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Commissioners Swap Acreage Despite Golfers' Protests

Philadelphia Fairmount Park Commission decided to go ahead in June with an earlier scheme to swap 11.7 acres of the Franklin D. Roosevelt golf course in South Philadelphia for 8.6 acres of adjoining land and $100,000 from a private developer.

The trade originally was okayed last April, but the Municipal Golfers Assn. raised such a ruckus that the deal was tabled for further study.

Matthew H. McCloskey, chairman of the commission's golf committee, recommended that the trade be sanctioned. "We don't think we're getting any the worst of it," he said. "We figure the taxes alone will add up to $80,000 a year." On the other end of the deal is M. M. Marshall & Co., Inc., a contracting firm which plans to build more than 200 homes on the former course property. The firm has agreed to spend up to $40,000 relocating any evicted golf holes.

Vehement protests are expected again from the golfers. They are on record as saying they'll take the matter to court if necessary. The golfers contend such land must be disposed of at public auction. They also claim the city is getting swampsy land unable to support golfers in the manner to which they are accustomed.

Set Up 37 Sectional Qualifying Rounds for Senior Amateur

Thirty-seven sectional qualifying rounds throughout the U.S. have been established to determine the larger part of the field of 120 players for the eighth annual USGA Senior Amateur Championship. It will be played at Evanston GC, Skokie, Ill., Oct. 1-6.

Dexter H. Daniels of Winter Haven, Fla., is the defending champion.

Entries are open to male amateur golfers who will have reached their 55th birthday by Sept. 13, 1962, and have handicaps of not over 10 strokes. All must belong to USGA regular member clubs.

An 18-hole qualifying round will be played on Monday, Oct. 1 to determine the 32 qualifiers for match play over five rounds. Each round is at 18 holes, including the final.