

**BOARD TABLES RACE TRACK PROPOSAL ON UNIL NEXT TUESDAY**

**Council To Drop Commercial Site From Zoning Map**

**Plan To Reject Business Area On S. Farm. Road**

The members of the City Council Monday evening, indicated that they would approve the proposed revised Zoning Map as presented, with the exception of a commercial area along the west side of Farmington Road from the Cut-Off to the vicinity of All Lomf Drive.

The indication was made at the regular meeting of the Council, held Monday evening at the Municipal Court Room. The meeting was transferred from the City Hall for that reason because of the large audience. Formal action on both the ordinance and map was delayed until next Monday because of some last-minute changes in the text of the proposal.

Paul Pare, City Attorney, presented the suggested changes at the beginning of the discussion. It was proposed that the sections according to the Board of Appeals and Planning Commission be changed to eliminate duplication. It was also suggested that a section be added which would specify reasons for the granting of variances in land use under the ordinance.

Following the presentation of the suggestions, the Council decided to take formal action for one week, pending a more complete study of the changes. The proposal is expected to come up for final action at the recessed meeting scheduled for next Monday.

Councilman James Cavanaugh suggested that, in view of the large audience, some action should be held regarding the zoning map. Following a brief review of some of the minor changes which have been made in the map since its preparation, Mayor Robert Lindbert stated that the Council has reached a decision regarding the proposal. He added that:

**Michigan Week City Plans Mayor Exchange Day**

A busy day awaits Altonzo G. Aylsworth, Village President of Empire, when he visits Farmington during the Annual Exchange of Mayors' Day on Monday, May 21.

Special plans are now being worked out by city officials to welcome Aylsworth and his party to Farmington. At the same time, Mayor Robert Lindbert will be the special guest of the Village of Empire. The Exchange of Mayors' Day is a part of the Michigan Week observance which will be celebrated this year from May 20 to May 26. In previous years, Farmington has exchanged Mayors with Pelee Island, Ontario, Canada.

Among the activities being planned for President Aylsworth are tours of city installations as well as residential and industrial areas, and visits with city employees and officials, and a luncheon and public reception. The visitors will also be invited to attend the regular meeting of the City Council on Monday evening.

It is estimated that approximately 500 cities and villages in Michigan will exchange officials on May 21. According to members of the Michigan Week Committee, the Mayors' Exchange has proven to be one of the most popular and most constructive phases of the week-long observance.

The Village of Empire is located in Leelanau County on Lake Michigan east of Traverse City. It has a population of approximately 200 persons. Aylsworth, in addition to being Village President, is a practicing attorney in Empire.



**THIS SCENE** last Saturday morning on North Farmington Road may have been a little confusing to the general motorist, but it was all for a very important purpose. The two students, Herb Brugman, foreground, and Marvin Lilly, High School and Our Lady of Sorrows, School who took part in the city parking survey held Friday and Saturday. Teams of students were stationed at strategic points in and near the business area for the purpose of taking traffic counts. The information is now being compiled by the Oakland County Planning Commission in the form of a report to the City Council. The information is designed to assist the City in the establishing of more adequate off-street parking facilities.

**Township Subdividers Petition City Ask Joint Meeting For Tie-In With Sewer Interceptor With Board To Study Planning**

**Agree To Share Cost Of Increased Main From Middleboro Road To Detroit System**

A letter, signed by six subdividers and builders in the Farmington Township area, has been filed with the City Council, agreeing to accept a share of the total cost of the interceptor sewer.

The agreement provides that the land developers will participate in the cost of the sewer, sufficient to service their needs based on the capacity of the sewer as compared to the total capacity of the proposed sewer. The group also agrees to place in escrow with the City, prior to the awarding of bids for construction, sufficient funds to cover their proportionate share of the costs.

The letter also includes a commitment that they will cover the costs of increasing the capacity of the sewer to six cubic feet per second from the now proposed 3.25 cubic feet. The agreement is contingent upon final approval of the State Health Department.

**THE COUNCIL** has authorized the City Manager and City Attorney to enter into a contract with the developers and their attorney regarding the location and cost of the sewer, with the stipulation that the agreement must not in any way delay the progress of the proposed sewage system.

The developers involved in the agreement are the American Construction Company, Thompson-Brown, Edward Rose, Slavik Builders, Daniel Builders and Madison Construction Company. The total land area involved covers approximately 702 acres and is generally located in the southern and eastern sections of the Township.

**Pre-Kindergarten Registration Set**

Registration of pre-kindergarten youngsters in the Farmington Public School District will be starting school in the fall will be taken next Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 and 17, at all elementary schools. Miss Minnie Zielke, elementary coordinator, disclosed Tuesday.

