

Wetlands hold key to proposed Mich. track's future

RAY TOWNSHIP, Mich. — The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is expected to rule soon whether an 18-hole course can be built along wetlands here.

Opponents are worried about the environmental impact a course would have on the area, according to *The Detroit News*.

Developer Thomas Penzien, co-owner of the Cracklewood Golf Club in Macomb Township and a 20-year veteran of golf-course management, says his proposed Ray Township course would cause minimal impact.

The 4,000-population Ray Township, one of Macomb County's least-populated town-

ships, has two golf courses: Northbrook Golf Club and Pine Valley Golf & Tennis Club.

Penzien wants to construct a new course on about 185 acres. About 63 acres of the site are classified as wetlands. That means Penzien needs a permit from the agency before he can start work.

Penzien's proposal calls for

golf-course construction on two of the 63 acres of wetlands. Under state law, that means he has to create two more acres of wetlands nearby.

The agency must rule on the wetlands permit within 90 days of the public hearing. If he gets the OK, Penzien said he hopes to start construction in the spring, with a planned opening date of spring 2001.

Wis.'s Hawks Landing ready to take off

MADISON, Wis. — More than 100 lots have been sold and the first nine holes of an 18-hole course are taking shape at the 530-acre Hawk's Landing development on Madison's far Southwest Side, according to the *Wisconsin State Journal*.

The developer is Jeff Haen. Oliphant Golf Construction is the course builder. The 18-hole course will be open to the public and should be completed by spring 2001. Grading on the first nine holes began this fall.

In addition to the course, Hawk's Landing has 377 single-family lots and 400 to 500 condominiums. It also will have office and retail space and a limited number of rental units.

The site includes four farms and was formerly in the township of Middleton, before it was annexed to the city of Madison last spring.

The development will include a 14,000-square-foot clubhouse. Other amenities will be a pool, tennis courts and a bath house.

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Norman sets sights on \$240m Australian deal

MELBOURNE, Australia — Springfield Land Corp., which is owned by Malaysian Maha Sinnathamby, has entered a joint venture with Medallist Golf Developments to develop a \$240-million golf club and residential estate near Brisbane, according to the *Asia Intelligence Wire*.

Medallist Golf Developments, the partnership between Greg Norman's Great White Shark Enterprises and Macquarie Bank, is managed by insurance giant AMP Asset Management.

The Springfield Golf and Country Club will be located on a 230-hectare development site, southwest of Brisbane. It is the first development funded by the AMP Medallist Capital Venture fund, which will manage the course and clubhouse.

The project would include 851 residential lots. Golf course construction is anticipated to begin in March with completion scheduled in 2002.

Medallist chief executive Tony Fehon said the project would be the first championship quality course in the Brisbane metropolitan area in 25 years.

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