

Homebuilder plans 'village-scale' development on Galena golf course it acquired for \$4.9M

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Arrowhead Lakes Golf Course in Galena has been acquired by a homebuilder that is planning to replace it with a mixed-use development.

Minerva Golf Inc. sold the more than 80-acre course at 580 N. Walnut St. to Westerville-based homebuilder Romanelli & Hughes for \$4.9 million in March. That came after the company presented plans for a “village-scale development” to the Galena Planning and Zoning Commission in 2025.

The proposal includes a commercial area fronting Walnut Street, for-sale townhomes, traditional single-family homes, single-story patio homes, a central village green and 30 acres of open space.

The plan emphasized walkability for pedestrians and on-street parking areas within the “community-focused” layout, according to documents filed with the village.

The commission made requests for Romanelli & Hughes to address before its next appearance, including concerns with traffic impact on Walnut Street, exceeding building density and limited parking throughout the development.

After the developer responded to the requests, the motion to adopt the mixed-use project passed in January.

Romanelli & Hughes has not responded to a request for comment.

Arrowhead Lakes was a nine-hole, par 36 course that first opened in 1991. The course [announced on its website](#) that it would not reopen for the 2026 golf season.

“We take great pride in the memories created here and role the course has played in the Galena community,” the course said in the post. “Your patronage, enthusiasm and loyalty made that possible and we are deeply grateful.”