

Salem Area Ski Project To Use Trash

SALEM — A 200-foot-high ski slope made of trash and dirt is looming in Salem Township's future plans.

The township board this week authorized Supr. Philip A. Brandon to sign a 10-year lease with Holloway Sand & Gravel Trucking Inc. of Wixom to develop a ski slope on 157 acres.

Of the total acreage, 77 acres is owned by the township and 80 acres by the company which operates a landfill at Napier and Six Mile Roads. The site is just west of the Wayne County line. It is proposed to build the slope on the landfill and township properties.

Three years ago, the township board had approved a conditional use permit for the proposed slope. That permit has expired and was included in the recent agreement.

Brandon said the company will pay the township \$25,000 annually while the ski slope is developed during the 10-year period. He said the development of the ski hill is part of reclamation project to fill up the huge hole of the landfill, a former sand and gravel pit.