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Subject: fence: please consider this.
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Gahanna leaders,
THANK YOU for the work in closing/extending the trail. Before you install a chain link fence at the golf course, please consider the following:

The golf course is parkland. A chain link fence is something I would expect at an industrial site, and therefore would be completely out-of-place. I do understand its function and necessity. However, there are more park-friendly options to accomplish the same goal.

Please consider a wood trellis instead of a chain link fence. It would obviously have to be shaped in an upside-down "L" to provide safety from golf balls, however, there could be wisteria or roses or trumpet vine growing through the trellis, which would provide not just beauty but also shade and additional protection from golf balls. A chain link fence would provide none of those things.

Attached is a picture of the trellis on my back porch, which has provided us with shade for since we bought the house in 2003. It has a very healthy wisteria tree growing through it.

If you are concerned about the longevity/durability of a wood product, I would highly recommend [Seal-Smart.com](#) treatment for the trellis, which turns the wood into a fiberglass-like product that is guaranteed to last at least 25 years (probably more). I just had this done on my deck, which is 20+ years old, and will now last for another 25+ years. It is non-toxic. Yes, it would be an additional cost, but would also guarantee that you would not have to replace that trellis fence for at least 25 years.

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I understand that what I am suggesting has budget implications. However, this is a permanent structure, and needs to serve the environment in which it is placed, which is parkland and right across the street from residential homes.

Please give deep consideration to this option before installing a chain link fence on parkland.
Thank you.

All for Gahanna,
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