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Trustees to choose member

By DICK WESTLUND

When the Farmington school board meets tonight to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mervyn Ross, board members will be able to choose from six candidates who share similar views on local and state education issues.

The candidates, five businessmen and a housewife involved in PTA activities, presented their qualifications and answered questions at a public forum last Thursday attended by 20 people, including five board members.

One of the six will be appointed to a one-year term ending June 30, 1979, bringing the board to its full complement of seven.

Seeking the post, which carries a salary of \$20 per meeting with a maximum of \$800 a year are:

ROGER E. AVIE, 32, of 27661 Westcott Crescent Circle, Farmington Hills, a group controller with the H.W. Kaufman Financial Group Inc. of Southfield and licensed insurance agent.

WILLIAM R. CORLISS, 44, of 23440 Wilmarth, Farmington, owner of Corliiss Brick Cleaners of Farmington.

CYNTHIA W. HENRICH, 43, of 28861 Bella Vista Drive, Farmington Hills, a PTA official in Farmington Hills and a former teacher.

JAMES E. MOGLINCY, 48, of 33868 Glenview, Farmington, personnel and labor relations director for Wayne County General Hospital.

RICHARD N. SORENSON JR., 43, of 34045 Merrilyn Court, Farmington, employe relations manager for the Eaton Corporation Engineering and Research Center in Southfield.

CHARLES H. WILLIAMS, 43, of 38289 Old Homestead, Farmington, owner of Charles Williams and Co., an accounting company in Farmington.

THE CANDIDATES told something about their qualifications and philosophies when they gave their opening statements at the forum.

"I can bring experience, participation in the areas of labor and personnel—management experience," said McGlinchy, who has held personnel and administration positions in Wayne County government since 1956.

On a local level, McGlinchy was PTA president of Ten Mile Elementary School in 1976-77 and is now at the Alameda Elementary School PTA board.

Sorenson also stressed his experience in the field of employee relations and said, "I am presently responsible for a budget of \$28,000."

"I can bring the board a fresh approach unencumbered by past positions," Sorenson is treasurer of the Farmington Rotary Club.

Mrs. Henrich said of her educational philosophy: "I like the moderate approach. When a new thought comes along, it should be considered. But the board should not jump on the bandwagon."

She is a volunteer at the Kenbrook Media Center and a Junior Girl Scout Troop leader.

YOUNGEST OF the six candidates, Avie said he would like to see the school board become a younger board. He said he has had contact with high school students through participation in Farmington's C.O.P.S. counseling program and the Nardin Park Methodist Church youth activities.

Avie also said he could put his accounting experience to good use on the board.

Corliiss, a member of the school board from 1972 to 1976, stressed his experience, both in his opening statement and in nearly every question he answered.

"I feel I made some accomplishments for the children of Farmington," he said. Corliiss is also a commander in the Michigan Wing Civil Air Patrol, a member of the Farmington Hills Volunteer Fire Department and a Boy Scout leader.

Williams said his major contribution to the board would be his accounting experience. A certified public accountant, he was involved in a 1964-66 Farmington school district audit.

Williams was formerly a trustee in Farmington Township and president of the Farmington Jaycees.

NONE OF THE six candidates ran in the June election. When asked why not, four cited lack of time to campaign. McGlinchy said he had not had time to serve on the board in the past.

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Soccer mania

The advent of the Detroit Express in the metro Detroit area has seen soccer participation skyrocket with the formation of private leagues and programs

initiated in public schools. To see what's happening on the soccer scene in the suburban area, turn to sports, Section C. (Staff photo)

Pets learn to socialize in summer kennel season

By DICK WESTLUND

Quietly the Cadillac limousine rolls to a stop. Graciously the chauffeur steps out, walks to the back and opens the door for his passenger, a Doberman pinscher.

For the next few days or weeks, the dog, like hundreds of other pampered pets, will enjoy his own summer vacation while his owner is away.

But he may have to give up a few of his privileges, for a check of Farmington area kennels shows that pet boarding establishments treat their guests very democratically.

