

Schools Change Pulte Vote

The Farmington Board of Education rescinded its opposition to the controversial Pulte Development on 12 Mile Rd. Monday night and voted to accept no stand at all.

Previously the Board had written the township planning commission that it was opposed to any change in the density zoning concept in the township. The 320 acres proposed for the "satellite village" concept lies north of 12 Mile and on both sides of Drake Rd. If adopted, the proposed development would consist of single family homes, town houses and apartments. A feature of the proposal would be a championship 18-hole golf course as open space in the development. Currently the township planners have tabled the proposal which would increase the density for that parcel of land from 2.8 units per acre to 3.8 units while it studies the feasibility of a planned unit zoning ordinance.

A T ISSUE in the school was the reversal was the knowledge supported by professional planners—that apartment buildings do not generate the same number of school children as a single family home.

The William J. Pulte Co., proponents of the new concept, has said that the apartment complex would generate 65 less children in elementary grades, 66 less in junior high and a total of 21 more children at the senior high level than if the land were developed for single family homes.

Trustee Herbert Neal asked for reconsideration of the Board's position observing that the developer had indicated that he would donate between four and five acres of land adjacent to the existing school site to the district.

"The developer doesn't have to give the land to the district," Neal said, "and we have treated him fairly."

NEAL provided the Board Black out Ends Quick

A half mile area in Farmington Township suffered a two-hour blackout Friday night, Aug. 23, as an electrical transformer burned out at 14 Mile and Middle Belt Rds.

Fred Brayton, manager of the Farmington Detroit Edison office, said the transformer failed at 8 p.m. Friday with power being restored at 10:23 p.m.

The temporary blackout affected an area one-half mile north and south of 14 Mile Rd., and one-half mile east and west of Middle Belt Rd.

When the transformer failed, it caused a short along the entire circuit causing a complete failure at the station. Brayton believed that the burning of the transformer was due to an overload of the system by the increased use of air conditioners during the recent heat wave.

members with a copy of a letter from the Max Sheldon Realty Co., which states: "This letter shall re-confirm Mr. William Pulte's intention of deeding the approximately 4-5 acre parcel to the School Board in consideration of the sum of \$1, provided, however, that the Pulte Land Company shall obtain an approval from the Farmington Township officials in order to proceed with the development plan."

The letter continues that: "I would recommend that the school board should go on record of supporting said Pulte Development Plan, as I believe that it is the finest concept which the Michigan area has ever seen. I am sure that Farmington will be very proud to pioneer in this direction."

"Unfortunately, the public-at-large in Farmington does not understand these new development ideas, and is 'anti anything new.'"

"The Pulte Development will only slightly increase the density, and will definitely be a lesser burden to the Farmington School District."

"I would suggest that you review this idea with your new members of the School Board," Since the Board had sent the original resolution to the township planners two new faces have appeared at the Board table. The new trustees are Gary Lichtman and Patricia Smith.

A MOVE by Neal to change the Board's position to one of open support for the plan was blocked when Lichtman declared that he thought the matter was not within the jurisdiction of the school board.

"I think that it was a bad idea that the original letter was sent," he asserted, "and the question is something like 'Are you still beating your wife.' We should have taken no stand at the start."

The change in policy came after a 5-1 vote on the motion. Trustees Neal, Smith, Lichtman, Richard Peters and Leonard Clifford voted in favor of the motion, while Trustee Sanford Bloomberg was opposed.

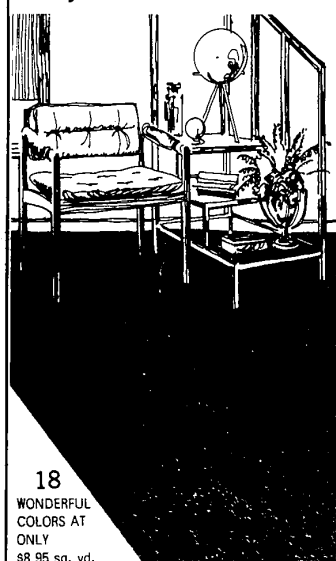
Bloomberg said he was opposed to any change in the density concept of zoning in the township.

Board President John Walsh County Sets Expectant Parents Class

Expectant parents may register for a series of eight weekly classes offered by the Oakland County Health Department by calling 358-1400, ext. 323. The free course will begin on Sept. 18, at the South Oakland Office, 27225 Greenfield, Southfield. Class hours are from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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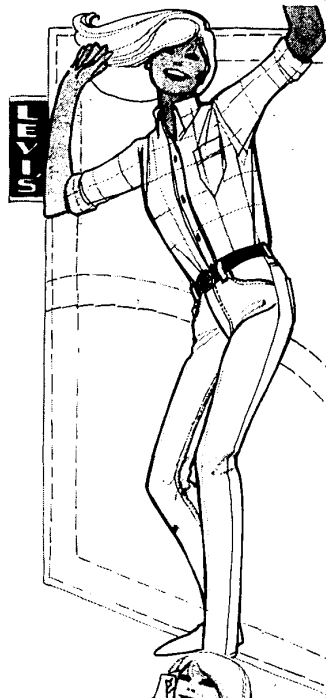
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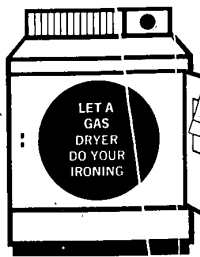


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