

Private group takes over municipal project in Illinois

TUSCOLA, Ill. — Development of a proposed municipal golf course has been turned over to a private economic development group after the Tuscola City Council dropped its effort to build the course with a new residential subdivision.

City Attorney Mike Carroll was directed to work with the Tuscola Area Improvement Association (TAIA), which now will lead the development effort.

"We were hoping our role in the golf course project would be a support role," Bill Hancock told the Charleston Times-Courier. Hancock is

president of the TAIA. "Now our role has been changed and instead of assisting we will be leading."

Hancock said his group planned to have a full-time economic development director in place by Feb. 1.

The city could sell bonds to finance an upgraded sewer system, which was a part of the project the city very much wants, said Carroll. The city would also build roads and make other improvements if the TAIA can build the golf course and sell lots for the subdivision, he added.

New Jersey course held hostage by sewage plant opposition

MOORESTOWN, N.J. — Opposition to a sewage treatment facility has so far frustrated a developer's attempt to sell the housing portion of a golf/residential project under construction here.

The township of Moorestown and the developers of the Laurel Creek project, known collectively as the Moorestown Foursome, are jointly seeking a sewage treatment plant permit. Under the current

plant, the Foursome would build the plant and then turn it over to the township to run.

The Foursome has already built an 18-hole course at Laurel Creek. Other parts of the project call for about 500 housing units and an office center.

The developers are asking the planning board to split the golf course from the housing project, so the housing component can be sold to another builder — rumored to be the Toll Brothers firm.

However, abutters to the proposed plant fear pollution from the plant would sully local waterways, like Rancocas Creek. At a public hearing held by the state Department of Environmental Protection and Energy, neighbors urged state officials to mandate the developers either drop the proposal or make the discharge of drinking-water quality.

Colorado project left with three site alternatives

LONGMONT, Colo. — Leroy Schlager has withdrawn his proposal for consideration as property owner of a proposed 18-hole municipal golf course here.

Schlager's withdrawal leaves three men bearing alternative proposals and potential sites: John Darby, owner of a Terry Lake site; G.T. Land, owner of an area south of Colorado Highway 66 and east of Pace Road; and Art Hausman and Bill Irwin, owners of an area near the St. Vrain River.

Community Development Director Phil DeVecchio will submit final site recommendations this month.

Schlager originally submitted a proposal for the city to use his property in the Clover Basin area southwest of Longmont. But in a letter to DeVecchio, Schlager said requirements surrounding land use amendments and negotiations would have prevented him from proceeding quickly with his concept plan.

In addition, Schlager said "recent trauma has limited my ability to deal with vigorous negotiations and stress."

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