

# Golf course expansion eyed

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The manager of the Farmington Hills-owned San Marino Golf Course clubhouse wants to expand the clubhouse to offer a complete pro shop and restaurant.

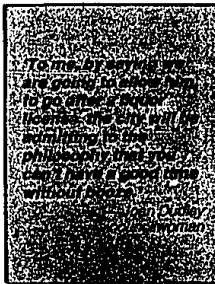
The Farmington Hills City Council last week instructed administrators to continue negotiating an expansion proposal with clubhouse manager Al Marmion.

Marmion proposes an expansion of the 1,350-square-foot clubhouse to provide a larger pro shop and restaurant rather than the existing snack bar. The nine-hole course, at 26634 Halsted, north of 11 Mile, has been under city ownership for the past eight years.

Marmion currently operates the snack bar and pro shop and receives revenue from both. The city maintains the golf course and receives the green fees. Special Services Director Dan Potter said.

Marmion's plans — particularly his proposal to apply for a resort license allowing him to serve beer and wine — drew concern from some council members.

Councilwoman Joan Dudley, who has opposed the criminal penalties levied under the city's host liability ordinance, vowed to oppose proposed expansion plans if a resort license is recommended by council and approved by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.



DUDLEY CALLED the resort license proposal "an undermining philosophy" in light of the city's lead in cracking down on youthful drinking and driving and adoption of the host liability ordinance.

"To me, by saying we are going to allow him (Marmion) to go after a resort license, the city will be admitting to the philosophy that you can't have a good time without booze," Dudley said.

Yet other council members disagreed. "I don't think we are breaking faith with our philosophy, i.e., the party law," Councilman Ben Marks said.

He referred to other city-owned golf courses in Troy, Livonia and Rochester Hills that serve alcoholic beverages and are not faced with problems.

"I don't think there is a damned thing wrong with it," Marks continued.

Councilman Donn Wolf called the expansion proposal and proposed beer and wine license "the most creative thing we have done in a long time."

Councilwoman Jody Soronen and Jan Dolan expressed concern about adequate parking in light of proposed expansion plans.

Councilman Terry Sever suggested that if Marmion receives a resort license, sales of wine and beer could be restricted.

UNDER MARMION'S preliminary proposal — that city officials want further negotiated before they consider it — the golf manager would build the addition at his own expense, City Manager William Costick said.

If the clubhouse is expanded to accommodate a restaurant and pro shop, Marmion would receive all revenues, plus a yet-to-be-negotiated annual salary, for his services, according to the golf manager's proposal.

The city's proposed responsibilities under Marmion's proposal include paying maintenance costs of the golf course and clubhouse, parking lot and other golf course buildings, as well as utilities. The city would also be expected to provide a groundskeeper in addition to the current groundskeeper, according to the proposal.

City administrators said Marmion's proposal includes offering a breakfast and lunch menu in the proposed restaurant. The proposed pro shop concession would also give Marmion the right to sell all forms of golfing merchandise, to rent hand and motorized carts and to provide golfing lessons.

"The whole thing is still open to negotiations," Costick said.

# Commander hones skills

Farmington Hills Police Lt. Norman Kilmer has graduated from one of the most prestigious police management schools in the nation, the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University, Chicago.

The school is commonly called the Traffic Institute.

Kilmer took the short 10-week course, which met monthly from February through November at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti.

The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police developed the 10-week course, a short version of a nine-month course held at Northwestern.

The short course is intended for small departments that can't afford, in both staffing and financial responsibility, to lose a top-level administrator for a 10-week period.

The Traffic Institute is designed to train top-level police managers in such specialty areas as labor relations, discipline, computer application, scheduling of personnel, budgeting, managing stress, civil liability, management theory and public relations.

"It's one of the top three schools a police manager can go to, the

others being the FBI Academy and the Southern Police Institute," Kilmer said.

THE UNION Lake resident found particular benefit from discussions about "management techniques, technical skills and computer skills."

Hopefully, he said, he'll be able to translate those skills into "doing a better job for the department and for the people of Farmington Hills."

At graduation ceremonies Nov. 6 at the Sheraton University Inn in Ann Arbor, Kilmer and 37 other Traffic Institute graduates received a diploma from Northwestern and a management development certificate from the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council.

Kilmer was a member of the 12th 10-week course, the second held in Michigan. It was paid for with grants from the Office of Highway Safety Planning and the Office of Criminal Justice.

Kilmer has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Madonna College and an associate's degree from Oakland Community College.

He joined the Farmington Hills Police Department in 1984. In 1978, he was promoted to lieutenant. He now commands the Special Operations Division, which includes the Traffic Section, property and vehicle maintenance and the reserves.



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