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COUNCIL APPROVES EXPANSION OF CITY PARK SITE

Direct City Manager To Proceed With Purchase Of Brennan Property

The City Manager was authorized by the Council, Monday evening, to proceed with final arrangements on the purchase of the Hugh Brennan property on the west side of Powers, south of Shiawassee, to be used for expansion of public facilities.

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, reported to the Council that Brennan has accepted the City's offer for purchase of the property, which is adjacent to the present park. The agreement provides for purchase of the site for \$18,000, with the balance to be paid in five years and will bear an interest rate of 6%.

The Council approved separate resolutions accepting the special assessment rolls for paving of Floral and portions of Lilac and Hawthorne and set Wednesday, May 8, as the date for public hearings on the assessment figures. Scherffius stated that the rolls have been completed and are now on file for public examination at the Municipal Building. Notice of the hearings is being published in the Enterprise and arrangements are being made for the mailing of official notices to all affected property owners.

A MOTION was approved by the Council rejecting the petition for vacation of Valleyview Street, from Valleyview Circle east to a point near the intersection of Valleyview Street and the balance of the street would be cut through to Valleyview Circle and gravelled by the Public Works Department.

The Council delayed action on a request from the Farmington Veterans Cab Company for authority to pick up fares in the City. The Company is presently operating in the Township. A representative of the firm, stated that they were requesting the authority in order that they might place up their cabs from the Township. A decision is expected to be made at the next Council meeting.

John Lopham and Thomas Barber, newly elected members of the Council, were appointed to the Planning Commission for terms of two years each. Harvey Chapman was named as the Council's representative on the commission. (See CITY COUNCIL, Pg. 8A)

Criticize Building Inspection In City

Thomas Barber stated at the Council meeting Monday evening, that in his opinion, building inspections in the City are very lax and that prompt action should be taken to correct the situation. Barber, newly elected Councilman, cited several instances where improper construction has been allowed to remain without correction. The Councilman added that he has been aware of the situation for sometime, but that this is the first time that he has been in a position to do anything about it.

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, stated that he was under the impression that the present inspection program was doing a good job. He added that there is any laxity, he will be the first to see that it is cleared up. Scherffius reported that several rumors of poor construction have been brought to his attention, but on personal examination he found nothing wrong.

Councilman V. G. Bates stated that in his opinion building inspections have greatly improved in the last several years. Barber added that the City has been doing a good job, but it is still not good enough. Barber and Scherffius agreed to investigate the matter.

PLAN NEW ADULT SEWING CLASS AT FARMINGTON

A new sewing class will be added to the Farmington Adult Education Program beginning Monday, April 29, at the Senior High School, Lansing. Persons interested in taking the course should register during the first class session on April 29.

Attorneys for the City and Township are now in the process of drafting a proposed "Declaration of Policy" for the continuing operation of the City-Township Board of Supervisors which is to be submitted to a joint committee on April 29.

Paul Fares, City Attorney and Edward T. Howard, Township Attorney, have been directed by the special City-Council-Township Board Committee to prepare the proposed agreement for discussion at the April 29 meeting. The agreement will set up provisions for the continuing financial support of the program by both governmental bodies.

The City Council has suggested that such an agreement be established by the City and Township. Estate are turned over from the City to the Joint Library Board. As soon as the agreement has been approved by the committee, it will be submitted to the Council and Board for ratification.

Report Progress On Township Water System

Supervisor Optimistic About Future Plans

Frank Stephenson, Township Supervisor, reported at the Board meeting Tuesday evening that he was very encouraged about the prospects of early action on the proposed water system for the dry areas of the Township as a result of the conference Monday with Claude Stevens, financial consultant.

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Stevens indicated that he expected little difficulty in financing the project. The consultant has requested that the proposed area be broken down into both special assessment districts and revenue districts. Stephens stated that this phase of the preliminary work has already been started by Pate and Hirm, engineers.

The Supervisor was advised during the conference that the previous petitions circulated by citizens in the dry areas are void. Stephens stated that new petitions will be circulated in the area. Action on the drafting of the petition forms is being delayed temporarily pending the passage by the State Legislature of Act 188.

