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City Mgr. Charts Open Space Plan

The City of Farmington will participate in a four part open space program with the cooperation of the federal government and the State's Department of Conservation.

City Manager John Dinan explained the proposal to the Council Monday night and received authorization to make application for the long range project.

Total cost of the program was placed at \$139,600 by Dinan. Of this half would be paid by the federal government, a quarter by the state and a quarter by the city.

This year's City budget carries \$9,000 for the program and would take care of the City's share of the first step which is acquisition of a 30 acre parcel on Drake Rd. west of the Longacre School.

Additional plans call for the purchase of a six acre parcel northwest of Twin Valley Subdivision, a two acre parcel north of Grand River off Powers Rd. and 25 acres of the river valley south of Grand River and Nine Mile Rd.

The Suburban Checker Cab Company will receive plates from the City of Farmington allowing it to operate within the City limits. The Council had originally denied the company plates for the coming year, but voted to award them



Yule Lighting Winners Named In Kendallwood

Winners of the Kendallwood Association Christmas lighting competition were chosen on December 19. First prize on an A&M clock radio went to William Young of 28610 Kirkside.

Second place winner was Robert Johnson of 32361 Heartstone. His reward was a battery operated travel clock.

Third prize was awarded to Jack Lovett of 28790 Kendallwood. A valet steam iron was his trophy, and two honorable mentions went to Paul Robinson of 28765 Kendallwood Dr. and Alfred L. Collings of 28827 Kirkside.

Judgments were made on originality, appropriateness, overall theme and how the display looked in the glare of daylight.

Board OK's Appointment Of H. Stultz

An announcement was made at Monday night's Board of Education meeting confirming the appointment of Col. Harry Stultz as Director of Buildings and Grounds. Arriving here from Bedford, Mass., Col. Stultz will take over his duties with the Farmington School District early in January.

During the past 11 1/2 years, Col. Stultz has been serving with the Air Force as Staff Civil Engineer and Base Civil Engineer. Prior to that, five years were spent during the World War II period in positions of Battery Commander, Battalion Executive, Pilot and Administrative Quality Control Inspector.

Col. Stultz received his degree in architectural engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and did further study in engineering at Dayton University and Miami University in Ohio, Oklahoma University and Arizona State.

A comprehensive report on the Farmington perceptual development program was presented by Hugh Watson and Fred Parker following which the Board moved to expand the special education program in accordance with the departments' recommendations. The county Board of Education provides funds for such expansion in its next budget. Approval was also granted for an additional perceptual development program early in 1967.

John Washburn and Barbara Brown expressed the appreciation of the Board for the wonderful work being done in the district to help both the orthopedically and mentally handicapped children. They commended the concern and dedication of the staff members.

Herbert Neal reported that he and Leland Clifford had visited the swimming pool under construction at Wayne State University and heartily recommended the use of the water return system in use there, particularly since the architects point out that such construction can save between five and ten thousand dollars per pool.

A letter was read requesting recognition by the Farmington Association of School Administrators as a special bargaining unit. It was decided to ask the state Board of Education for advice on the propriety of granting such recognition and to obtain such other information as might be available and applicable.

Trash Pickup Under Study Once More

Possibility of establishing a special assessment district in Farmington Township to handle costs of weekly trash collections was discussed by trustees at the Township Board meeting Monday night.

Trash pickup problems throughout the Township were brought to a head last week when Tringali Co. walked out on collection jobs. It was the third company to do so within six months.

Pro's and con's of special assessment against the levy of a one or two mill tax to cover weekly pickup costs will be studied by a committee headed by Don Trivis, who has volunteered for the job.

Supervisor Curtis Hall commented that Township residents paying \$24 to \$36 per year for private trash pickup could be serviced by the Township for perhaps \$15.

THE SUGGESTION of a special assessment district was made by Township Attorney Joseph Brennan, who said that under a new state act no petitions are required for such action, although two public hearings would have to be held.

