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was carried statewide on Michigan Educational Radio Network. Osgood also researched and wrote a number of stories about the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, and wrote a book that chronicled the history of the broadcast industry from 1926-75, through the inner workings of his longtime home at WXYZ radio, now known as WXYT.

Osgood's background includes experience in the theater, debuting in Boston on April 21, 1920,

in "The Outrageous Mrs. Palmer." He appeared in more than a dozen stage shows and worked with newcomers Spencer Tracy and Bette Davis in the late 1920s.

In his own words, Osgood made a "sneaky debut" in radio at a big radio exhibition in September 1927. He pretended he was an actor in a personal appearance in Philadelphia, filling in at the request of a theater friend.

Osgood's "honest" debut came on the True Story Hour in 1928, the start of a career that spanned more than 50 years. He is best known for his work at WXYZ from 1935 to 1971, hosting programs like The Factfinder Show World and Radio Schoolhouse.

He is survived by his wife, Anne, and their children, Stella Bertlett Kirby and William Estey Osgood. No funeral arrangements have been made.

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"We are definitely going to be impacted by this development more than any other homeowners," said Karen Saffron, president of Saratoga Farms Condominium Association. "We are concerned that, if this goes through, we'll be surrounded by rental units and that's a giant concern for our residents."

Saffron asked council members to table the PUD qualification. "In this instance, the city is a developer and (it) should not go too quickly," Saffron said. "Because this is a wonderful opportunity for our community. But I caution you to not go too quickly."

The majority of residents said they didn't have a problem with expanding the golf course from nine to 18 holes, something the council previously said it did not support, according to city officials. They did have qualms about putting in additional development, which the city wants in order to recoup the \$4.5 million it paid to purchase the Eleven Pines parcel. (Officials are promising a development that will meet residents' recreational needs without a tax increase.)

"I heard you, I heard what you had to say tonight," said Hills council member Jon Grant. "But we're following a process. You can affect the process. It's a long way from being finalized. ... There will be many more opportunities for our residents to have their normal, excellent input."

Farmington Hills City Manager Steve Brock said much still needs to be learned and accomplished with regard to the project. He invited residents to stay involved and said a complete report of steps taken so far would be put together and shared with residents.

Many features planned

"We want to be partners with you as well," Brock said. "And in the end have something we can be proud of."

Monday night's public hearing followed a recommendation last week by the Farmington Hills Planning Commission to go ahead with the PUD qualification.

A PUD is a special zoning classification that allows for mixed uses on one piece of property. If the project receives final approval from the city council, which will follow additional opportunities for public input, the corner will feature:

- Expansion of the current nine holes of "affordable, playable" golf at the San Marino Golf Course to 18 holes, including nine holes on the Eleven Pines property (92 acres located on the southwest corner).

- Construction of 80 duplexes and 78 townhouses on the east San Marino golf course property, which is on 99 acres on the northeast corner of the intersection.

- Construction of a new driving range and clubhouse.

- Development of 362 multiple-family apartments on the Eleven Pines property, currently zoned for single-family residential.

Many residents who spoke out during the public hearing seemed almost stunned about the project's momentum and urged council members to hold off for a while.

One reason they cited for tabling the issue is pending environmental tests of the contaminated portion of the Eleven Pines parcel, which is one of the last large pieces of property yet to be developed in the city.

About one quarter of the parcel is a capped landfill; Brock previously said he is confident any contamination on the property could be easily contained.

Dave Imesch, president of the Independence Commons Homeowners Association, was one of several residents who urged the council to table the PUD qualification until findings of environmental tests (expected in the next week or so) are received and

studied.

"I understand you're in a terrible bind," Imesch said. "You spend (\$4.5) million on property of what you don't know is in the ground, and now you're desperately trying to get that money back."

"How could you buy a piece of property and not know what's in the ground? To me, that's first and foremost. You need to know what you're going to buy."

Not enough information

Fran Valley, president of the Council of Homeowners Association, which has more than 60 subdivisions as members, said COHA was hampered by the city in efforts to communicate with homeowners about the project.

"We do try to educate the public," said Valley, near the conclusion of a meeting that did not adjourn until after 1 a.m. Tuesday. "We can only educate as well as we receive (information) from city hall."

Valley said she received, on Feb. 14, an agenda for the Feb. 17 planning commission meeting about the topic. She noted that the agenda was devoid of specifics.

Defending the Eleven Pines concept was council member Jerry Ellis, instrumental in the project from the start. He said the city stepped up its interest in the parcel after a developer decided against purchasing it. "That developer had wanted to build an industrial park surrounding four holes of golf."

"We thought we ought to take a shot at buying this piece of property and protecting the people of Farmington Hills, particularly those in Saratoga Farms and north of 11 Mile," said Ellis, adding that he was "frustrated" to hear so many people say they were not informed about the project until recently.

Council member Vicki Barnett also said she was stunned by the comments made Monday night by the public.

"People wanted a playable golf course and not (have to) pay \$50 for green fees," Barnett said. "We heard, 'Don't make this too affordable, it's a public golf course.'"

She said one main reason the residential component of the project was added was to help keep those green fees as low as possible.

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