

Redevelopment projects officially complete

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The Fayette County Redevelopment Authority on Tuesday approved two certificates of completion for developments relating to the Fayette County Business Park.

One certificate of completion was issued to SAN, LP, for a physicians office in the South Union Township business park. Executive director Andrew French said the office was constructed on Mary Higginson Drive and includes a 10,000-square-foot building, which is fully operational.

French said the property was purchased in June 2010 for \$306,000. Authority board member Odilia “Dee” John said the office has increased traffic in that portion of the park.

The authority also approved the certificate of completion for Gustavo A. Palmar for the development of property at the business park in North Union Township.

French said the property, which includes automobile dealerships no longer owned by Palmar, was one of the first that was sold by the authority.

In other business, the authority also approved the appointment of Charles Miller to the full-time position of weatherization crew leader at an annual salary of \$23,920, plus benefits. French said Miller was recommended for the position by Al Jeffries, head of the weatherization department.

Approving the motions were John, Chairman Ken Finney and Paul Bortz Jr.

Following the brief meeting, the board met in executive session to discuss legal issues relating to an injunction filed by the South Union Township supervisors that halted mining operations at the business park.

Officials from Black Rock Coal Co. of Dunbar Township, as well as the township and authority, are finalizing an agreement, French said.

Black Rock has mined at the site since 2009, but township officials have expressed concerns throughout that time, attempting to halt operations.

Last month, the township filed for an injunction to stop the company from mining at the site, citing safety concerns from planned blasting and mining activity. The filing named the coal company and the redevelopment authority, which owns the park.

The redevelopment authority has maintained that the mining must be done to prepare the area for future development.



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Andrew French, executive director, and solicitor Herb Margolis are pictured at Tuesday's regular meeting of the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority.