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BENTON HARBOR — The Friends of Jean Klock Park organization has filed an appeal in state appeals court to keep Harbor Shores Development Inc. from using part of the park for three holes of a Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course. Friends Vice President Carol Drake of Sodus Township said the organization's lawyer, Scott Howard of Traverse City, filed paperwork Friday in the Third District Appeals Court in Grand Rapids. The organization had asked Berrien County Trial Court to throw out the agreement reached between the city of Benton Harbor and Harbor Shores for leasing 22 acres in the park for three holes of the golf course. Judge Scott Schofield dismissed the Friends' case, ruling that the golf course use meets the public recreation standard set down when industrialist John Klock and his wife, Carrie, donated the park land to the city in 1917. Drake and Clellen Bury of Benton Harbor filed the Berrien County lawsuit. The golf course, now under construction, is slated to be the centerpiece of the 530-acre Harbor Shores development of homes, hotels and businesses in Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and Benton Township. Harbor Shores Development, a nonprofit corporation, expects nearly \$500 million worth of projects.

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