



Armada Area Schools' 1718 Fighting Pi robotics teams received grant dollars to purchase Lego STEM robotics kits that, the team hopes, will help foster an interest in STEM and STEM careers, among the district's upper elementary students. (Submitted photo)



## ROMEO

# Condos planned for Prospect Street

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The owner of the former Romeo Middle School site on Prospect Street in Romeo said they plan on building condominiums and are reaching out to village leaders and residents for input.

The Romeo Board of Trustees heard from Michele Chirco of MJC Companies, the developer that purchased the 10-acre site from Romeo Community for \$857,000 on May 12.

“We’re excited to introduce our vision for the property at 297 Prospect Street,” he said. “I genuinely view this project as a once in a lifetime opportunity to contribute meaningfully to a place that has been part of my life for so long.”

Chirco said the proposal includes economic benefits to the village and will increase the property tax base for the village.

“By attracting new residents to Romeo, we aim to contribute to the vibrancy of your local economy and fos-

ter continued growth,” he said.

Chirco said there had been several productive meetings with village staff to go through preliminary logistics to prepare for the site plan submission.

He promised transparency and welcomed public input on the project.

They are currently working on a date for a community meeting for the public to share feedback on the project.

They also have an email address where residents can submit feedback. It is [prospectromeo@mjccompanies.com](mailto:prospectromeo@mjccompanies.com).

A school had been located on the Prospect Street property since the 1840s until 2021 when the former Romeo Middle School was demolished.

A group called Green Space on Prospect Street was formed in 2023 to purchase the property into a passive-use park.

The group had submitted a bid of \$525,000 for the property when it was put up for bids in the spring.