Ohio city may consider new site for proposed muni golf course

MACEDONIA, Ohio — The grass may be greener on the other side of the street.

For more than two years, Mayor Joseph Migliorini and top aides have proposed building a golf course atop a 104-acre parcel on the north side of Ohio Route 82.

Now Council President Rosalie Koren has asked Migliorini to consider as a better site the 150-acre Longwood Park across the highway.

Permission from the state would be necessary, and recreational facilities across the street moved.

Migliorini’s plan would have the city bring in a developer who would spend his own money to build and operate the new golf course.

The city would be paid a flat rate, plus a percentage of earnings.

The city has already spent more than $8,000 in legal fees over the past two years.

Indians to appeal Kanasaskis approval

BANFF, Alberta, Canada — Stoney Nation Indians have won the right to appeal a provincial Natural Resources Conservation Board decision permitting a third golf course to be built here.

Construction is scheduled to begin next spring and finish in 1995 in the Evan Thomas Creek area of Kanasaskis Country.

It was noted that the appeal does not include any prohibition against construction.

Kan-Alta Golf Course Management Ltd., of Calgary had planned to proceed next spring.

But company president Norm Kimball said his firm won’t begin the $6.6 million project if there is any threat of the 18-hole project being overturned.

Judy McLachlin, representing the Stonies, said the NRCB failed to exercise the full extent of its jurisdictional powers, and that the board’s ruling failed to recognize the Stoney Nation’s aboriginal treaty rights.

Environmentalists contend that conditions — including one calling for corridors through which wildlife could pass — are inadequate in addressing long-term needs.

County approves bond funding for Rocky Gap GC

CUMBERLAND, Md. — Responding to comments supporting the proposed Rocky Gap Golf Course, Allegany County commissioners approved a $5 million bond bill to construct a golf course and hotel/convention center.

Described as an asset for unemployed construction workers as well as a tourist attraction, it was argued that “people will come here because we have a Jack Nicklaus signature golf course.”

Mary Miltenberger questioned existence of a business plan, objecting to spending such money on projects lacking in information.

Michigan site goes from fries to fairways

GREENVILLE, Mich. — The former Ore-Ida potato processing plant here will be converted into an 18-hole golf course.

The Greenville City Council unanimously approved purchase. Planned is a $1.2 million facility on the 325-acre site.

New owners Dave and Kathy Klein of Rockford and Warner and Joy Bowen of Sheridan hope to complete the first nine holes in 1996, the second nine in 1999.

Bismarck may add third layout

BISMARCK, N.D. — The gift of 80 acres of land worth $1 million has moved Bismarck nearer to a third public golf course.

Developer Lance Wachter and wife Gail presented the earmarked land at a special meeting of the Park Board. Wachter plans to build a clubhouse and pro shop on property he owns adjacent to the proposed golf course.

Construction of the new nine-hole course could begin late in 1996.