BESIDES THE chauffeured Doberman, who is a regular boarder at Sesta Kennels, 28011 Rollcrest, Farmington, owners leave all types of rare and expensive pets—including stunks, raccoons and even a monkey or two.

"The strangest request we had was from a guy who called up to board his box constrictor," said Mary Lambe, a worker at Sesta Kennels. They had to decline his request.

But Erna McCoy, owner of Walde-lust Kennels, 21429 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington, said she boarded a monkey several years ago.

They kept it in the house, where it didn't need much special care aside from a diet of biscuits and bananas.

"We let it out and it would jump on our shoulders and go around," she said.

And most unusual pet honors at Dog Gone Acres, 24020 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, goes to a pet skunk that stays regularly, according to owner Jan Muzzarelli.

LOCAL KENNELS report an increase in business year-round, although the dog days of summer are still the busiest time for them.

Making reservations a week or two in advance is advised, say owners, to avoid the "last-minute drop-off crunch."

Dog Gone Acres had to refuse more than 50 requests over the Fourth of July weekend, said Mrs. Muzzarelli.

"Years ago it used to be a very seasonal thing," she said. "Now with airlines giving special rates, you have more Florida vacations and people going up north in the winter."

While some dogs stay for only a day or so, she said she has kept others for more than a year.

Many of the long-term stays happen during moving time, when a family's house may not be ready as soon as expected.

"There was a sad story of a family with two Dobermans, two shepherds and six children. The house was sup-

posed to be ready in two weeks, and it was six months before they moved in.

"Can you imagine keeping those dogs in a motel room?" said Mrs. Muzzarelli.

SEPARATING A PET from his family can be hard on both, said several kennel owners.

Sometimes the animal may get nervous or upset from the noise around it or may hurt itself trying to escape.

When that happens, or in the event the animal gets sick, a veterinarian is called in, said owners.

But since most establishments require proof of shots, the incidence of disease is not great, they said.

Many times the separation is harder on the owners.

"We have one person who calls up all the time from Florida to check on his dog," said Ms. Lambe.

And then there's always the person who wants special treatment for his dog.

"Sometimes we get a list a mile long. The dog has to have two pieces of toast in the morning or a handful of peanuts every few hours," said Mrs. McCoy.

Or there's the dog that's as much a part of the family as any human.

Mrs. Muzzarelli recalled the story of a lonely woman who brought in a dolly's high chair for her toy poodle.

"Her dog was used to eating at the table. The dog was a neurotic substitute for a child. The dog was happy to be treated as a dog," she said.

But even poodles, which Ms. Lambe said are the worst boarders, get the same treatment at kennels.

Whether the owner is rich or poor, whether the pet is an expensive purebred or just a mutt, they all get treated the same way.

"It doesn't make any difference," said Mrs. Muzzarelli. "It's still their pet."

Senior group stands fast for housing

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

More than two years ago a Methodist minister and a group of senior citizens calling themselves the Nardineers banded together to build an apartment complex for the elderly in Farmington Hills.

Today the 10-acre site where the 150-unit complex was to be built behind the Nardin Park Methodist Church on Eleven Mile and Middlebelt remains empty.

The dream project, delayed by intense homeowner opposition, sparked a senior citizen housing battle among residents and elected officials.

It is still raging.

During their bid to build in Farmington Hills, the Nardineers have faced changes in leadership, developers and allies. They have been asked to change their name to make plain their independence from the Nardin Park Methodist Church, according to Nardineer representative William Twigg.

But Twigg is determined to see the two-story project come to fruition. When the group goes before the Central Board on Building and Property for the Methodist churches' western Michigan district July 24, the Nardineers will end a year-long silence that began with the resignation of one of their leaders, Rev. Meredith Moshauer.

MOSHAUER moved to Warren in June, 1977, leaving the group and his position as associate pastor of Nardin Park. At that time, he denied that his departure was at the request of church trustees. He was leaving to devote his time to developing senior citizen residences on his own, he said.

