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Board has consensus to make improvements, sell golf course lots

Revenue to finance court, senior center and library needs

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SHELBY TOWNSHIP — At a work session Feb. 11, the Board of Trustees unanimously voiced approval to move forward with making improvements and selling 17

township-owned lots near 24 Mile Road and Van Dyke Avenue that abut Cherry Creek Golf Course.

Appraiser Gilbert Zook, of Fazal Khan and Associates, estimated the market value of the real estate to be \$1,020,000. Improve-

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ments would cost an estimated \$300,000-\$400,000.

The revenue from selling the lots will be slated to finance the renovation and expansion of the 41-A District Court and the Shelby Community Center, which houses the senior center, library and Shelby TV.

Addressing the needs at the court and community center is the township's No. 1 priority on its 2015 list, which residents, department heads and the Board of Trustees created.

The authorization for Fazal Khan and Associates to do an engineering study and for the township Department of Public Works to seek bids to do the improvements was set to appear on the agenda for the 7 p.m. March 3 Board of Trustees meeting at Township Hall.

Trustee Paul Viar came up with the idea in the fall to invest in the lots located in Bellarine Manor subdivision, because the lots had

"just basically been sitting" undeveloped for 15-20 years.

Fifteen of the lots are part of the subdivision, and Cherry Creek Golf Course gave the township approval to develop some of its leased property to create two more residential lots for a total of 17 building sites.

"Cherry Creek said if we wanted to make the lots a little

bit deeper to increase the value, that they would not be opposed to that," Treasurer Michael Flynn said. "The water and sewer are there. We just have to put the taps in, put the side streets in and clear some trees."

Flynn proposed making the improvements and then having another work session to discuss how to market the lots.

Fazal Khan, the township's engineer, said the lots would be ready to bid out to buyers in July or August if the improvements begin in March and the process goes smoothly.

"It'll probably take about four to five months to do the improvements if we start in March," Khan said. "It has to go through the pro-

cess and get approvals from the (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality), road commission, DPW, and soil and erosion. Anybody can hold it up."

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