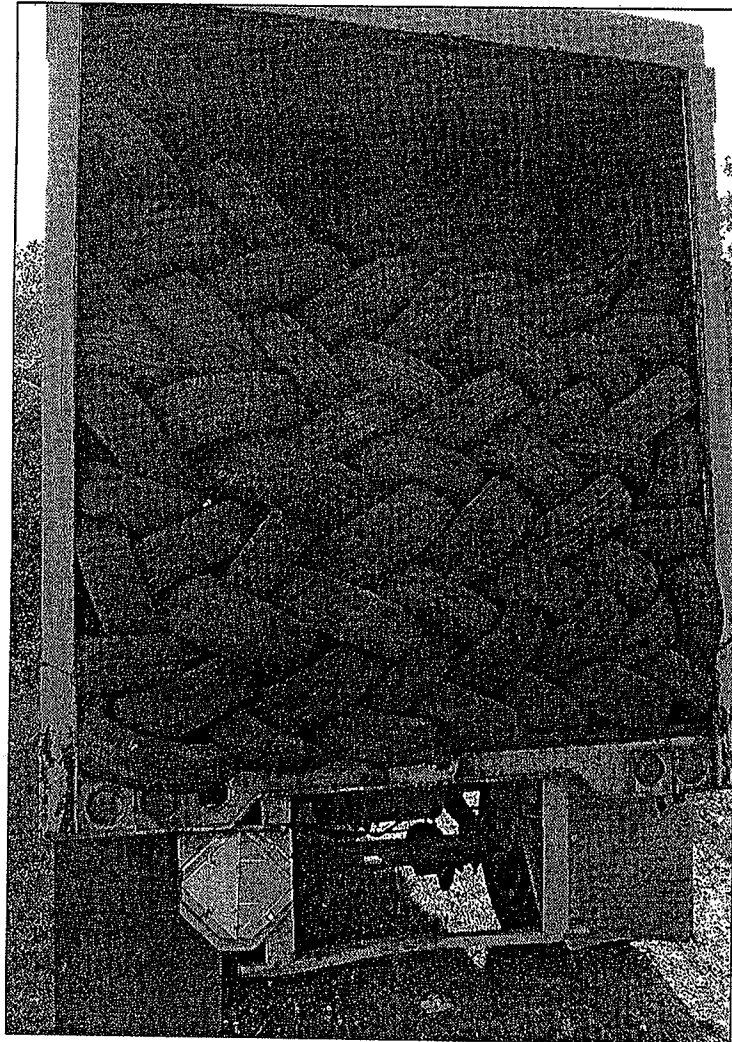
When the board returned from its recess, Pyrah invited comment from those in attendance. Cosgrove walked to the microphone and, after being sworn in, gave her thanks to the board and to code inspector Al Broody.

"Thank you very much," Cosgrove told the board. "Now I can sleep without worry."

The risk of fire has worried Hampton House, a nursing home, said director of nursing Carol Kaiser. Kaiser said that she was concerned about having to evacuate the facility's residents — many of whom she said are ill — in the event of a fire.

She said that an "emergency evacuation would be devastating."

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This trailer filled with tires is one of several on the property in Hanover Township.