Children will be registered on Wednesday between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. On Thursday registration will be taken between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and again in the evening from 6 to 8 p.m.

Registration notices have gone out to all parents whose names appeared on the 1955 census and whose children will be of school age, Miss Zielke said. New families will not receive these notices, she said, but should register their children during regular hours. All children who will attain the age of five years prior to December 1, 1956, are eligible to enter kindergarten.

Parents are asked to bring the youngster's birth certificate. Registration should be made at the (Continued on Page 6A)

**TOWNSHIP WATER PETITIONS NOW BEING CALLED IN**

Signed petitions regarding the proposed Water Development District in the southern and eastern sections of Farmington Township are now being called in, Mrs. Philip Newberg, secretary of the Water Development Association, announced this week.

The petitions request the formation of a special assessment district for the financing of the proposed water system. It has also been proposed that the project be financed on a revenue bond basis. Property owners are urged to sign their names to the petitions.

Mrs. Newberg stated that all petitions should be filed at the Township office in the Town Hall by Friday evening. The Township office will be open until 8 p.m. The petitions must be filed at the office for proper notarizing.

**THREE MORE F.H.S. SENIOR HONOR STUDENTS NAMED**

In an article which appeared in last week's issue of The Enterprise, listing the names of students selected as honor students on the basis of their academic records during high school, the names of three students were omitted. Those who had no normal application has been presented for a race track in the Farmington Township area. The letter pointed out that the Commission is charged with the responsibility of checking both the financial aspects of the development as well as the physical plan. Considerable information was given regarding the revenue which would be derived from the race track. City officials were quoted as saying that the revenue was extremely valuable in the operation of the development. It was explained that the real and personal property taxes from the development would benefit the schools while the revenue from the race track would go to the Township. Mrs. Nahstoll suggested that the land might be better used for light industrial development as commercial and other governmental units, including Novi, have indicated an interest in such a development. He added that a survey has been made in cooperation with the County Drain Commissioner and that proper water, drainage and sewage disposal facilities have been planned.

A large number of questions were presented from the floor during the public discussion. No attempt was made to secure a consensus of opinion from those present at the meeting.

**Final Registration Date For School Vote Announced**

**Set June 1 As Deadline For New Applications**

Eligible electors of both the Farmington and Clarencville School Districts have until Friday, June 1, to register for the Annual School Elections which will be held on June 11, school officials announced this week.

The registration affects only those persons who are not already registered in their respective school districts. To be eligible a person must be a citizen of the United States, must be over 21 years of age at the time of the election, must be a resident of the state of Michigan for six months and of the School District for 30 days prior to the election.

Electors of the Farmington District may register on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the respective city or township office in the area in which they reside. Those who do not wish to register at the Municipal Building, City of Farmington; Farmington Township office, West Bloomfield Township office, Novi Township office and the Livonia City Hall. The majority of these offices will also be open Saturdays until noon for the purpose of taking registrations.

**PERSONS** in Clarencville District may register on weekdays at the following governmental offices: Farmington Town Hall, Redford Township office, and the Livonia City Hall. The Redford and Livonia offices will also be open on Saturday morning.

On the final day, Friday, June 1, all of the respective offices will be open until 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of adding new names to the registration books.

**Propose Council Meeting Change**

It has been recommended by Earl Scherffus, City Manager, that future meetings of the City Council be held in the Municipal Court Room on the second floor of the Fire Hall, Building on Liberty Street.

The proposal has been recommended because of increased difficulty in securing adequate space for approximately 50 persons, as compared to about 20 in the present Council Chambers.

The suggested change in location of the meetings is part of an overall re-organization program. Within the next few weeks, the office of the City Manager will be moved from its present location to the second floor of the Municipal Building. The Manager's office, which is also the Council Chamber, will be used to house the city planning department, as well as the parking meter counting machine. Officials stated that this arrangement will provide adequate space for these operations and will greatly increase the efficiency of the office.

The Manager will take over office facilities on the second floor of the Fire Hall recently vacated by the Episcopal Church.

**Sponsored By Civic Association Public Meeting Covers Pros And Cons Of Race Track**

Approximately 100 persons heard the pros and cons of the proposed race track development at a public meeting held Wednesday evening, May 2, at the Junior High School gymnasium under the sponsorship of the Farmington Township Civic Association.

Charles Ghesquire, vice-president of the Association, acted as moderator for the open forum. A panel of members from the American Association of University Women, consisting of Mrs. Edge Cope, Mrs. George Nahstoll, and Mrs. Marvin Schaefer, presented a study made by the Association with D. F. Gregoric, consulting engineer for the project.

