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Whitman land rezoning denied

TEMPERANCE -- The Bedford Township Planning Commission Wednesday night recommended against the application request from Whitman Ford to change the commercial zoning on 18 acres of dealership land on Sterns Road near Lewis Avenue.

The board voted 5-1 to deny the rezoning after a public hearing attended by about 100 people. Jon Whitman, president of the dealership, which will close Saturday, is asking for the land to be changed from C-2 commercial to C-3 commercial, the least restrictive form of zoning for retail development.

The zoning issue will move to the May 11 agenda of the Monroe County Planning Commission. The final decision will rest with the Bedford Township Board.