

City, architect attempt to span gap

100-foot chasm left bridge-less on purpose, says designer Wyss

NORTH MANKATO, Minn. — The city and architect Patrick Wyss are trying to bridge the gap over who should pay for building a 100-foot bridge spanning a chasm at the new municipal golf course.

City Administrator Bob Ringhofer claims Wyss failed to walk far enough into the woods to detect

the ravine before designing the course.

Architectural plans called for a path through the trees leading to just a 20-foot bridge spanning the gorge between the proposed 12th green and 13th tee, the city official said.

Wyss said he knew about the gorge and informed city officials that it would have to be dealt with later because the course was a rush job.

"On a fast-track project, issues like this surface," the Rapid City,

S.D., architect told the Mankato Free Press. "Had it not been a fast-track project, those things would have been researched."

A compromise is expected that would call for the city, Wyss and the developer, First Golf Corp. of Denver, to share the cost of construction.

Ringhofer has suggested a miniature suspension bridge similar to San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, providing a superb view of the gorge and a unique feature that will attract golfers.

Learning center opens in suburban Chicago

CHICAGO — Dallas-based Prentiss Properties is constructing a 17-acre golf learning center at its Continental Executive Parke in north suburban Vernon Hills.

The project will eventually include a driving range, sand bunkers, putting and chipping greens, golf-lesson area, pro shop, equipment service repair area and a miniature golf course.

Completion is expected next spring with a grand opening sched-

uled for October.

The learning center is part of the 255-acre first phase of Continental Executive Parke, which includes a 280,000-square-foot retail center, jogging/ bicycle paths, landscaping and infrastructure for a 112-acre business park.

The 602-acre park will eventually include 5 million square feet of office and light industrial space as well as land for warehouse/distribution projects.

NGCOA names Rossi winner

The National Golf Course Owners Association has awarded its first Don Rossi Scholarship to Bill Anderson of Ashland, Ohio.

The \$1,000 scholarship was created to honor the late Don Rossi, who was instrumental in forming the association and to aid students in the field of sports administration, especially those interested in golf.

Anderson will be receiving a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University. He has recently completed an internship with the U.S. Golf Association. His duties with the USGA included on-site assignments at USGA tournaments in the areas of media relations, championship administration, and general operations.

He was a member of the Ohio State University Golf Team and a graduate assistant to the golf coach. He has also worked at Brookside Golf Course in Ashland in a variety of capacities.

"I am truly thrilled to be the initial recipient of the prestigious Don Rossi Scholarship," Anderson said. "The game has grown so much recently, partly due to the efforts of Don Rossi and the members of the NGCOA, I only hope that one day I will have the opportunity to contribute to the game as well."

Mike Hughes, executive director of the NGCOA, said: "We are extremely pleased to provide this scholarship in the name of Don Rossi. He was a great contributor not only to our association but to the game of golf. By creating this scholarship we are honoring him and also contributing to the business of golf management."

"Bill Anderson is a great example of the kind of person we are trying to help. He has great deal of experience in golf administration ranging from working on a course, interning with the USGA, and attending one of the finest sports administration programs in the country. We feel confident he will make a significant contribution to the game and we are glad to provide some help and encouragement."

Among many contributions, Rossi served as president of the National Golf Foundation and executive director of the Golf Course Builders of America and Golf Car Manufacturers of America. He died in 1990.

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