Mrs. Nahstoll, the first speaker, stated that the A. A. U. W. had made a study of the race track proposal and has come up with certain facts and figures. She read a letter from the Michigan State University which stated that no normal application has been presented for a race track in the Farmington Township area. The letter pointed out that the Commission is charged with the responsibility of checking both the financial aspects of the development as well as the physical plan. Considerable information was given regarding the revenue which would be derived from the race track. City officials were quoted as saying that the revenue was extremely valuable in the operation of the development. It was explained that the real and personal property taxes from the development would benefit the schools while the revenue from the race track would go to the Township. Mrs. Nahstoll suggested that the land might be better used for light industrial development as commercial and other governmental units, including Novi, have indicated an interest in such a development. He added that a survey has been made in cooperation with the County Drain Commissioner and that proper water, drainage and sewage disposal facilities have been planned.

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**Amend Original Motion Of Approval To Allow For Additional Study**

A formal decision on the proposed rezoning of 244 acres of land in the lowest section of Farmington for a race track site has been delayed until next Tuesday evening, May 15, by action of the Township Board.

The action to table the proposal followed a lengthy discussion before the Board on Tuesday evening. Immediately following the presentation of the proposal as listed on the agenda, Fred Westlake, Trustee, suggested that a resolution be introduced and that the matter then be opened for discussion. A question was raised regarding what had been taken by the Planning Board. The Zoning Board, Ward

The Board member stated that the Zoning Board, after public hearing, had recommended that the proposed rezoning be rejected. Thomas Cornell, chairman of the Planning Board, added that no decision was reached by the Planning Board and that it was recommended that further study be given to the matter.

Several persons questioned the Board on the necessity for action at this time. Eagle stated that the proposal must be acted upon and that he could see no point in delaying the matter. David Mills raised a question as to the authority to take action since the Zoning Board has not recommended an amendment. Mills contended that according to the Township Charter Act the Zoning Board must initiate the amendment. Thomas Tardy, Trustee, stated that this procedure was not in accordance with the Township Zoning Ordinance. He added that either the Board or the people may initiate action to amend the ordinance.

A statement was made by Robert Westlake that the Board member Cornell that Westlake present his motion so that the matter could be discussed more fully. Westlake moved that the 244 acre site be rezoned from Residential Four to Commercial and it was seconded by Mrs. Elsie Avery, Trustee. Both Westlake and Avery stated that by this action the door will be open for the people to petition for a referendum vote on the proposal. Eagle added that through this action the people will have an opportunity to express their opinions on the question if they so desire.

A number of persons suggested that either the developer or the persons favoring the proposal be required to circulate the necessary petitions. Eagle stated that there is no assurance that the developer will do this, thus the benefit of a public vote would be denied. In answer to a question regarding the petitioning, the Supervisor stated that the people have 30 days from the date of adoption of the amendment to file referendum petitions. The petitions should be signed by 10% of the registered voters. A question as to whether this meant actual registered voters or 10% of the total registered voters. It was decided that a legal opinion would have to be secured on the matter.

Following considerable discussion on the proposal an amendment (Continued on Page 6A)

**Residents File Protests With City On Drainage**

Requests for action on the elimination of drainage problems from the Bel-Aire Hills sections of the City were filed with the Council at its regular meeting Monday evening at the Municipal Court Room.

A petition signed by 49 residents of the Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision was presented to the Council requesting that steps be taken to eliminate flooded basements and streets in the area. The petition stated that it was a joint obligation of the City and Rose Hill Builders to correct the situation. Robert Lindbert pointed out that the City has not yet accepted the facilities from Rose Hill Builders. He suggested that the City Manager and Engineer conduct a thorough investigation of the condition and report back to the Council. Lindbert stated that the facilities would not be installed until the situation was corrected.

**ACTION** on the proposed construction of a closed drain between the open Rose Hill Subdivision and the property on the north side of Shawwassee was tabled until the May 14 meeting to allow the City Manager additional time to confer with Rose Hill Builders. According to an agreement the Builders will construct a closed drain along the property in place of the open drain. Property owners along Shawwassee between Cass and Wilmart appeared before the Council once again to request action on the drainage problem. (Continued on Page 6A)

**Jaycee Road-E-O Set For Sunday**

The second phase of the Farmington Jaycee-sponsored Teen Age Road-E-O, consisting of a series of practical driving tests, will be held this Sunday, starting at 9 a.m. at the Lucky Super Market parking lot.

