ROLLING LAWNMOWERS - Glenn Fenner (l) invited neighbors to his home last week to see and hear the carts he's proposing for his Go Kart track. Some were reassured; others remain adamantly opposed.

Mediation In Neutral; Construction Begins

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Both Van Gelder and Fenner indicated that they expected to arrange a mediation session with the CDRC for the week of April 28.

Following the departure of track opponents, Fenner outlined project details to the Town Board. He described the track as a two-way 15-20 foot wide S-shaped circuit on a 100 x 200 foot parcel with the two lanes separated by rubber tires.. The track would be located at the base of a swale; paved with asphalt to keep the dust down and surrounded by a wooden-slatted fence to keep the noise from reaching the neighbors. Off-road parking would be just west of the barn and cows will be moved further back into the pasture.

Fenner had previously indicated that the he hopes to operate from May 1 to October 1 for approximately 6 hours on Saturday and Sunday and for up to 4 hours several weekdays a week.

Closest neighbor Pam Van Gelder, of Buck Road, indicated that both sides had agreed to a mediation session scheduled for last night (Apr. 29) at the Community Dispute Resolution Center in Ithaca, but the beginning of construction activity over the weekend dampened opponents' optimism for a non-litigated compromise. "We're more than a little upset," she said.

Earth-moving began on Saturday and by Sunday noon, sixteen loads of gravel had been deposited at the site.

"When we set up a meeting date, we thought we could talk and find some options," said Van Gelder. "It was in good faith that we were trusting Glenn to work with us to find a compromise."

Van Gelder insists that there's no personal issue involved. "We're not against Glenn's business idea, but we don't think he gave enough thought to the impact of the project on his neighbors."

Since the first news report appeared, Fenner says he's received many calls of support from neighbors - some offering to hold chicken barbecues and car washes to raise money for the track so their kids have a place to ride.

"A lot of people changed their minds when they heard the karts," he said as he pointed out that the wooden fence designed to reduce noise would be 8-10 feet above the grade of the track due to the lay of the land.

"I'll still meet with them (on Tuesday)," said Fenner Sunday afternoon at the construction site. In the meantime, the tile is in the ground and most of the gravel is in place. If all goes as planned, it will take about a month to get the blacktop in, the noise barriers up and the Go-Karts ready to roll. "I think a lot of people will change their minds when they see it operate and see what fun it is," he concluded.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, April 30
JV Baseball team plays Groton away at 4:30 pm.
Varsity Baseball team meets Groton at home at 4:30 pm.
Golf team plays Union Springs at home at 4:30 pm.
JV Softball team meets Groton away at 4:30 pm.
Varsity Softball team meets Groton at home at 4:30 pm.
Open Swim at Lansing High School pool, 6:30-8:30 pm.
NO DEALS (Alcohol & drug abuse prevention group) meeting at LUMC at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, May 1
Last day to claim lost Middle School clothes.
Modified Baseball and Softball teams meet Moravia at home, 4:30pm.
Modified Track team meets Trumansburg away, 4:30pm.
Monthly Parent Workshops & Support group: Natural & Logical Consequences (part 2) at Elementary School cafeteria from 9:15-10:45 am.
Lansing Board of Education "Meet the Candidates" night, high school cafeteria, 7:30 pm.

Friday, May 2
Golf team plays Moravia at home at 4:30 pm
JV Baseball team plays Moravia away at 4:30 pm.
Varsity Baseball and Softball teams meet Moravia at home at 4:30 pm.
Varsity Track team meets Trumansburg for relays away at 4:30 pm.

Saturday, May 3
Boys Scouts Troop #48 - Can & Bottle drive at the Community Center from 9:00 am to noon.
Good Health Expo at Pyramid Mall, from 10:00 am. to 2:30 pm.

Sunday, May 4
Crystal Smith-Stovall book signing at Lauriat's, 2:00-4:00 pm.

Monday, May 5
Art & Crafts classes for Seniors at Woodsedge, 9:00-10:30 am.
DeWitt Middle School, Principal's Bag Lunch.
Golf team plays Southern Cayuga away at 4:30 pm
JV Baseball & Softball teams play Union Springs at home at 4:30 pm.
Varsity Baseball and Softball teams meet Union Springs away at 4:30 pm.
Varsity Track team meets Marathon away at 4:30 pm.
Open Swim at Lansing High School pool, 6:30-8:30 pm.
TC3 - Open House.
Boy Scout Troop # 48 regular meeting at the Community Center.
Village Trustees meeting at Lansing Village offices at 7:30 pm.

Tuesday, May 6
5th Grade Writing Test - Part I.
Modified Baseball team meets Southern Cayuga at home, 4:30 pm.
Modified Softball team meets Marathon away, 4:30pm.
Modified Track team meets Groton away, 4:30pm.
Fire Commissioners meet at Central Station at 7:00 pm.

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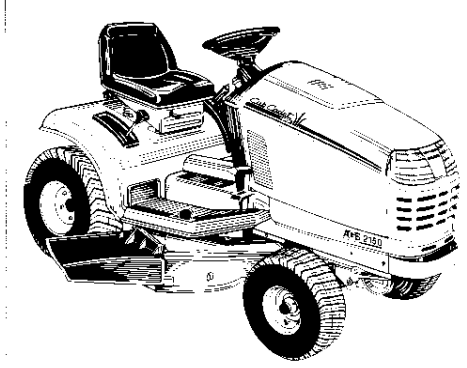

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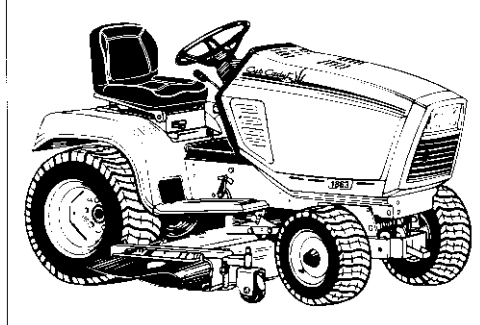

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