

Live-work-play complex studied

By MARY LOU CALLAWAY

A 172-acre community where a resident could work, live and play could be a reality by 1980 if a proposal reviewed Tuesday for a planned development at Maple and Haggerty roads in West Bloomfield goes through.

The development would be at the north-east corner.

The township planning commission agreed to put the proposal on their Aug. 24 meeting agenda, with a public hearing to follow in September.

Leonard Segal presented the plan for developer Ronald Licht, saying, "In 1974 we decided the time was right but we bided our time until the master plan was adopted and tailored our proposal to it."

The parcel includes 800 feet on Walnut Lake Road which he said his clients had owned for nine years.

Township Planning Director Frank Ray-

mond called the proposal "well conceived, designed from the outset to conform to our master plan." It includes one-family residential, multiple-family residential, office, commercial and industrial.

Some rezoning will be required but Vil-

can-Leman planning consultant Claude Coates said, "It is not a significant variation to the master plan."

Segal showed slides of elaborately researched plans using township projected needs for convenience and comparison shopping in 1980 and 1990. Segal said the development plans are in the first stage, aimed for 1980 needs.

The first stage will be the residential area which Segal said includes 33 acres which the developer is asking to be qual-

ified for the township's planned sub-

division option.

Consideration of this request will be discussed and possibly voted on at the September meeting.

"WE VISUALIZE this as an exciting concept with restaurants in the shopping area where people from offices, industrial and apartments can go. We plan bike paths which will be mutually satisfactory," he said.

Taking a swipe at the Orchard and Pine Lake malls on Orchard Lake Road, which Segal said have 25 and 34 per cent vacancy rates, respectively, he said, "There is something wrong. There are reasons for these vacancy rates."

He offered to elaborate at another time, presumably private.

Old Orchard Shopping Center, he said, has a zero vacancy rate.

IN BREAKING DOWN how the Maple Ridge parcels would fit the master plan with some rezoning, Segal showed 18 acres as business (B-2); 21.5 acres in multiples and a 21.5-acre transitional zone.

Single family (R-15) is planned for 88

acres, 45 acres or industrial.

In other business Tuesday, the planning commission voted 4-1, with Commissioner Raymond Holland dissenting, to deny proposing a rezoning of a 10-acre residential area on the south side of Maple between Ford Hospital and Drake as had been requested by the township board.

In earlier action, the commission approved the special use and site plan for a funeral home on nearly three acres in the same area as proposed by Kenneth Cares for the J. Brady and Sons Co.

Only Commissioner Jeffrey Leeb voted against the special use proposal for the funeral home, saying, "Not because I dislike the facade, but I believe the use and the zoning will have a negative effect on Maple Road."

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Science students research at MSU

Two juniors from Farmington High School, Elizabeth Gibb and David Krohn, took part in the 1976 honors science program at Michigan State University for six weeks during June and July.

Miss Gibb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gibb, 2250 Frederick, measured the distance of genes in chromosome groups. This will help determine if there is a difference in distance between chromosomes that have normal genes and groups that have genes for Down's syndrome, sometimes called mongolism.

She is a student council senator, a member of the National Honor Society and the

gymnastics and track teams at Farmington High.

Krohn, son of Dr. and Mrs. Don Krohn, 32733 Raphael, did immunology research, testing white blood corpuscles with antigens, an antibody producing substance, to see if the white blood corpuscles produce antibodies.

He is a student council representative and on the varsity debate and tennis teams. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, the gun club and the ski club.

The program, cosponsored by the National Science Foundation, provides high school students with an opportunity to live, work and study in a university environ-

ment. They also have a chance to interact with other students, like themselves, who share an interest in science.

Participants spent mornings in classroom activities, including an introductory computer science course, group discussions and occasional tours of places of scientific and non-scientific interest on and off campus.

Guest lectures were often part of the morning activity. Afternoons were spent working on research projects in biology, biochemistry, physics, engineering or computer science.

Charles R. Peebles, associate professor of natural science at the university, has been the program director for eight years.

District readies books, schools

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Building improvements in excess of \$200,000

are now being completed at North Farmington High School.

The art room is being relocated and remodeled. The sewing room will be in the old art room location.

Other improvements include an instrument room for the band; a permanent wall and fire doors between the auditorium and main building; addition of two stalls in the restrooms; plus additional instructional and storage space and improvements in the wood and metal shops. These latter include a dust collector in the wood shop and an improved air handling system in the shops.

Less readily apparent, but certainly just as important are the changes in the elementary program. The district was one of the first to plan the inclusion of the metric system in the elementary classroom.

Last year, metrics were taught through the third grade. This fall, that system will be extended through the sixth grade. There will be a new math program along with this and new Scott Foresman texts.

As these metric-wise students move into junior high, the curriculum will be changed to accommodate them, Friedman said.

The new laboratory approach science programs in the elementary schools introduced last year with great success will continue, and a new spelling program will start this fall.



DAVID KROHN

Gun safety program set

If you own a weapon and want to learn how to use it properly, the Farmington Hills Police Department is offering a civilian firearm safety course Aug. 21.

The Saturday session is open free of charge to all Farmington Hills and Farmington residents at the Hills pool range, 34000 Grand River, right behind the former White Motors building.

Certified Hills police firearm instructors will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to instruct any interested person in gun safety.

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