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The dream of a little immigrant boy who came to Detroit virtually penniless many years ago came closer to realization Saturday.

Ben Lemberg, 55, of 2955 Oakman Court, now a wealthy Detroit and Florida land developer, had always hoped that some day he could help handicapped children.

He was informed Saturday that the first step had been taken toward the creation of Camp Ben Lemberg on an 80-acre tract, 12 miles northeast of Lapeer.

Lemberg donated the land to the Michigan Association for Retarded Children a year ago.

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF A** separate foundation for recreational facilities to help the state's 200,000 retarded children first had to become a reality.

The proposed million-dollar development on Lemberg's former property will be the major part of the foundation's activities.

Lemberg, who had been home with the Asian flu all week, came downtown to confer with Wendell E. Morris, past president of the association and chairman of the committee that set up the foundation.

"I want to participate all the way through on this," Lemberg said. "I want to grow with this camp."

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**ACTUAL OPERATION** of the camp will be in the hands of a board of trustees selected by Lemberg.

On the board are such persons as: Thomas D. Leadbetter, City Clerk; Nathaniel H. Goldstick, assistant corporation council; Ira W. Jayne, retired presiding judge of Wayne County's

Circuit Court; Jack Harvill, superintendent of police; Charles G. Oakman, City-County Building manager and Frank Schemanske, Recorder's Court judge.

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**MORRIS SAID** the foundation hopes the camp can be opened on a limited basis this summer.

The site is located on rolling land with two spring-fed lakes. Morris said it would take \$250,000 to clear the land.

A five-year plan to raise the money and complete a camp which will be the finest year-around recreational facility in the country for retarded children is now in the making.

"This will come," Lemberg promised.

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**MORRIS SAID** details for the new foundation were completed by Thomas Walsh, an attorney, in cooperation with a number of attorneys.

It provides for the acceptance of gifts to be used at Camp Lemberg and any other facilities that can be made available for retarded children.

Representatives of the state's Conservation Department, Youth Commission and Department of Social Welfare pledged their support in the establishment of Camp Lemberg at the Lansing conference Friday when the foundation papers were completed, Morris said.

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