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Hunters Ridge, Gets Tentative Approval From Twp. Zone Board

After lengthy discussion at their regular meeting on April 22, the Township Zoning Board gave tentative approval to the rezoning of approximately one-half of the 100-acre proposed "Hunters Ridge" development. Hunters Ridge, an approximately 1,000 unit multiple development to be located in section 3, south of 14 Mile Road and west of Orchard Lake Road, was up for public hearing on the request of Mel Construction Company. The request was to rezone the property from R-4, single family detached, to RC, multiple and B-2, business.

Mel Rosenhaus made a presentation of plans for the project, including site plan, site drawings, and a scale model of the future development.

Ok Rezoning For Nursing Home in Twp

The Children's Hospital property, 33 acres in the west half of section 35, west of Tuck Road, between 8 and 9 Mile Roads, has been rezoned from RA-3 to RC by unanimous action of the Township Zoning Board at a public hearing on April 22.

The Grosse Pte. Nursing Home will use the existing buildings now and later construct living quarters for nursing home patients to bring in a sewer line along Tuck Road and make other improvements.

The hospital, which has been using a non-conforming usage, has been vacant for four years. Ernest Levin, attorney for the nursing home, stated that use of the property by the Grosse Pte. Nursing Home organization would be an asset to the community in that it will be an employing unit and will provide tax base since the nursing home is not a non-profit organization.

Levin was high in his praise of the nursing home organization and its manager, Joseph Mach. He said that the home will operate under a State license which covers the entire unit.

The matter must now go before the Zoning Board of Appeals, since nursing homes require special approval under the Zoning Ordinance.

City Fire Dept. Fights Blazes In Two Homes

The Farmington City Department of Public Safety was called upon this past week to fight two house fires of major proportions and labeled the week's firefighting efforts the greatest in nearly a decade.

Extensive damage to the Roger LeMieux home at 33413 Oakland Avenue near Pickett Street in the City occurred in the early morning hours of April 22. The fire, the cause of which is still under investigation, required 12 men from the Public Safety Department to extinguish. Fifteen gallons of 300 gallons of water on the blaze in addition to using hand fire extinguishers.

MRS. LEMIEUX and all of her four children were able to escape without injury. The fire was reported at 2:30 a.m. on Friday.

A BLAZE at the home of Thomas Roberts at 20921 Robinwood in Farmington Area Subdivision, the City Public Safety Department called both of their fire engines into service. The fire broke out Monday afternoon with Mrs. Thomas and two children sleeping in the home. Children aroused by two boys returning from classes at the Flanders School, Fourth and fifth graders, Mike Miller and Dave Russell pounded on the door of the Roberts home after they noticed smoke streaming from the windows and the mother and children escape safely.

Flames and heat from the fire was so intense that paint

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will have 24-hour guard service. The main building "Hunters Ridge" will house the management office, service departments, parcel receiving room, and clubhouse, entertainment, and health facilities. Recreational areas will offer nature trails, tennis courts, heated pools and cabanas. Service roads will be maintained throughout and entrance-exit roads are to be located so that any additional traffic should not disturb adjacent residential areas.

Rosenhaus stated that the luxury rental housing units will be constructed at a density of 10 units per acre. (The density allowed when the project was first proposed was 14 units per acre.) He said that there will be no two buildings duplicated or similar. His company wants to construct quality homes with "no cookie cutter pattern."

Designs of the units will be based on the natural topography he said, and well over 20 different floor plans will be used.

HUNTERS SQUARE, a commercial area to be located at the corner of Orchard Lake and 14 Mile roads will be a Williamsburg type shopping mall containing retail stores, specialty shops, restaurants and service stores. Neon lights, moving signs and automobile traffic will not be permitted in the shopping center. When the matter was opened

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Adm. Salary Schedule Is Approved

A new administrative salary schedule for the 1965-66 and 1966-67 school years was adopted by the Farmington Board of Education at their regular meeting of April 26.

For the first time, a two-year schedule was adopted. The administrative salaries were arrived at by starting with the third step in the teachers' salary schedule. This was multiplied by a weighted factor which recognizes the additional administrative responsibility and hours required by the job. The factor varies in proportion to the number of weeks the administrator is employed.

SOME INEQUITIES that existed in the old salary schedule have been removed by listing one group of administrative salaries in terms of weeks this year. In the second year's schedule, all administrative salaries are listed in terms of weeks. An administrator working 10 months is actually working more than 40 weeks. This group consists of all junior high school assistant principals at present.

The two high school principals are listed on the 12 months schedule for this year. See Adm. Salary Page 8-A



THE RAIDER WORK DAY will be staged this Saturday, May 1, by students at North Farmington High School. The annual project is staged by NPHS students to accomplish two objectives, improving the community and raising spending money through the service of doing odd jobs and chores for homeowners. The students pictured above getting ready for the Saturday project are (L to R) Ron Watson, Sue Worack, Rick Pender, Cathy Heimforth, Janis Pierce and Jim Jalich.



