

Highland Pk. Says 'No'

Ski Hill Plans Received Coldly

The Highland Park city council has denied the request of Bertram Schwartz to build a ski hill on the town's garbage landfill at Skokie highway and Park avenue.

"I think the judgment was made before the board considered the evidence," said Schwartz, a Highland Park resident.

Request Data

Schwartz presented his petition last winter, and the board requested complete engineering data on the feasibility of the project. Soil Testing Services, Inc., of Northbrook, concluded that construction of a hill of 200

feet high or more would be possible with proper planning.

James Alkire, assistant to city manager for Highland Park, said most of the council's objections centered on technical aspects. He said members were not convinced of the feasibility of the project; nor of the possibility of moving the large incinerator which is presently on the site.

Plans Golf Course

Schwartz has plans for building a golf course, clubhouse, and other recreational facilities. Grading for the golf course is now under way on his Half Day road property, with the permission of the city

council

"There is no question that I can get public support for the ski hill," Schwartz said. "Various civic organizations such as the Lions and Jaycees, have told us they support us.

"My hope is that candidates for village positions will declare themselves so the ski hill will become a controversial election issue. Then for whom the people vote next April will demonstrate what they want."



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