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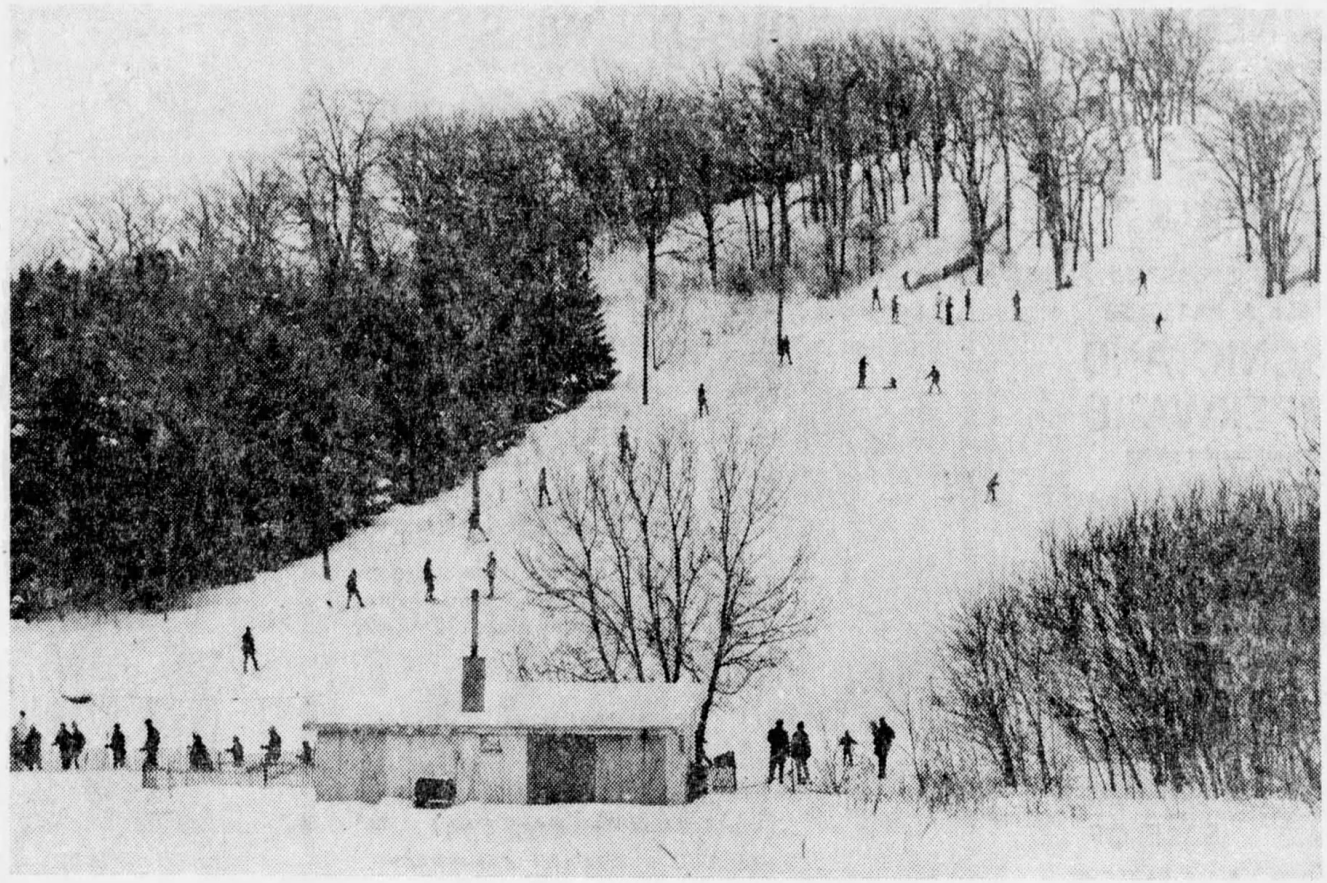

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City Park-Recreation Department Will Operate Ski Club Hill, Shown in Winter 1970

Park Dept. to Take Over Ski Club Hill

The Rochester Ski Club hill in Rochester Township will open next winter under new management — the Rochester Park and Recreation Department.

The Rochester Park Board agreed Tuesday night to assume management of the "intermediate" skier's hill and warming house, located south of Bamber Valley School.

Under the agreement, the Park-Recreation Department will operate and maintain the ski area — the only one located in the immediate Rochester area — and will pay taxes, which so far have not exceeded $200 annually, on the Mayo Foundation-owned property.

The 500-member Ski Club will continue to function, organizing ski trips to other areas and providing ski instructors for the local ski area, club officers told the board.

They had offered to turn the ski area over to the board, saying it was difficult to find volunteers to maintain the hill and the rope tow.

Curtis Taylor, city park-recreation superintendent, said some improvements will be made to the slope this year. There are, he said, no immediate plans to add snow making or snow grooming equipment, both estimated to cost up to about $65,000.

Taylor said a rate schedule for skiers at the hill will be worked out and presented for board approval later. The Ski Club had charged skiers under two plans. Under the family plan, the first member of a family paid a season fee of $10 and other skiers in the family paid $6 each. Single season memberships were $4 plus a $1 charge each day the skier used the hill.

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