JUNK CARS DETRACT from the view neighbors and others have in any community and it is hoped property owners will use the special time set aside during the month of May to see that backyards and other areas around their homes are cleaned up and made more presentable. The special "Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up" campaign staged annually during May in the community hopefully will stir property owners into taking steps to eliminate blighted conditions such as the scene pictured above. In Farmington Township, the Township has an ordinance against open storage of junk cars and will be stepping up its enforcement of the law during the clean-up campaign.

3 Subdivisions Protest Transfer of Children

Forestbrook subdivisions, protesting the transfer of elementary school children from Highmeadow School, which they are now attending, to Middlebelt school next year. The group feels that they are being discriminated against because there are only a few children (64) in the area of the three subdivisions, south of Twelve Mile Road, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads. The children had been transferred four and five times.

Seek Paving Of Kenbrook Parking Lot

The safety committee of the Kenbrook School appeared at the regular Board of Education meeting on April 26, to ask for improvement of the school's parking lot. Mrs. Bowman, chairman of the committee, told about the condition of the lot and presented photographs to support her case. The lot, Mrs. Bowman said, was enlarged last year to a capacity of 50 cars; but the large chuk holes and muddy areas have again reduced its size to accommodate only about 20 cars. BECAUSE OF the condition of the lot, she said, many automobiles are being parked along Bonnet Hill Road which makes a hazard for children when going home from school. The committee asks that the lot be paved, and that the area between the school and the road be paved and the surrounding areas. Water does not drain away. He said several of the culverts are too high for proper drainage and that the area at the school had been lowered as much as possible. Gerald V. Harrison, superintendent, stated that the school district has many unpaved parking lots and that the board would be taking on quite a financial burden if paving of the Kenbrook lot is considered.

The board passed a motion, made by Vernon Fisher and seconded by Herbert Neal, to employ Fate and Hira, engineers, to investigate drainage conditions at the school and report to them.

Schedule Sewer Project Hearings

Public hearings were set Monday night by the Farmington Township Board on three more proposed special assessment sewer improvement projects in the township. One of these three hearings will be for the establishment of a large new sewer improvement district in the southeast corner of the township while the other two will be on cost estimates for proposed districts in two smaller subdivision areas. In every case where such an improvement project is proposed two hearings are required. The first hearing is for the purpose of establishing the need for the improvement and the second for the purpose of giving benefiting property owners an opportunity to raise questions or voice objections to the amount that they will be assessed for this improvement.

Clean-Up Drive Kickoff May 5

Final preparations are now being made for the kick-off of the annual clean-up, fix-up and paint-up campaign to be conducted the first part of May in Farmington City and Township. This will mark the fifth consecutive year that such a community betterment and brightening up project has been undertaken locally on an organized basis and each year has been gaining in scope and participation. The annual clean-up week project was spearheaded by the South Farmington Township Civic Association whose members continue to take a leading role in the endeavor. Both the city and township have now gotten solidly behind this clean-up effort as has the Farmington Board of Commerce and various other local organizations with a sincere interest in making Farmington a better community in which to live and work.

THE CAMPAIGN will be officially kicked off this coming Wednesday, May 5, and continue through the balance of that week and all of the following week, ending on Saturday, May 15. Official action has been taken by both the city council and township declaring this period Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up time.

Site plans for a 255-unit Town House type apartment development on a 20-acre parcel of land at 9 Mile and Gill Road proposed by developer Burt Smither were approved by the Township Board at a regular meeting Monday night. One addition to the plans as presented and thoroughly reviewed and studied by the Township Zoning Board and the township's planning consultants will be required, however, the developer will be required to provide a sidewalk both along Nine Mile Road and Gill Road.

It was Trustee Byron Walter who suggested that this should be the grading and drainage portion of the project under construction by July of this year so that work can be done by this fall. His report stated: "Since these are both county primary roads, both projects will be completed at no cost to Farmington Township."

OK Plans for 255 Apt Units

Another major road improvement planned for Farmington is the grading, drainage and resurfacing of Haggerty Road from 12 Mile to 14 Mile. Preparatory to asphalt surfacing of this section of roadway the following year. The Oakland County Road Commission, which is the improvement planner for Farmington, has been notified by the Farmington Township Board of the project under construction by July of this year so that work can be done by this fall. His report stated: "Since these are both county primary roads, both projects will be completed at no cost to Farmington Township."