His first project, Warren Terraces on Van Dyke in Warren, failed to sell to the city, according to Bruce Robinson, of Robinson Reports, a research firm with offices in Farmington Hills.

Moshauer now sells real estate in the Warren area, according to Robinson.

Robinson also was associated with the Nardineer's original drive to obtain a zoning variance and build a senior complex in the Hills. His organization has researched the needs for elderly housing in Nevada, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

But as the controversy surrounding the low cost senior citizen housing in the Hills heated up, Robinson began to disassociate himself from the cause.

Robinson says he and his family were harassed by calls from persons opposed to senior housing, forcing him to withdraw from the project.

Although he is willing to become

involved in similar projects in other cities, he declines to participate in any Farmington Hills senior ventures.

During the course of their bid for the land, the Nardineers changed developers when Hugh Garner handed over the account to Lawrence Properties of Flint. Garner said his firm had overextended itself, Twigg said.

In spite of the changes, Twigg is still optimistic that the group will be awarded the land.

"It looks good," said Twigg of the group's chances.

He admits the group first approached the project with some political naivete.

"It looked to us like it was cut and dried," he said of their first request for a zoning variance.

Within two years it has taken for the city to initiate a special senior citizen housing zoning amendment, the group has shed some of its awkwardness in the political arena, learning to shift its plans.

If the Nardineers are successful before the Building and Properties Commission of the Methodist Church, they will next approach the parishioners of Nardin Park Methodist Church. If the parishioners vote to allow the seniors to buy the land, the group will make another appearance before the Farmington Hills City Council.

The council tabled the request for a zoning variance two years ago.

"This time, the council will be looking at a plan which includes 30 more units than the original proposal."

ADDITIONAL apartments have been added to the plan in anticipation of an \$8,000-\$15,000 price hike by the church, according to Twigg.

He has 158 reservations for the 200 apartments in the complex, he says.

The original plan for Nardineer Village called for it to be privately funded. The non-denominational project was to be composed of three buildings, each two stories high. One side of the buildings would be one story high, giving a split level effect.

The project, open to persons 65 years old or older would cost an estimated \$3 million to build in 1976. Membership fees of \$5,000 per apartment would be charged, to cover cost of the development.

Rents would cost members about 20 cents a square foot in the apartment. Rent would cover maintenance, electrical costs and heating, according to the original plan.

Nature paths, gardens, picnic areas, tennis courts and meeting rooms were also proposed for the complex.

Hills meeting planned

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL

7:30 p.m. Monday, July 10

- Presentation by Fire Department and Paramed, Inc. regarding emergency medical service.
- Appointments to boards and commissions.
- Consideration of request for variance of engineering design criterion regarding the Margiotta subdivision by Anthony J. Margiotta.
- Consideration of reclassification of Halsted from Grand River to Twelve Mile from Class B to Class A (all weather) road.
- Consideration of awarding bids for: Lincolnshire Road improvement; ambulance; fire department pumper; one greens mower and one set of gang mowers.
- Consideration of awarding bids on a four-wheel drive vehicle and two detective surveillance cars.

•Reconsideration of engaging the firm of Plante & Moran, certified public accountants, to make the annual financial audit for year ending June 30, 1978.

•Consideration of resolution authorizing execution of a quit claim deed to Oakland County for Contract Section I of Northwest Pressure District.

•Consideration of request from the USC FYA Summer Program for \$600 in transportation funds.

•Consideration of bonding resolution for sewer SADS C-100; C-102; C-103; C-105; C-112.

•Consideration of bonding resolution for road improvement SADS C-104; C-106; C-111; C-114; C-115.

•Consideration of request to vacate alley located between Tulane and Middlebelt, south of Grand River in Section 35. Resolution No. 1 regards El

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Straining vision

Summer can be fun and you may feel cool in your new shades but many eye doctors advise you to be careful in what kind of sunglasses you purchase. To see what they have to say, turn to Page 2A.

Trace Muzzarelli welcomes one of the many pets which will be staying at one of the Farmington area kennels this summer. (Staff photo by Harry Mantle)