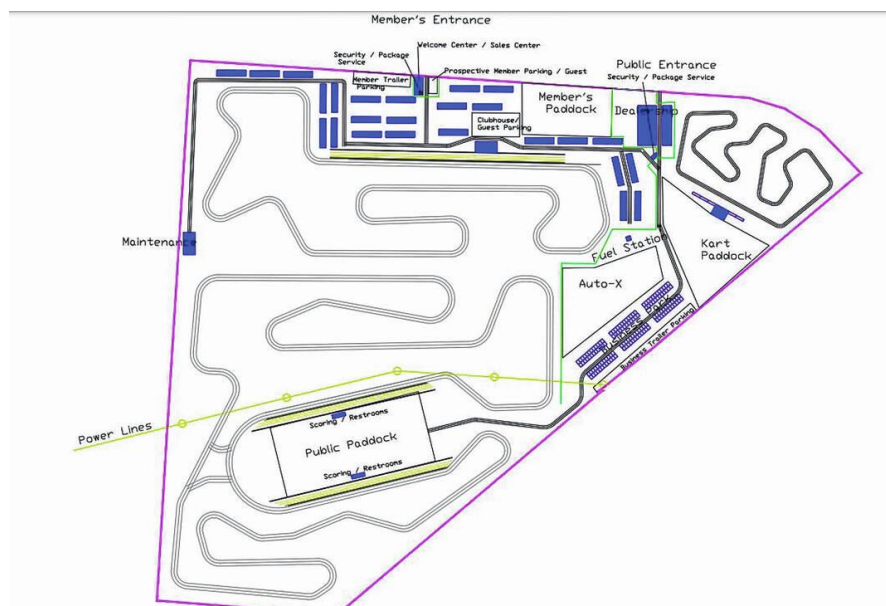


Massive motorsports facility proposed

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Pictured is the concept site plan for a proposed motorsports development in Delaware. A preliminary discussion regarding the development, which would be located on 260 acres south of the airport, was held during Monday's Delaware City Council meeting.

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Resolute Motorsports Club (RMC) is exploring the development of a membership-based recreational, research and development, and educational training facility in central Ohio, and during Monday's meeting of Delaware City Council, representatives of the club presented a preliminary proposal for the facility to be constructed in Delaware.

RMC is a comprehensive recreation and tourism development based around motorsports.

"As an all-encompassing motorsports facility, RMC is focused on enabling new local motorsports users, as well as attracting motorsports tourists from around the globe," its website states.

Proposed is a 260-acre facility that would be constructed south of the airport and north of U.S. Route 42. The facility would include multiple driving platforms consisting of three different road courses, an off-road rally course, and karting courses, among other tracks, as well as multiple event centers and a business park for automotive companies utilizing the facility's resources for performance testing.

While the club would largely be accessed via private membership, the two karting tracks would open to the public for individual enjoyment or for reserved events.

Jimmy Peters, the founder of Resolute Motorsports Club, said the rally course and accompanying rally course school would be just the fourth of its kind in the United States and the only course in the Midwest.

A dealership is also proposed on the site, which would sell high-end performance cars, muscle cars and foreign models. Peters said he envisions the dealership catching the eye of collectors from around the country who would fly into the airport to look at the cars.

The sprawling facility would also have an element of residential use as well with approximately 250 trackside "garage condo" units proposed to be constructed on the site for purchase by members of the club.

Peters said what is currently being presented is just the "tip of the iceberg" for the possible uses at the facility.

"We've been working on this concept of a motorsports park for a few years," Delaware Economic Development Director Sean Hughes said during Monday's meeting. "How can we take advantage of a rapidly growing industry sector, that being the specialty aftermarket sector, and make that a uniquely Delaware type of industry."

Hughes added, "This is a really interesting project that we've been talking about for years now, and I look forward to being able to continue the conversation." He went on to say the residual economic impact of such a facility being constructed would be "tremendous."

If ultimately approved, Peters said the first phase of the facility would include 21 new jobs being created. At full scale, the facility would have a total of 85 employees not including those utilizing the business park.

Bruce Daniels, who is the president of the Performance Columbus Auto Group, which is partnering with Resolute on the project, added there would be an educational component to the development that would offer schools for those wishing to pursue careers as automotive technicians.

Following the presentation, Mayor Carolyn Riggle thanked the representatives for choosing Delaware and called the proposal "very exciting" for the community. "We'll see where it goes from here," she added.