

Vote is 22-2

County to add Glen Oaks park

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners last week, on a 22-2 vote, gave the county parks and recreation commission the go-ahead to buy the Glen Oaks golf course.

The parks commission wants to buy the course, which is located near the intersection of Thirteen Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills, because it

is strategically located in the county's populous southeast corner.

The parks and recreation commission will have until Oct. 14 to come up with a plan to finance the purchase. Glen Oaks will cost between \$2.5 million and \$3 million, according to figures quoted by county commissioners.

The county parks system now con-

trols only one park in that section of the county, Red Oaks in Madison Heights. Six of the remaining seven county parks are located north of the City of Pontiac.

The commissioners told the parks and recreation commission to use "every means available" to make Glen Oaks the county system's eighth park. Glen Oaks is currently owned by the Moslem Temple.

Commissioners voting for the proposal included Robert McConnell (R-Farmington Hills), John McDonald (R-Farmington), Lillian Moffitt (R-Bloomfield Township), Joseph Montante (R-Orchard Lake), Dennis Murphy (R-Novi), Robert Page (R-Birmingham), Lawrence Pernick (D-Southfield), Alexander Pernoff (D-Southfield), John Peterson (R-Rochester) and Paul Kasper (R-West Bloomfield).

The only commissioners voting against the purchase were Henry W. Hoot (R-Troy) and Ralph Moxley (R-Birmingham).

"It's going to cost an awful lot of money and I don't think the department of parks and recreation has the money," Hoot said.

The commissioner from Troy especially objected to the board's directive to use "every means available" to buy

Glen Oaks. "It's a subtle way of saying 'Come to us for the money,'" he said.

Eric Reickel, manager of the parks and recreation system, however, disagreed with Hoot's reasoning. He said the parks and recreation commission could finance the Glen Oaks purchase by:

- Obtaining \$1.2 million in state matching funds. State Sen. William Huffman (D-Madison Heights) included \$1.2 million in the 1979 Capital Outlay Bill to be matched by county funds. The state legislature is expected to action on the bill in the fall.

- Arranging for Oakland County Building Authority to buy the property. The parks and recreation department could then lease the land.

- Obtaining a loan from the county. Reickel said the loan could be paid from surplus golf income and parks and recreation money.

- Issuing its own bonds. Such a move, Reickel said, would require the backing of the county.

- Appealing to the voters for a special millage. Reickel ruled out this financing proposal. He said, however, the parks and recreation commission will review all financing plans.

- Obtaining private donations and gifts from foundations.

Mondale to labor: Carter brought back more jobs

By MICHAEL MATUSZEWSKI

Vice-president Walter Mondale, speaking to 1,000 Michigan State AFL-CIO convention delegates in Dearborn's Hyatt Regency Hotel, affirmed the Carter Administration's dedication to full employment in the United States.

Mondale said Wednesday that President Jimmy Carter has not defaulted on any of his 1976 campaign promises, but has led workers off Michigan's and the nation's unemployment rolls since coming to office.

"Right now, there are 215,000 more people at work in Michigan than there were on the day Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale took the oath of office," Mondale said.

NATIONALLY, he said, 6.4 million jobs have been created in the first 18 months of the Carter Administration.

"There can be a difference between administrations," the Minnesota native said. "In the previous eight years, some people didn't care if there was massive unemployment."

He labeled that attitude "a major disgrace."

Mondale said the administration was confident the Humphrey-Hawkins full employment bill would be approved by Congress in the near future. The bill sets a goal of cutting national unemployment to four per cent by 1983.

Mondale was interrupted by applause five times and received three standing ovations, the loudest coming as he entered the jammed Hubbard convention room to the strains of the 1976 campaign song, "Happy Days Are Here Again." It was a distinct contrast to the criticism organized labor has leveled at the administration.

Mondale, however, denied in a press conference there were any serious rifts between the administration and labor. Commenting on statements by UAW President Douglas Fraser, Mondale said, "It's not that the Carter Administration is ineffective, Mr. Fra-

ser was pointing to trends over the last 10 years that have weakened the position of the presidency."

WHILE MONDALE mentioned no other specific plans for putting more people back to work, Labor Secretary Ray Marshall, who addressed the convention earlier this week, said the administration is hinging its hopes for full employment on a new Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA).

"A new CETA bill," Marshall said, "will focus this program on the needs of the long-term unemployed and the disadvantaged. We cannot achieve full employment without the passage of this CETA reauthorization bill."

Mondale, while saying the government had helped to cut the "great human tragedy of unemployment," added that the administration's pursuit of full employment had resulted in some financial dividends.

"Pursuit of full employment has saved \$18 billion in the last two years," Mondale said.

In 1976, he said, government paid out \$18 billion "just in unemployment insurance." In 1977, he said, the total would have risen to \$21 billion and in 1978 to \$23 billion.

Instead, because of the massive inroads made in the unemployment problem, unemployment insurance payments fell to \$14 billion in 1977 and are expected to total "only" \$11 million this year, Mondale said.

PUTTING THE savings in perspective, Mondale said, the \$18 billion added to the Treasury by the City of Dearborn with all its present services free or without any cost to local taxpayers for the next 300 years.

In addition, he said, Carter's full employment policies resulted in a paring of the welfare rolls revenues.

He said Carter's policies and performances have proven that he and the Democratic Party were "for work, not for welfare."

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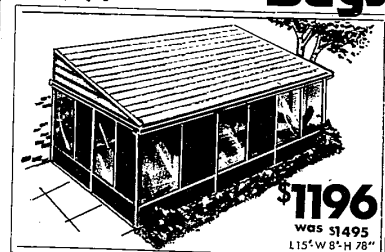
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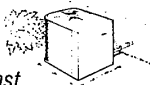
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