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Zoomers fun park up for sale

Company can't afford finishing touches

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The almost-completed Zoomers Family Amusement Park south of Fort Myers is for sale with a \$15.7 million price tag and the company that owns the park has filed to reorganize under federal bankruptcy law.

"Zoomers is for sale," Kevin Jursinski of Florida Fidelity Realty Advisors said Monday. "We're 90 percent-plus complete and the owners can't finish the park on their current financing" from Florida Community Bank.

The owner of the 8-acre property is Zoomers Holding Co., LLC. Businessman Tim Miles, a part owner, said the park must either be refinanced or sold if it's to be finished. "We're at a point where we've got to do one or the other." Finishing the park would cost \$500,000 to \$1 million and would take 60 to 90 days if the money were available, Jursinski said.

Miles said getting the work done; mainly minor details such as landscaping and installing paving stones; is largely "just a matter of getting the subcontractors back together" who have already done most of the work.

Meanwhile, Zoomers Holding Co. also is trying to get the financing to finish the project, said Jursinski, who's also an attorney and has represented Zoomers in the past.

"We do already have one interested buyer. Someone's going to get a very good bargain on a great park," he said.

The park was first announced in 2002 with plans to open in early 2005, but that date was soon pushed to November 2005 and has been delayed repeatedly since then.

It's designed with a go-kart track running through a building, which will feature arcade games and other attractions.

A package of information put together by the sellers includes a statement by Sarasota-based Laura Trebing that the unfinished park was worth \$15 million as of June 28 and would be worth \$15,720,000 on Oct. 1, if finished.

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