

Developer gets nix from township

By MARY LOU CALLAWAY

In an unprecedented move Tuesday night, West Bloomfield Supervisor John Doherty recommended withholding any consideration of Pulte Homes of Michigan's bid for approval for a 56-lot additional development in the Fox Green subdivision.

"Our summer has been spent handling complaints in that subdivision (located off Walnut Lake Road between Farmington and Drake roads)," Doherty said. "It's been the greatest intrusion on the time of our departments. Complaints date back four and five months. It's not fair to the department. We will table this until the complaints drop off."

Joining in the unanimous vote by the West Bloomfield Township Board, Trustee Thomas Law warned, "We want it remedied and solved."

"If you haven't got your act together, we're not giving you carte blanche to do others," added Trustee Raymond Holland.

A stunned Pulte vice-president, Ron Smith, suggested that the problem had been sales success. "The number of houses sold has placed a demand upon us. We put a lot of people on to do the type of job you wanted done. We spent a lot of money and you question our efforts," he said.

In May, homeowners complained about the workmanship of the homes built by Pulte in the Fox Run Green subdivision.

PULTE OFFICIALS and township

officials met and there was peace for about a month.

Then in June, other homeowners picked to call attention to their problems with Pulte. They cited collapsed porches, falling pillars, flooded yards, leaky basements and other building problems.

Pulte representatives said the problems were between them and their customers who were threatening lawsuits.

Residents said they were either ignored or treated rudely when they tried to contact the developers.

"If you say to homeowners, all they have to do is go to the township and they'll (township) hold up a developer, they'll (homeowners) do it," countered Smith.

The township's switchboard operator confirmed the number of daily complaints from the residents of the subdivision.

"Even my hairdresser has heard about it," the switchboard operator laughed.

Following Tuesday's meeting, Doherty said he will also recommend holding up approval on the 196-acre homesite planned by Pulte off Greer Road in the northwest section of the township which already has planning commission approval.

"I SPENT ABOUT a week out there in Fox Run. I can name times, dates and places. The department heads have gone with me. People can't live like that. Your company has too much

going on," continued Doherty.

"We've made a tremendous effort. I don't know what I can do to convince you," added Smith.

Doherty says if the complaints stop he will be convinced that Pulte is attempting to straighten out the problems.

Plans for the subdivision are now

tabled and will be carried as unfinished business on a future board meeting agenda.

Pulte Homes is West Bloomfield based but is involved in nationwide developments.

Doherty says they "work in spurts to correct problems only when the township shuts off building permits."

Condominium firm is established

Richard Stopa, president of Community Management Co., a Southfield based firm specializing in condominium management, has announced the formation of Common Interest Properties, Inc.


The new company will be the development arm for the parent firm specializing in condominium conversion and new condominium developments.

Sales and marketing are being coordinated through the company's brokerage firm, Condominium Realty Co.

complex since sales have not yet been opened to non-residents.

Stopa and his associates have invited selected local and Detroit area businessmen and the press for an early evening social affair next week at the Four Seasons' club house, The Equinox House, formerly the Champion Mansion.

Stopa plans to acquaint lenders, developers, builders and apartment property owners with Common Interest Properties, Inc. and Condominium Realty Company's area of specialization which have provided the foundation for the success of the parent company, Community Management.



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JOYCE HAKEMIAN

Joyce P. Hakemian of Farmington Hills died Sept. 8 in Providence Hospital. A Monaghan Knights of Columbus rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Services are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Friday in the funeral home and at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Bur-

ial is scheduled for Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Hakemian are husband, Sam; daughters, Janice Marie and Mary Anne; son, Daniel J.; and mother, Mary McCormick.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Providence Hospital—Cancer Treatment and Research program.

Common Interest Properties' most recent success is the conversion of the Four Seasons apartments in Bloomfield Hills.

Midge Keating, of the realty company, reports more than 70 of these apartments have already been reserved for sale. The reservations have been limited to persons already living in the

District saves some big money

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count, however. If Farmington loses more than the 650 students projected, the resulting decrease in state aid will have to be offset by other sources. The \$28 million 1978-79 budget includes an 11 per cent increase in local taxes and State Equalized Valuation (SEV), while most of that increase is offset by state aid declines, he says.

State aid last year totaled about \$4.75 million. Prisk expects this year's state aid to come in just under \$4 million.

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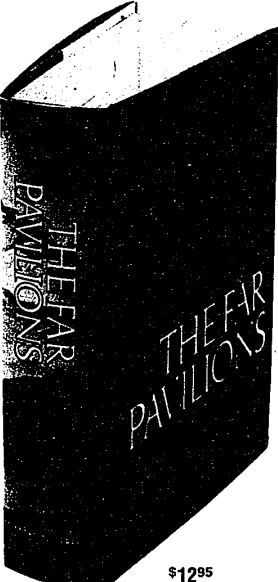
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