

Board handling purchase, lease of Meritage GC

Deal will ensure remaining 18 open to public play

MUSCLE SHOALS, Ala. — City purchase of Meritage Golf Course is on hold.

The three-member public park and recreation board named to handle the transaction hasn't met.

Plans call for the city to buy the course, then lease it to Shotop Investing Inc. The city would be responsible for \$1.1 million should Shotop default on lease payments.

The deal would ensure that

Meritage remains an 18-hole course, open to the public, with no development on the city-owned land for at least 20 years. The deed would be turned over to Shotop after 20 years.

Shotop officials said they would sell the course to the city for the \$10,595 per acre purchase price. Shotop last November bought the ailing course from Triple A Properties for \$1.35 million.

Office park could get 2nd course

Study shows six courses needed to meet burgeoning demand of golfers

WEST VALLEY, Utah — Development of a second new golf course in West Valley City is possible.

West Valley City is constructing a course near the Hercules site west of 5600 West and 5100 South.

A second course has been pro-

posed in conjunction with an office park development in the city's northwest quadrant.

The proposal is for the real-estate firm of Property Reserve Inc. to donate 120 acres to Salt Lake County for park and golf course development, with the use of an additional 106 acres of lakes and streams that could form parts of fairway areas.

Consultant Don White explained: "West Valley City covers a large area. Even though the city is developing its own course about six miles away, golf courses are so popular you can't build them fast

enough to supply the demand.

"In fact," he said, "recreation experts estimate another six golf courses could be developed just to meet the needs of current golf enthusiasts."

"We've made the county an offer," he added, "but many items must be finalized."

White declined to reveal the estimated cost of developing the full 542-acre project, but said, "I think you'd be looking in the \$4-million range for the golf course portion, which would be up to the county to build."

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Pa. township's landfill studied as course site

CUMRU TOWNSHIP, Pa. — "What nicer thing to give to the community than to take an old landfill and turn it into a golf course?"

Board directors of the Western Berks Refuse Authority, which owns landfill space here, sided with Frank Garbini's suggestion. They instructed Planning Committee Chairman Garbini to meet with representatives of Chase Golf Management Group, Balal-Cynwyd, Montgomery County, and draft a proposal for a feasibility study.

Garbini noted that the authority already owns the property needed for the course and has the manpower to build the facility.

Leigh T. Tallas, representing Cumru, said he knew of a successful multimillion-dollar golf course built over a landfill in his hometown of Hollywood, Calif.

Course eyed as incentive to new business

HILLIARD, Ohio — Local golfers soon may not be forced to hit the road to get in a game.

James Barbeau, a Board of Zoning Appeals member, has expressed interest in a public golf course.

Phyllis Ernst, director of parks and recreation, seized the ball. She told Barbeau the possibility of using 90 to 140 acres of land open for development far west of Main Street is "very real."

Barbeau favors a public rather than a private course. He added that a course would be an incentive for businesses to develop in Hilliard.

Charleston getting private community

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — Construction has begun on Coosaw Creek Country Club, the first private golf course community here.

The 654-acre project, located a half-mile off Dorchester Road across from Whitehall subdivision in the Dorchester County section, will feature 568 houses.