Hall noted that 200 to 250 calls a day are coming into the Township Hall from residents with trash problems. He also said that a Township contract with a pickup company could amount to \$150,000 to \$210,000 in income to that company.

Brennan said that assessments would be levied according to benefit on a pro rate basis.

Trustees made it evident that they are aware of residential objection to tax levies, but Trustee Earl Oberhauser said, "People who are paying \$24 to \$36 per year for pickup should be happy to vote for a millage."

THERE WAS also much discussion by trustees on re-opening of the Burdick property at Middlebelt and Northwestern. Now residential, the parcel has come up for zoning to multiple before the Township Planning Commission twice and before the Board once.

Township Planner Charles Lehman and the Oakland County Coordinating Committee have both sided with multiples for the site, with the Board concurring in their decision Monday night.

Attorney Wendell Brown, representing residents near the site, said, "The people would be more satisfied if the developers won by litigation instead of their elected officials. I think the developers should resort to litigation."

Trustee Thomas Nolan who proposed the motion to rezone said, "I want to stick my neck out. I do not see any future development there as residential."

After Brown's statement, Nolan said, "I believe I am acting in good faith for the people who elected me."

Hall added, "Maybe this property owner didn't vote for anybody, but he's got some rights too."

TRUSTEE OPINION is that if a zoning property owner files a lawsuit, the property would have to be rezoned anyway.

Brennan cited the Township Board's reputation in Oakland County Circuit Court "of doing right by the community."

In other action, Trustees are taking their time about signing a contract for the northeast section of the Township to connect with the Oakland County water supply system. They spent time running through the proposed contract with Brennan and approved a contract amendment that would specifically protect payment of tap-in fees.

This could be a result of current City-Township litigation over tap-in fees in the annexed Woodcreek area.

Work in Woodcreek Farms and Quakertown would be on a sub-contract basis and the whole undertaking would be a revenue project. Tax would be levied only if revenues should prove insufficient.

IN OTHER business, Trustees:

- Appointed Edwin Ogelsby to a three-year term on the Board of Review.
- Appointed William Bowler man as chairman of the Building and Grounds;
- Approved a request from County Lanes Bowling Alley to serve liquor New Year's Eve and approved a request from Fred's Bar for dancing New Year's Eve;
- Adopted a reciprocal agreement with Detroit in the registration of heating contractors.
- Approved the withdrawal of Brennan from legal work on the Township lawsuit with U.S. Tool and Cutter Co.



MRS. MARIE RUYLE (at left) has been appointed Farmington chairman of the 1967 Mothers' March division of the March of Dimes. Mrs. Treva Quinn has been named city campaign treasurer. The traditional Mothers' March door-to-door solicitation for funds will be held locally Tuesday, January 31.

Oakland Rezoning Squeaks by 3 to 2

Mayor Wilbur Brotherton and Councilman Howard Hayer opposed action taken by the other three councilmen at Monday night's City Council meeting when they voted to rezone four lots on Oakland Avenue to allow for parking space at the rear of Grand River businesses. Mayor Brotherton said that he didn't think this was the answer to the off-street parking problem.

The three 'ayes' asserted that the rezoning was necessary to help develop the downtown business area and did not think that property values would be adversely affected.

Councilman Allen said that the governing body could not keep ducking problems to avoid hurting people's feelings when the good of the city is at stake.

Hayer read this prepared statement on the subject: "I wonder sometimes what price homeowners must be expected to pay for so called 'progress.' Why must the tax paying homeowner be continually rebuked in favor of commercial and parking expansion?"

"With the exception of about two homes in the whole block (on both sides) you will find good well kept residences. This at the moment is strictly residential area and the people living on Oakland Ave. think of it as residential and want it kept that way."

"Now why, just because one individual bought a piece of commercial property and didn't have the good sense to find out beforehand what he could do with it, must these people's property values and mode of living now be put in jeopardy?"