Written tests in connection with the Road-E-O were given on May 3 and 4. Members of the Teen Age committee stated this week that any contestants who have not taken the written test may do so on Sunday beginning at 12 noon. The events will consist of a number of events designed to measure driving skill, such as stopping, parking and maneuvering in a specified course on the Lucky Super Market parking lot on Farmington Road just south of Shawwassee.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners in the combined written and practical test. The top contestant will also be eligible to participate in the State Teen Age Championship in Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce.

**School Candidate Petitions Due Sat.**

Saturday, May 12, at 4:00 p.m., has been set as the deadline for the filing of nominating petitions for trustees on the Clarencville School Board.

A total of two candidates are to be elected at the Annual School Election on June 11. The Trustees of Robert Richard Board President and Richard Gault, Board Treasurer, expire their term. Nominating petitions must be filed at the Board of Education office, 2424 Michigan Road, before 4:00 p.m. on Saturday in order to qualify the candidate.

Petitions must be signed by not less than 30 qualified electors of the School District. Persons may sign only as many petitions as there are candidates running for the specific offices. The petitions will be checked and announced immediately following the deadline.

**SET CLARENCVILLE PRE-KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT DATES**

Registration of youngsters in the Clarencville School District will attend kindergarten with the start of the next school year. Enrollment will begin next week.

Enrollments will be accepted at the Westbrook School on Tuesday, May 15, at the Botsford School on Wednesday, May 16, at the Livonia School on Thursday, May 17. Children must be five years of age on or before December 1, 1956, to be eligible for enrollment.

Registrations will be taken from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.; Children whose surnames begin with the letters A through H should register in the morning and those with surnames starting with the letter "M" through "Z" are to register in the afternoon.

Parents will be required to bring along a birth certificate. It is also requested that the name, address and telephone number of the family's doctor be given so that the physician's card may be filled out for the child.

**School Candidate List Closes Sat.**

Final date for filing petitions for School Board candidates in the coming Farmington Public School District election in June is Saturday, May 12, it was disclosed this week by O. E. Dunckel, school superintendent.

Two three-year terms and one one-year term of office are to be filled. Petitions have been circulated for the re-election of Bayard Fisher, incumbent treasurer, and Tom Miller, incumbent auditor, and for the election of Parley Thomson, it was indicated. Board President Wendell Brown will not seek re-election.

The names of other candidates for seats on the School Board will be disclosed as soon as petitions are filed in their offices.

Petition candidates will be filed at the School Superintendent's office or by Mrs. Elizabeth Downing, School Board Secretary, at 28670 Farmington Road, on Saturday. Petitions for a candidate must be signed by at least 50 qualified electors in the School District, it was indicated.

**SLATE RE-SHOWING OF CANCER MOVIE FOR WOMEN MAY 21**

A re-showing of the short movie on cancer diagnosis explaining the breast self-examination program to women of the Farmington area will be given at the Farmington Junior High School gymnasium on Monday, May 21. Showing of the 15-minute movie will start at 8 p.m.

Following the showing of the movie, a question-answer period will be conducted. Dr. Malcolm DeLaney will be on hand to answer questions regarding cancer and the self-examination program.

The program is sponsored by the Farmington Adult Education Department in cooperation with the Cancer Society.

**AROUND THE BLOCK**

**THE RECOMMENDATION** . . . of the City Manager that future meetings of the Council be held in the Municipal Building is, in our opinion, an excellent suggestion. During the past month or more citizens have been taking part in the meetings, with the result that present facilities have become inadequate. The Court Room, on the second floor of the Fire Hall Building, would provide a greater seating capacity as well as more convenient parking facilities. The proposed change would necessitate transporting of some records for meetings but the convenience to the public would far outweigh the disadvantages. It is important that as many people as possible attend these meetings in order to get a better picture of the operation of their government. The providing of more adequate facilities should help to stimulate this public interest.

**NEW EMPHASIS** . . . will be placed on vote registration within the next few weeks as will be the Annual Farmington and Clarencville School Elections draw near. While the registration period is designed primarily for new residents, it is hoped that it will attract considerable activity. The Farmington and Clarencville communities can be proud of their high percentage of registered voters, yet there is always room for improvement. Since voting, especially in local school elections, is a basic responsibility of each individual citizen, we sincerely hope that every eligible elector will make special effort to register prior to June 1 and to vote on June 11.

**SOME CONFUSION** . . . has apparently developed over the often-repeated statement that the community loses money whenever a new residence is constructed. This is based on the fact that there is not sufficient tax revenue from an individual's home to pay for the cost of educating a child or for providing the necessary municipal services. The various governmental units must rely to a considerable extent on commerce and industry for their tax revenue. As far as the Farmington community is concerned, the percentage of revenue from business and industry is below the average. As a result of the comparatively low ratio between commercial and residential property, each new home, especially where children are involved, creates an added financial problem.

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