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said Power Road resident Jim Theuring. "A lot of them were resigned to the fact that we couldn't do it. They had seen the tactics of threatening a lawsuit to scare people from trying for a less-dense zoning."

Theuring could have been referring to the controversial Timbercrest development that pitched residents near the project at 12 Mile and Middlebelt against the six council members who approved it.

But there was no repeat Monday.

"I committed myself back when the Power Road people came in for designation as a Natural Beauty Road (in November of 1994)," said Mayor Joanne Smith. In fact, the Philbrick Farms/North Power Road Homeowners' Association asked for the designation late last year in hopes of preserving the pastoral area that had first been settled as Powerville in 1827.

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Jack Rajkovich
lone dissenter

Those same residents were stunned four months later when they learned that a developer, Joseph Trupiano, was planning a 41-house development on 22 acres on the west side of the half-mile road that had only 35 existing houses.

What followed was an impressive petition campaign that put in excess of 80 percent of the area's residents in favor of a zoning change that would effectively limit that new development to 22 houses.

Trupiano's proposed development was initially rejected by the planning commission earlier this year. When residents petitioned

for a change in zoning, Trupiano and others interested in building or buying houses in the proposed development cried foul, saying they had relied on the RA-1 zoning to plan the development.

Planning commissioners approved the zoning change, with Commissioner Jack Rajkovich casting the lone dissent.

"The zoning . . . should be used as a tool of good planning, not a tool of discrimination," he said.

But city council members said they were satisfied that the zoning change would not unfairly burden the developer.

"This is reasonable and defensible," said Councilwoman Nancy Bates.

Councilman Jon Grant said he initially opposed the change but thanks to homeowners learned that a "unique area" like Power Road could be protected by zoning. Grant said the developers of the proposed Oak Hills subdivision "can make a significant return" on a 22-house project.

"Every rezoning request deserves to be considered on its own merits," said Councilman Larry Lichtman, who supported the change.

Councilman Aldo Vagnorzi praised the "grass roots" effort to change the zoning and asked that other areas where zoning changes would protect the character of an area should be considered for rezoning as well.

The council approved the change unanimously. Kiousis had no comment as to the developer's plans in light of the change.

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