

# Hills to look at Peltz land as site for library

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said councilman and former library board vice president Jon Grant, adding that he was not ready to make any sort of commitment. "We have a long way to go."

Councilman Larry Lichtman agreed, saying it would be "premature" to respond officially to the library, but called for stepping up efforts in reviewing all facilities, including the library.

"I don't think we've been doing a good job of looking at the big picture," he said. "I don't feel we can make an informed decision... unless we really start doing some work in earnest."

Councilman Terry Sever suggested the library consider a smaller expansion. He said he was concerned because the city bought the Peltz parcel for recreational purposes, and that the library and parks and recreation boards might do battle over the issue.

"I'm concerned we're going to have behind-the-scenes working against parks and rec to enhance the library issue, and behind-the-scenes working against the library to enhance the parks and rec issue," he said.

"I think we have to involve both commissions... and not forget the

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city of Farmington. We need to get this all out on the table and the public needs to be involved."

IN EARLY April, the library board requested the city sell 13 acres in the Peltz area for a possible future library site because of its central location. Board president Robert Plummer said he believes the de-

feat of a library bond and operating millage issues on the ballot last fall was because of its proposed westside location.

The board intends to go back to voters — probably in 1991 or after — to attempt to get approval for a new library, he said.

"We would like to go back with a much smaller bond issue, with the

same size expansion," Plummer told the council Monday. "Whether we would go back for 1.5 (operating) mills, or whether we should, is questionable. It was an overwhelming defeat on the millage issue, obviously."

Last year's bond issue proposal was \$14.5 million.

The library currently operates on millage funded jointly by the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. If the operating millage had passed last fall, the cities had agreed to roll back their millage accordingly.

A group calling itself Concerned Citizens to Quaker Valley has made public concerns about removing

trees from the heavily wooded Peltz parcel for recreational purposes. Quaker Valley is just south of the Peltz site.

A spokesman for the group also spoke out about the library issue Monday.

"We have spent a fair amount of time considering this issue, and walking the property," said Kurt Yockey, chairman of the citizens group. "We have no particular problem with the library idea."

He said, however, he preferred to see any building or development remain "within the character of the property."

# Skydiving victim 'a very outgoing, caring person'

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ground, he would not have been killed, though he probably would have been hurt. "But you don't know what was going through his mind. When his hand caught, it might have been painful."

Schlatter said Wood had undergone more than the required amount of instruction before his jump. He had taken a 3½-hour course just two weeks before the accident, but didn't skydive because of poor weather. Wood had an hour of refresher training — exiting the plane, steering the canopy and landing and emergency techniques — before his jump Sunday.

"We keep asking ourselves, 'What else could we have told this guy?' We don't know," Schlatter said.

In nine years of business, Parachutes & Associates has never had a fatality, he said, though one or two broken ankles every year isn't unusual.

The Federal Aviation Administra-

tion in Indianapolis is investigating the accident.

"HE WAS an intelligent kid who was in the process of growing and accepting responsibility and maturing and using his talents to further himself and to help other people," said Wood's father, Donald.

The senior Wood said his son's interests ranged from the dormitory review board to campus basketball outings. "He'd help out with the little things people needed."

Wood was heading toward a career in research work combining mechanical engineering and medicine.

He participated in research at Purdue's Hillenbrand Biomedical Research Center.

"He would go in on Thursday mornings to assist in research work," his father said. "He was just thrilled by it. He had decided that was the kind of work he wanted to do."

Wood joined two honorary soci-

eties as a freshman at Purdue.

"HE ALWAYS thought of other people before he thought of himself," said Cindy Brown of Bloomfield Hills, Wood's girlfriend. "I think that was a big part of his character."

Wood graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Harrison. He played football and set records in track and field.

"He was a gem of a young man and he was everything that you'd want a young man to be," said John Schumacher, track coach and biology teacher.

"He was a terrific student. He was super responsible, super dedicated and super talented, yet he would put life in perspective and have fun along the way — you don't see that very often."

Schumacher said Wood returned to Harrison every year during his college spring break to help coach. Wood's brother, Todd, a sophomore, is on the track team. Wood was on a partial track scholarship at Purdue.

He played defensive back for Harrison's varsity football team.

WOOD IS best remembered for blocking a 46-yard field goal attempt against Grand Rapids Catholic Central in the 1987 state football championships.

"He flew through the air and stretched out his hands," said John Herrington, football coach and history teacher. "He made a great block."

Wood was voted Harrison's top player of the game. "It's a great loss," Herrington said. "I know he would have made his mark in the world."

Wood was born in Lafayette, Ind. The family moved throughout the Midwest whenever Donald Wood, a Ford Motor labor relations specialist, was transferred. The Woods moved to Farmington Hills in 1985.

Funeral and burial services were Wednesday in Schererville, Ind.

Wood is survived by his parents, Bonnie and Donald Wood; one

brother, Todd; and his grandparents, Herschel and Barbara Wood and Alice and John Siebert.

Purdue has established a memorial fund in his name. Send donations to the Wesley Wood Scholarship Fund, c/o The Purdue Foundation,


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# Bonelli's friend faces accessory charge

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near Bonelli's residence on the day Fracchia was murdered. "I owed him a favor," Nader said during the hearing.

NADER ALSO said he left Bonelli a note wishing him "good luck," though he testified he only half-believed that Bonelli actually intended to kill Fracchia.

Nader's decision to waive the preliminary examination came as no surprise, Miller said.

"This is something that we could easily have expected under the cir-

cumstances," he said. If convicted, Nader could face up to five years in prison for being an accessory after the fact in Fracchia's death.

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