"It's not fair; it's not right and any one of you councilmen sitting here tonight would be a good deal more confident if he were a boy fit if such an irresponsible, spot-zoning proposal as this was shoved at you."

"We don't always have to be looking out for the commercial interests; now and then we should look out for the homeowner. Let's do that tonight. Let's show these people that this council is interested in their welfare. Let's give them a vote of confidence by turning down the proposed rezoning and leave these four residential zoned residential as they should be."

"Walls built around these little areas to provide for such a limited amount of parking would be extremely unightly in a residential neighborhood and you can't really blame these people on Oakland Ave. for detesting such an idea. I am sure some of us after careful consideration would want to vote to change the present zoning and do an injustice to the Oakland Ave. property owners."

Union Lake Man Dies After Crash

Dead as a result of a Sunday morning accident on 14 Mile Rd. near Farmington Rd. is Alexander Galat, 40, of Union Lake, Michigan. A car driven by Brian Newlin, 18, of 30617 Peardree was coming out of a driveway after delivering a newspaper and failed to see the oncoming Galat car in time to avoid being struck.

Mrs. Ruyle Named Chief Of Local Mothers' March

"Birth defects kill and cripple hundreds of thousands of babies every year. The March of Dimes is trying to stop this destruction and I want to help."

Mrs. Marie Ruyle of Farmington made this comment following the announcement of her appointment as chairman of the 1967 Mothers' March division for the March of Dimes in Farmington by Mrs. Richard L. Wolfe, County Mothers' March Director. The traditional Mothers' March door-to-door solicitation will be held Tuesday, January 31, 1967.

MARCH OF Dimes funds have discovered the Salk polio vaccine, Sabin oral polio vaccine and recently a measles vaccine.

Birth defect discussion series was held during the past two months at Bloomfield Hills High School.

March of Dimes Birth Defect research diagnostic-treatment centers are locally supported at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, and another center is planned in Detroit.

"Thank the Marching Mother says," Mrs. Ruyle says. "Please, if you give to a child a chance?"

Tot Hit by Car

Robert White, age 3, of 33971 Edna St. is in "satisfactory" condition in Botsford Hospital after being struck by a car on Gill Rd. in front of G111 School last Saturday.

Driver of the car, Patricia Ann Burack of 21628 Colgate Ave. stated that she saw three children playing on the right side of the roadway, another standing on the left side. One of the three darted in front of her car and she was unable to avoid hitting him.

Young Nippers

Five juveniles were apprehended inside of St. Gerard's Church last week in possession of alcoholic beverages. They had stolen the liquor from a store in the Farmington Meadows subdivision. Officers Anthony Gubacz and William Berning released them to the custody of their parents.

Drug Carrier

James Ostrowski of Detroit has been released on bond after being arrested for larceny from the Kroger store at the Plaza last week. He was found to have narcotics on his person and was charged with violation of the narcotics act.

Armed Robbery

Armed robbery of a car occurred in the area of 14 Mile Rd. and Northwestern. The car was driven by Brian Newlin, 18, of 30617 Peardree. The driver was injured and the car was damaged. The police are looking for the suspect.

Reading One of the Local Columnists who given her a really unusual Christmas present — a gift certificate for flu shots — reminded us of one received by a close friend from her spouse. It was a weaving loom. Not one of those neat little things that turn out potholders and guest towels, but one designed for king-size afghans or rugs. She figured that in order to keep it they would have to get rid of the grand piano and extend the living room wall a couple of feet. Besides, her closest acquaintance with warp and woof was what paint does when it's wet or puppy dogs do when they are playful. So that was one gift horse she stared directly in the teeth and took it back as promptly as possible. Their marriage has never been the same, but with which one ever is?

by Shirley Berger



NINTH GRADERS at Farmington Junior High created these charming paper mache figures as a tribute to the holiday season.