

Neighbors oppose ball fields on Peltz land

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Farmington Hills residents who live near the city-owned Peltz property, south of I-696, west of Farmington Road, don't want ball fields ruining the rolling, wooded 28 acres. That also goes for the adjacent Michigan Department of Transportation-owned 40 acres for which the city is negotiating to buy.

... It would be foolhardy and shortsighted to impose the construc-

tion of ball fields on rolling, wooded property," said Kurt Yockey, chairman of the Concerned Citizens of Quaker Valley.

The Peltz and MDT properties are just north of Quaker Valley subdivision, west of Farmington Road. Flat land on which ball fields and soccer fields are proposed by community sports enthusiasts — could be built is available in the city, Yockey said.

The Quaker Valley committee's opinions as well as others in the city

will be heard at a public hearing 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 26 in council chambers, 31555 11 Mile.

The public hearing is the result of several city council study sessions on the city's facility needs, including the use of the Peltz property, bought by the city last year for \$620,000.

THE PELTZ property has become popular as some city agencies and various groups vie for use of some or all of the acreage.

"The hearing is to generate ideas, options, about potential uses of the property," city manager William Costlick said. The city council has not publicly thrown its support behind any particular use.

The city council, at parks and recreation commissioners' request, filed a state grant application to build a \$1 million sports park on Peltz. The plan proposes soccer field and softball diamonds.

Two weeks after city officials applied for the state grant in late

March, library trustees asked the city council to consider selling about 12 acres to build a new 80,000-square-foot library to replace the cramped 35,000-square-foot 12 Mile library. The city council has yet to consider the request.

A range of uses is possible, including high-density uses such as baseball diamonds, soccer fields, or low-density uses with some soccer and ball fields and open space. A nine-hole golf course or a more passive use with jogging trails also are possi-

bilities, Costlick said.

"To impose the destruction of an ancient forest is simply unnecessary given the existence of unused playground space, which will require neither tree cutting or extensive bulldozing," Yockey said.

"A softball city-type complex for Little League may or may not be a desirable facility for the community, however, it is clearly inappropriate to destroy this last remaining forest for this project," he said.

Veep named for aging services

Suzanne Sheridan has been named vice president of Human Resources with Mercy Services for Aging (MSA) of Farmington Hills, effective May 14.

Prior to joining MSA, Sheridan was vice president of Human Resources for John Knox Village, located in suburban Kansas City. The village is the nation's largest retirement community, providing a full continuum of housing and nursing care services to over 2,000 residents.

Prior to joining MSA, Sheridan was vice president of Human Resources for John Knox Village, located in suburban Kansas City.

She also served as interim executive director of the village's 420-bed skilled nursing facility. She has held

earlier positions as director of Union Relations with the Allis-Chalmers Corp., Independence, Mo., and manager of Employment and EEO Administration with the Northrop Corp. of Kansas City.

MSA is the largest non-profit long-term care provider in Michigan. It is a subsidiary of Mercy Health Services, a Farmington Hills based non-profit health care system sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy — Province of Detroit.



Suzanne Sheridan moving up

Bed race benefits fight against MD

The second annual Farmington Hills Pioneers Festival bed race to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association will be Saturday, July 14.

Festivities begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 13, with a pajama party at Dunleavy's Pub & Grub, 34605 Grand River. Admission is a \$3 donation to MDA.

Judging for the best decorated bed will take place Friday evening at the

Village Commons shopping center. At 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 14, bed pushers will race along Grand River to vie for the championship title.

"The field is still open, and we're looking for companies, organizations, and groups who want to promote a great public image while combating neuromuscular disease," said Kim Sidwell of MDA.

For more information, call MDA at 476-2920.

Roundtable hears talk

Charles Gleason of Farmington Hills was among the 100 speakers to address Million Dollar Round Table members at this year's annual meeting June 24-28 in San Francisco.

Gleason discussed "Objections Clinic."

More than 5,000 Round Table members from around the world convened to discuss issues of current interest in the life insurance industry.

Gleason has been a Round Table member for 20 years.

Children's pet show set for festival

For the 23rd consecutive year, the Plaza Veterinary Hospital and Pets 'N' Parties will sponsor a children's pet show in conjunction with Farmington Hills Pioneers Festival.

This year's show will be part of Kids Day at 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, on the stage of the show which will be Farmington City Park, Shawwassee and Power.

This year's show will include the following categories:

- Largest pet with smallest owner
- Best trained pet (30 seconds to perform)
- Pet with waggiest tail
- Most articulate pet (the one that speaks the best)

- Best dressed pet and owner
- Oldest pet
- Best presentation of a caged pet
- Most unusual pet

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each category.

Entry forms are available at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department playgrounds, in the children's sections at both Farmington and Farmington Hills libraries, the chamber of commerce office, the Farmington YMCA, various

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