Poor Living Conditions In Kemberton Park Aired

Between 40 and 50 residents of Kemberton Park Subdivision have met with the directors of the South Farmington Township Civic Association last Thursday night at the K. of C. Hall to discuss problems in their neighborhood and try to determine steps that could be taken to correct them. Kemberton Park is that subdivision area north of Nine Mile and east of Middlebelt Road. As the meeting turned out, it became more of a session level sharp criticism against Farmington Township officials and officials of the county for their alleged failure to get the neighborhood's problem conditions corrected. Some of the citizens showed a sincere interest in trying to find ways to solve their bad roads, water, sewer and general unsanitary condition problems. Others made it clear by their comments, however, that they felt nothing could ever be done for them and they were at the meeting to heap criticism on township officials. SUPERVISOR Curt Hall who was present at the meeting on Monday night took the brunt of the attack. He explained to the audience that tap-ins to the water lines already down the streets in the area were being made as quickly as possible but that there was some delay due to the high water table encountered. Those with the most dire needs have been given first hooked into the water lines first, Hall commented. The supervisor pointed out that the only real solution that there was to the bad road problem was for the property owners to come up with matching sums of money with the township to get the unpaved roads in the subdivision brought up to standard conditions. Grading itself will do no good, he emphasized, and the county only has about \$79,000 to spend a year on Farmington Township road maintenance. Hall pointed out that about \$38,000 of this total was spent on sewer and sewer maintenance work alone during the past year. He also pointed out that the \$79,000 doesn't go very far when one considers that there is approximately 110 miles of gravel roads in the township to be taken care of. ON THE SANITARY sewerage disposal problem, the supervisor emphasized that corrective action was in the works but that considerable time was necessary for all the legal and paper work on a special assessment improvement project of this kind. Hearings on the improvement are nearly concluded, he pointed out, but the township then have to go to the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission for an okay followed by time to advertise for bids paid lot contracts.

Gas Station Turned Down

A rezoning request by Shell Oil Company to rezone the southeast corner of Orchard Lake and Fourteen Mile roads from B-2 to B-1 to permit construction of a gasoline service station was denied at a public hearing held by the Township Zoning Board on April 22. In board discussion it was pointed out that there are several vacant gasoline stations in the township, that many stations have become junk-car havens, that most stations allow unsightly piles of oil drums to accumulate, that some stations have trash cans of refuse burning continually. The board feels that there are too many gasoline stations in the Township at the present time and denied the request.

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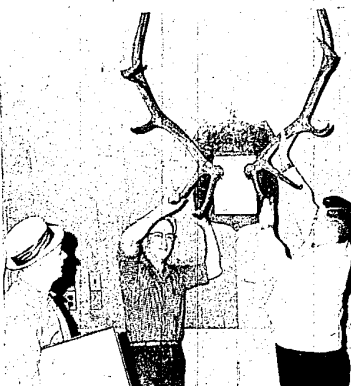
THE HEARING for the purpose of determining the need for a district will be for Richard Gardens. Subdivision which includes that area extending from Middlebelt Road on the west to Hamilton Street on the east and from Grand River Avenue almost to Shawansee Street to the north. The exact number of benefiting properties in this proposed new district area has not yet been determined but a tentative total cost estimate has been set at \$346,946, according to Clerk Floyd Cairns.

The hearing has been set for Tuesday, May 25, at 8 p.m. It has tentatively been scheduled for either the William Grace or Greenwood School in the neighborhood. ONE OF THE cost estimate hearings will be for Kemberton Park Subdivision west of Middlebelt and north of Nine Mile. There are serious sanitary sewage disposal problems prevail. This hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, at 8 p.m. at the Township Hall.

The second cost estimate sewer hearing will be for the Park Hill Subdivision area north of 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road. This hearing will be on Thursday, May 20, at 8 p.m. and will also be at the Township Hall.

The second cost estimate hearing of this week the cost estimate hearing for the proposed Grand River Homes special assessment sewer improvement project was held. The Grand River Homes District is that area west of Middlebelt Road between Grand River Avenue and Nine Mile Road.

Plans are now being formalized by the directors of the Farmington Board of Commerce for special Farmington Founders Days tentatively scheduled for the last three days during July. The hope is that the success of the first such special community festival during this year will establish this as an annual community event to dramatize the many fine features of Farmington to the local citizenry but also to others from communities nearby in all directions. Ken Ekstrom, president of the Electric Company and an active director of the Board of Commerce, has been officially named as chairman of the special Founders Days program for this year. He will be assisted by other B. of C. directors. While no definite plans have yet been set, a number of festivities and programs that should be of interest to all in the community are being considered. Numerous clubs and organizations in the community will be asked to take part in the festive days which will local business and professional groups, it has been reported. More definite plans will be promised to be announced in the near future.



THE FARMINGTON ELKS, B.P.O.E. No. 1986, are on the move. Exalted Ruler Doug Horst (left) is pictured above holding the Club's Charter while (L to R) Rod Mahaney and Joe Brodie get set to take down the giant set of Elks' antlers which will be moved into the new lodge quarters purchased from the City of Farmington. The Old Grace Hotel which has been the home of the Farmington Elks for many years, will be razed to make way for more downtown parking facilities.