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Board To Seek Appraisal Of Hillcrest Slough Area

The Prospect Heights Park District Board of Commissioners voted to seek an appraisal of the Hillcrest Slough after 45 area residents appeared at the board's meeting Monday to recommend preserving the slough as a wildlife park.

The delegation was the largest group to appear at a Prospect Heights Park District meeting on any issue, Ron Greenberg, park director, said.

Greenberg said if the district bought the property south of Willow Road and east of Elmhurst Road, the tract would basically be left in its natural state as a wetland park.

He said dead trees and debris would be cleaned up and possibly nature trails and a shelter would be built.

PARK COMMISSIONER Max Lyle said at the meeting he contacted the real estate agent handling the property after a "for sale" sign was posted and was told the price of the land was \$100,000.

Mrs. Mavis Hamilton, real estate agent at Krueger The Real Estate People, the firm handling the property, said development plans include some dredging and filling to build 13 or 14 homes.

She said there are no plans to destroy the lake, and the land is not being considered for apartment buildings.

The homes that would be built on the site would have to be expensive because of the cost involved in filling in the land, which in turn would enhance the value of the surrounding area, Mrs. Hamilton said.

"If a permit cannot be obtained from Cook County to build the homes, the land would be sold as acreage which would sell for less than land to be developed,"

she said.

She said there have been several inquiries about the land since the sign was posted on Dec. 31, including quite a few calls from neighbors of the tract.

SHE SAID, however, she was disappointed to find that the \$100 sign was torn down four days after it was posted on the property.

Park Commissioner William Kuhns said at the meeting that the slough was in the park district's master plan.

"We are very interested in seeing the slough become part of the park district in the near future," Kuhns said.

A request for rezoning the slough as a landfill was dismissed by the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals in September 1969.

H. C. HAUVER, owner of the land, had requested permission to dump fill in the slough as a preliminary step to building on the land which is zoned for large, single-family homes.

Atty. John Haas said in the meantime the owner failed to pay taxes on the land, and the park district had hoped to buy the property for back taxes.

"However the owner has corrected the tax deficiency and has full title to the land," Haas said.

Greenberg said the park district may be able to get help through federal funding to buy the slough.

"The federal government can pay up to 50 per cent of the acquisition cost," he said. "But the park district can't get federal funding if it initiates action to get the land, such as condemnation proceedings, before the federal funds are approved."

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