It is expected that the amendment will be approved by the legislature and signed by the Governor within three weeks.

IMMEDIATELY following the signing of the amendment, Stevens will draft new petition forms. Stephens stated that efforts should be started as soon as possible on the organizing of volunteers to circulate the petition forms in the dry areas. It is anticipated that the preliminary work will be completed by the time the new amendment to Act 188 is signed.

Study Plan To Tap Lake Huron Water

A special committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors has just returned from a trip to San Francisco where they discussed future plans for the proposed development of a Lake Huron water project to supply water to the West Coast engineering firm.

Delos Hamlin, of Farmington, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, is a member of the special committee that he issued last week to study the proposed project with the Beechler Corporation, a San Francisco engineering firm. Other members of the committee include: Howard Kelly, water chairman of the Supervisor's Inter-Municipal Committee.

The Beechler Corporation, who made a tentative study of the project several months ago, will be retained to conduct more detailed survey work. It is anticipated that the survey will require approximately 30 days. It is the engineers' wish to advise the Board of Supervisors if the project is feasible. It is proposed that the system serve the counties of Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair.

PLANNING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED LIBRARY AGREEMENT MON.

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Lions Schedule White Cane Sale

Members of the Farmington Township Lions Club will be stationed at key locations throughout the community on April 26, 27 and 28, 1957, and in what is expected to be the greatest White Cane Sale in the history of Lions International.

Officials stated that the Annual Sale will take place during "White Cane Week" April 28 to May 4. The proceeds from the sale of the miniature white canes are used to support the Leader Dog League and the home for the blind at Grand Rapids.

In March 1957 a Michigan law was passed giving all blind persons equipped with a red tipped white cane the right of way on any thoroughfare in the state.

Lions Clubs throughout the state have assisted blind persons by providing operations which they could not afford in order to restore their sight. Others have helped by means of a leader dog to "see" for them. Officials emphasized that continued support of the White Cane Sale by residents of the Farmington Community will permit the Lions Club to carry on this vital assistance program.

COUNCIL AWARDS MOONEY STREET SEWER CONTRACT

A contract for the construction of a storm sewer on Mooney Street, north of Grand River was awarded to the Joseph A. Gerrard Company, Detroit, at a bid price of \$10,508.70 by action of the City Council at its regular meeting Monday evening.

The contract includes the construction of 1,255 feet of sewer along Mooney street as well as the excavation of a tunnel under Grand River to carry the sewer to the existing main. The ultimate cost is to be borne by the benefiting property owners. It is anticipated that work on the project will begin immediately.

The sewer line will connect the new Farmington Plaza Shopping Center being constructed on the west side of Mooney north of Grand River as well as some adjacent property.

It is proposed that following completion of the sewer the west half of Mooney Street will be paved.



A FEATURE attraction for the two floor shows to be given at the Scout "Scout-O-Rama" this Saturday, April 27, will be the "Can-Can Follies," to be presented by boys of Farmington Troop 110. Rehearsing for the act are, left to right: Albert Carriere of 33653 State Street, Richard Svietski of 33282 Leelanau, Michael Burke of 23398 Violet St. and Michael Harris of 31055 Moore Drive. The annual District "Scout-O-Rama" program will be presented at the Walled Lake Senior High School.

Advise Board Of Steps To Speed Construction On New Junior High

Steps are now being taken to speed up construction work on the new O. E. Duncum junior high school being built on 12 Mile Road, northwest of Farmington. The school is expected to be completed on schedule, before the start of the school year.

Parapata expressed confidence that the building should be finished on schedule. He indicated in detail and approved with only minor changes. Allen was instructed to continue with working drawings and authorized to make test borings at the site.

Also studied in detail were rough plans for a similar addition at the Middlebelt School submitted by J. MacDonald Jacob, architect.

Some concerns were expressed by the Board over the fact that the estimated cost for the proposed addition, as drawn up by the architect, was higher than 1 1/2 amount earmarked for this addition.

