

## Plans for Ski Hill Here Dead

An end to plans for a man-made ski hill and lake southwest of Fargo came Tuesday at a meeting of the Fargo Park Board.

No federal funds would probably be granted for the project, Parks Supt. Robert Johnson told its promoter, Col. E. G. Clapp Jr. of Fargo. Two previous applications for federal aid have been turned down.

Funds from \$93,000 in special assessments originally levied for road, sewer and water to the ski-lake area were formally routed to road work said badly needed for the Lindenwood Park area.

The board awarded a \$79,570 low bid to F-M Asphalt Inc. for the surfacing.

Johnson said John Greenslit, coordinator for the N.D. Outdoor Recreation Agency in Bismarck, estimated the chances of federal money for the ski hill were low. BOR had earlier been asked to match some \$160,000 to local expenditures for the project.

Corps of Engineers representatives had doubts about the amount of settling involved if the hill were built, Johnson said Greenslit told him. Greenslit also reportedly said estimates of long-term benefits to Clapp interests would be a factor in future rejections.

Approval of the ski hill also would drop future Park requests for other projects to lower priorities, he said. The hill-lake complex would have been constructed on a half-section of Clapp property south of I-94 and east of an extension of 25th Street South.

"It's kind of a bitter pill," board chairman John Carlson told Clapp. The family had offered to donate some 50 acres and \$80,000.

Clapp told the board he had the impression the major force to turn down the project had come from Sen. Milton Young's office, R-N.D.

Without Greenslit's support, board member Robert Gibb said, "I don't think we stand much of a chance."

Member John Noah said he would call for an examination of other recreation priorities in any further consideration of the ski hill. George A. Anderson

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