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# City Master Plan Hearing Brings Out 26 Residents

Farmington's City Planning Commission moved one step closer to the adoption of its General Development Plan at a public hearing Monday, April 25.

The plan, three years in the making, was presented to the public last week through a brochure distributed throughout the city. Only a few Farmington residents, 26 to be exact, were present at the hearing.

Commission chairman, Fred M. Seibert, stressed that this plan was intended to show projected planning for the city in the future and was not to be applied to today's zoning.

The Planning Commission was aided in their research by the Development Planning Company of Pontiac. The study was made possible through a Federal Grant from the Urban Renewal Administration of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, under the Urban Planning Assistance Program authorized by Section 701 of the Housing Act of 1954.

City Manager John Dinan also pointed out that federal monies would supply up to 50 percent of funds needed to acquire land for parks, many of which were designated along the river to act as flood control areas.

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Farmington in order to achieve, the map presented in their brochure.

In reviewing the growth projected for the city they realized that the remaining population capacity within the city is about 10,800. Farmington, with a present population of over 9,000 has a well organized municipal government which could serve an additional area and population at diminishing unit cost, according to the plan.

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## A Photo Editorial



SPRING IS CLEANUP time and from this scene just south of Folsom Rd. in Farmington Township such dumping is illegal according to Township authorities.

The scene appears on Truck Rd.

## Township Moves Toward Sewers In 10 Mile Area

Two special assessment districts were established by the Farmington Township Board Monday night as the first step in providing sanitary sewers for five streets in the Supervisor's Middlebelt Ten Mile Plan No. 2.

The streets that would be serviced are: Edgell, Hemlock, Medbury, Geraldine and Omenwood.

Petitions had been received from residents on the first three streets requesting sewers, while merely verbal requests had come from the residents of Geraldine and Omenwood.

For that reason two separate districts were established. However, the thought was that, if after a hearing to determine the necessity of such a project on Geraldine and Omenwood and the majority of the landowners concurred with the proposal, the five streets would be serviced under the same project thus bringing down the overall cost.

In other business the Board: Approved the purchase of a Ford pickup truck with four wheel drive at a total cost of \$2,536.46;

Approved a beer and wine license for the new Borman Food Store (Big D) located at 14 Mile and Middlebelt Rds.;

Took the necessary steps to provide street lights at the three entrances to the Kimberly Subdivision following a request and commitment to pay the operating costs of the lights from the Subdivision Association;

Voted to donate \$50 toward the cost of the Memorial Day parade (the City Council took similar action last week); and

Named Trustee Earl Oppert, house and Supervisor Curt Hall to meet with Farmington Board of Education President Leland Clifford and Trustee Herbert Neal to work out a mutually satisfactory arrangement to remedy the flooding conditions in the Dunkel Junior High area.

## State Auction Date for Bikes

Unclaimed property in the police department will be sold at a public auction on Saturday, May 14 beginning at 10 a.m. in the parking lot at the Township Hall.

The majority of the items to be sold are unclaimed bicycles confiscated by Township Police during the past year.

The Farmington Township Board set the date of the sale at its regular meeting last Monday night, but did not make a decision on what the proceeds would be used for. Last year more than \$700 was raised at the auction.

As in the past Township Supervisor Curt Hall will serve as the auctioneer.

## Name Three School Heads

Three persons were named to newly appointed administrative posts Monday evening at the regular meeting of the Farmington Board of Education.

James L. Leary, of the Greenville School District will take on the all-new post of Director of Secondary Curriculum. Richard Thompson Tyler will be Director of Summer School and Adult Education and Earl Baumunk will become Director of Vocational Education. Both Tyler and Baumunk at present are coordinators of the program that they will direct.

Leary, presently the Assistant Curriculum Coordinator and Director of Adult Education at Clarksville, was awarded a B.A. degree from Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire in 1958. He obtained an MA in 1958 at the University of Michigan and presently is doing doctoral research work at the same school in curriculum studies.

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## To Discuss Issues on Incorporation

The Committee for the preservation of Farmington Township, Inc., will host a public meeting on Monday, May 2 at 8 p.m. at the Flinders School at which time the issues involved in the incorporation movement will be reviewed and fully discussed. Flinders School is located at 32000 Flinders, west of Farmington Rd., north of Eight Mile Rd. All interested citizens are urged to attend.

## Jaycees Open Up Speakers Bureau On Ballot Proposal

The Farmington Jaycees have established a speaker's bureau available to any group in the area to discuss the pools and auditorium project facing the voters of the Farmington School District on June 13.

For information regarding a speaker or concerning the proposal contact Dr. John Richardson, Jaycee Community Development Chairman at GR 6-4230 or Bill Mitchell at 476-4116.

If the proposal should be approved by the voters a pool and auditorium would be constructed at both Farmington High School and North Farmington High School. In addition the facilities would be added to the plans for the third high school which is to be built within the next two years.

The Farmington Jaycees spearheaded a drive to place the approval on the June 13 ballot. They are now eager to inform the voters as what the proposal will accomplish and (Continued on Page 18B.)

## Registration Time Flying

Under Michigan law voter registrations must be closed 30 days prior to an election.

With the June 6 election on the sunset for Farmington Township taking steps to becoming a home rule city registrations in the Township will be closed on Monday, May 16.

The annual school election is scheduled for June 13. With this in mind registrations in the City will be closed on Monday, May 16.

Township Clerk Floyd Cairns reports that his office will be open from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. April 29 and May 6 as well as from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. April 30 and May 7 to accommodate new voters. On May 9 the Township Clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

City Clerk Treva Quinn reports that her office is open for registrations from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 16.

