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By SEAN LEBOFSKY Staff Writer

It took two tries, but miniature golf scored a hole-in-one Wednesday for Freddy Hill Farm.

The Towamencin supervisors voted 3-2 against a zoning change to allow miniature golf at Freddy Hill Farm on Sumneytown Pike, but 10 minutes after the vote, supervisor Charles J. O'Reilly changed his vote and the proposed recreation complex was out of the rough.

"When the first vote called for a 'yea' or 'nay,' you'll recall that I hesitated and said 'nay,' " O'Reilly said after the meeting.

"Right after I said 'nay,' I started to think, 'Did I do the right thing for the community?'

O'Reilly said he started to think about the community support for the golf course. He decided his own concerns about increased traffic on Sumneytown Pike could be worked out.

"I must admit, the majority of people who I had contact with on this issue overwhelmingly favored it," O'Reilly said.



FRED SEIPT ... Concern at initial 'no' vote

Voting in favor of the zoning change were Michael J. Becker and Robert N. Rau Jr. Julie E. Geiger and Lillian C. Smith voted against the change.

More than 50 people attended Wednesday's meeting to witness the crucial vote after months of debate. Opinion was sharply divided on whether Freddy Hill Farm's owner, Fred Seipt, should be allowed to turn 35 acres of farmland into a recreation com-

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FRED SEIPT later celebrates with granddaughter Laura Wednesday after a Towamencin supervisor reversed his decision, giving approval for the miniature golf course.







































## Home on the range — in Towamencin

Freddy Hill brings emus and buffalo to the farm

By MATT ARCHBOLD Staff Writer

TOWAMENCIN - Mohana Padgankar didn't have to travel far for her son and daughter to see emus and a buffalo.

The Montgomery Township resident just headed out to Freddy Hill Farms on Sumneytown Pike, Towamencin.

Bored with television and interested in seeing something new, her two children - Kimaya, 5, and Suyog, 3 — ran to the pens behind the dairy.

"This is very different from how it used to be," said Padgankar.

The children raced past the commonplace cows and donkeys to the emus.













































































