

# Pool firm still plans to move to WB

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A local businessman's plans to move his Farmington Hills-based pool construction firm into West Bloomfield were held up last week when the planning commission declined to approve construction planned for the new location.

Chuck Robertson, president of Paddock Pools of Eastern Michigan, said he wants to expand an existing facility at the former site of Klimer Landscaping on Oakley Park Road before moving his firm there.

Robertson, who said his business has to leave its current location in

Farmington Hills by July or August, needs to have his plans approved by the planning commission before construction can begin. He also needs special approval from the city's zoning board of appeals to build nearer to a property line than township rules allow.

"What we're trying to figure out is if we're on the right track and if the city (township) wants us," he said. "But we're going to ride it out. We want to move there."

BECAUSE OF the time constraints, the project, which would involve building a 15,000-square-foot

warehouse on the 2.9-acre site, earlier was granted an exemption from a township moratorium prohibiting limited industrial development.

The planning commission decided not to grant tentative approval to Robertson's site plan at its March 28 meeting because of a lack of input from Consumers Power officials regarding two high-pressure gas lines that run under the site, according to Fred Rowe, the commission's chairman.

Walter Nussbaum, who represented Paddock Pools at the meeting, said gas company officials objected to any plan for a solid covering over the lines, which run below an area

where a parking lot is planned. He said gas company officials would allow only gravel covering above the lines and showed the commissioners a plan for a mostly paved parking lot with gravel strips running diagonally through it.

WITHOUT FIRST hearing from Consumers Power, the commission, with the exception of commissioner Louis Basso, voted not to approve the plan. Basso said that he would support the plan that Nussbaum presented.

Rowe said the commissioners may also ask for a covered structure to house the firm's heavy vehicles before approving the site plan.

Robertson said that if the planning commission doesn't approve the site plan he will be forced to move into the site's existing facilities, which, he said, are not nearly as nice as what he proposes to build.

"We're going to take the steps required by the township and, hopefully, when its all over and done with, we'll be residents of West Bloomfield," Robertson said.

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