It is necessary to register if you have recently moved, just attained the age of 21, or failed to vote during the past two years.

## Planners Slate Hearing On Filing Fee Hike Plan

The Farmington Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the raising of its filing fees at its regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, April 28 beginning at 8 p.m. in the Township Hall.

Under the proposal the filing fee would be raised to \$150 with a \$75 rebate if a public hearing on the proposal is held. The change grew out of a suggestion by Planning Commission member and Township Trustee Earl Oppert who reflected the feeling that many "speculative" proposals were being brought to the commission and a rate in the fee might cut down on this.

Two other public hearings are also scheduled.

A rezoning request from RA-4 Residential to B-1 Local Business on Shawwassee Rd. between Purdue and Colgate. The purpose of the rezoning would be to allow the construction of a party store.

A public hearing on a rezoning request from RA-4 to B-3 general business, O-office and parking will be held on Monday, May 2 at 8 p.m. at the Flinders School at which time the issues involved in the incorporation movement will be reviewed and fully discussed. Flinders School is located at 32000 Flinders, west of Farmington Rd., north of Eight Mile Rd. All interested citizens are urged to attend.

## School Board OKs Wording

The Farmington Board of Education Monday evening gave their stamp of approval to the formal wording of two proposals that call for the construction of three swimming pools and auditoriums in the district.

If passed, these two propositions would authorize the raising of funds necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the auditoriums and swimming pools at the two existing senior high schools and the new senior high building to be constructed in the future in the Middlebelt-Twelve Mile area.

The bond proposal calls for the borrowing of approximately \$3,000,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of erecting, furnishing and equipping the pools and auditoriums.

The operating millage proposition requests an increase in the tax limitation in the school district by one mill on each dollar (\$1.00 per \$1,000) of the assessed valuation as equalized for a period of 10 years from 1967 to 1976.

## J. L. Lehman Accepts College Post in U.P.

Dr. James Lehman, of 25331 Castleridge, Farmington Township, has been named president of the Gogebic Community College in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Lehman has been Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Instruction in the South Redford School District in Redford Township.

The Lehmans moved to Farmington Township last year. Dr. Lehman and his wife, Mary Ann, have five children: Mary Celeste, 12; Mary Catherine, 9; Mary Helen, 6; Mary Margaret, 3; and James John, 18 months.

He is the first president of the community college which is located in Ironwood. The college has been in operation since 1934 in connection with a school district, but was formed in a separate district last October.

Lehman, who grew up in the U.P., cited "administrative challenge" as his reason for accepting a May 6 examination.

The South Redford assistant superintendent first became associated with that school district 16 years ago when he was elected to the Board of Education. After serving two years of a three year term he received a fellowship from the National School Board Association to study for his doctorate at Northwestern University.

He returned, upon completion of his doctoral studies, to South Redford to take the position of curriculum coordinator and later became assistant superintendent.

Dr. Lehman is also a graduate of the University of Detroit.



DR. JAMES L. LEHMAN

## Founders Days Kick Off May 18

Detroit's Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh will speak at the May general membership meeting of the Farmington Board of Commerce which will kick off preparations for the Second Farmington Founders Festival.

The dinner meeting will be held at the Farmington Senior High School on Shawwassee beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18. Tickets at \$25 per person will be available from any Board of Commerce Director or from the Board of Commerce President William Bowman announced that Founders Festival Co-Chairmen Jack Cotton and Harley Walters will report on plans for this year's Festival to be held July 28, 29 and 30. Theme for the celebration will be "Farmington Honors Its Own."

Bob Lindbert and Ed Balden will report on the progress of the Board's current membership drive.

## Detectors Nab 2 on Narcotics

Farmington Township Detectives arrested two subjects last week and charged them with the fraudulent possession of narcotics with a forged prescription.

On April 20 a 36-year-old female from Detroit was arrested for trying to purchase narcotics in the Township with a fraudulent prescription. She was arraigned on April 21 and was released on \$1,500 bond pending a May 6 examination.

Detectors arrested a man from Detroit on April 21. He was attempting to purchase narcotics with a forged prescription. The prescription pad was stolen from a Detroit doctor on April 18. Township police officers said that the subject was being investigated in connection with several other incidents.

The male was arraigned on April 21 and bond was set at \$1,500. He is being held in the Oakland County Jail, while an examination has been postponed pending the naming of a court-appointed attorney.

The police withheld the names of both individuals.

## Mother Revives Boy

Two year old Matthew Muller of 30001 Northbrook, Farmington, was back home this week after giving his family a big scare last Sunday. At 1 p.m. his father, John H. Muller, discovered Matthew face down in about four feet of water in the creek behind their home.

His mother applied mouth to mouth resuscitation reviving the boy. Officer Merle Spencer of the Farmington Township Police Department took both the boy and his mother to Botoford General Hospital. They were both released by Sunday evening.

## NOTICE

Due to the Large Response to the Interrelated Ward Week Contest Our Judges are just now selecting the winning entries. Winners will be notified Friday, April 29.

Have Something to Sell? Call 476-7025

## Incorporation Panel Slated at Antioch

A panel discussion on the incorporation issue in Farmington Township will be conducted April 27 at 8 p.m. at the Antioch Lutheran Church at 13 Mile and Farmington Rds.

Both the merits and objections of the question will be discussed by leaders of groups in both sides of the question. The evening is sponsored by the social ministry committee of the church. All residents of the community are invited.

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