ADMINISTRATORS pointed out that they had instructed the architect to lay out a large two class-room kindergarten unit similar to that at the Bond School since it felt that the need for such a unit existed. Originally only a single room kindergarten had been included in his rough sketches.

Following discussion it was agreed that some reduction in cost could be made by cutting the size of the double kindergarten unit slightly as well as the width of the proposed corridor. Jacob was instructed to proceed with more detailed plans incorporating changes recommended to him. He was also requested to study mechanical.

(See SCHOOL BOARD, Pg. 8A)

WOODCREEK SET FOR CHARTER HEARING THURSDAY

Copies of the proposed charter for the Village of Woodcreek Farms will be distributed to property owners at a public hearing to be held Thursday evening, April 25, at the Eagle School, Middlebelt and 14 Mile Roads.

The purpose of the hearing will be to explain in detail the provisions of the proposed charter which will be voted on by the qualified electors of Section 12 at a special election on May 6. The Charter Commission will participate in the explanation and answer any questions from the electors.

During the hearing, registration applications will be available for those persons who are not already registered in the Section. The final day of registration is set for Monday, May 6. The qualified electors of the Village will vote on the proposed charter June 3.

OK Constitution For League Of Subdivisions

Representatives of 19 organized subdivisions in Farmington Township, Monday evening, unanimously approved the proposed Constitution and By-Laws for a permanent League of Subdivision Associations.

The proposal was adopted by a vote of 20 to 0 at the Constitutional Convention held Monday evening in the 10 Mile Road Elementary School. The Constitution as drafted by the Board of Directors was approved by a vote of 19 to 0.

The Convention set up a target date of mid-June for the initial organization meeting of the permanent League. According to the Constitution, a total of nine subdivisions are required to ratify the proposal before the League can function as an official organization.

FOLLOWING adoption of the Constitution, the convention elected a nominating committee to recommend candidates for office within the League. The committee members are: John H. Bradley, Glen O. Boyd, Bernard J. Cantor, Holly Hill Farms; Harold Ellis, Woodbine; James M. Chalmers, Staman Acres and Kenneth J. Kuhlman, Kuhlman Farms.

Representatives from 19 out of 25 organized subdivisions in the Township participated in the Constitutional Convention. In addition, three out of four subdivisions, now in the process of organization, were represented as observers.

It was agreed to establish a committee for the purpose of recommending initial policies for the organization of the League. It was also suggested that emphasis be placed on the existence of the Speaker's Bureau as an aid in supplying information to individual subdivisions regarding the League.

Subdivision associations desiring the services of the Bureau are requested to contact Ray B. Wilcox at GR 4-8183.

EQUIPMENT SHED BROKEN INTO, TOOLS STOLEN

A tool shed owned by the Ray B. Wilcox Construction Company, located behind the LaSalle Winery Company on Grand River Avenue, was broken into and tools stolen early last Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

Stolen was a skill saw, a cutting torch and accessories and a battery jumper. Total value of the equipment is estimated at \$200. Entry was had by breaking a padlock on the tool shed door.

The break-in is being investigated by the City of Farmington police department.

AROUND THE BLOCK

FURTHER PROOF... of what cooperation and unity of purpose can accomplish was demonstrated Monday evening at the Constitutional Convention of the League of Subdivision Associations. While there were constructive debates on several points of the proposed Constitution, there were no arguments on the value or purpose of such an organization in the Township.

During the next week... members of the Farmington Township Lions Club will be hard at work selling you on the importance of a miniature "White Cane" program. Possibly a White Cane may mean a new life to you personally, but to someone, somewhere, it could well mean a new life. This is the real significance behind that miniature "White Cane" pin which you will be asked to buy on April 26-27 and May 1-3 and 4. So remember when you see that Lions Club member with the miniature white cane, give them your support. There's a corner, don't pass them by. Give them your support. There's a corner, don't pass them by. Give them your support. There's a corner, don't pass them by. Give them your support.

CONSTRUCTION work is being completed at an accelerated rate on the new Farmington Plaza Shopping Center in hopes that the center can be completed and ready for opening the latter part of July or the first part of August. The new center is located on the north side of Grand River just west of Orchard Lake Road.