

Last picture show

Sandusky Drive-in movie screen to be torn down this fall

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The screen of the old Sandusky Drive-In Theatre, a familiar but dilapidated landmark on Cleveland Road at the Sandusky city limits, will be torn down this fall to make way for a new park.

Director-Secretary Jonathan Granville told the Erie MetroParks board Wednesday that the City of Sandusky will buy the property with grant funds in August.

That will pave the way for a joint city-park district development.

The site will provide parking for bicyclers who want to ride their bikes along the Sandusky Bay pathway to downtown Sandusky and for walkers who want to walk along the pathway, Granville said.

"You'll see that ugly screen go away," he said about tearing down the screen this fall.

The Sandusky Drive-In, 3711 Cleveland Road, was built in 1949 by Earl Seitz, according to Drive-Ins.com, a Web site.

The site says the theater closed in 2001 and went up for sale in 2002.

Also at Wednesday's meeting:

■ Park board members



Frederick Nottke and Micah killed anyway by the Emerald Ash Borer insect. The purchase of Borer insect.

a portable sawmill to turn ash trees into lumber to be used for park projects. The portable sawmill will cost \$18,551, but \$16,550 of the cost was raised from private donations, said

The ash trees are being cut down because they are doomed to be for the parks district. Jim Lang, supervisor of operations