



FIRST PLACE WINNER — The float entered by the City of Farmington Beautification Committee was the first place winner in float

competition of Saturday's Festival Parade with the slogan "Don't Gamble with our Future... Keep Farmington Clean & Green." (Evert photo)

Restoration Of Valley

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break loose on the side of the slope and fall towards the large trees in the valley.

Several slabs of concrete embedded in the side of the slope should also have a stabilizing effect and reduce the possibility of land sliding, Dinan adds.

CITY ATTORNEY Robert Kelly says he believes the Twin Valley Ct. residents lack cause for any civil action against the church because the landfill was done on private property with no damage incurred to the residents' properties.

If a complaint is filed with District Court for violation of the landfill ordinance, Kelly adds, the court would probably not impose any fine or penalty because it was an "honest mistake" on the city's part in not following the technical process of having a public hearing on the landfill operation.

The court would probably take into consideration the fact that the city ordered the operation halted as soon as Hauser notified the city manager, Kelly said.

Dinan labeled attorney

Beale's request that the slope be restored to its original condition by removing the fill as "totally unreasonable and impractical and would cost several thousands of dollars."

"We believe the best approach is for the city to continue to maintain the trees at the lower part of the slope and develop and on the side of the slope to stabilize the terrain and avoid any recurrence of the landfill operation at this location in the future."

MAYOR WILBUR Brotherton commented that the work done by city crews probably will actually improve the condition of the slope.

Councilman Fred Siebert commented that even though the city may have made an honest mistake, the ordinance ought to be strictly enforced in the future.

Mrs. Hauser stated that 13 years ago, fill was dumped

down the slope and the trees died in the spring, leaving the slope barren. "We watched the trees die 13 years ago and can't believe they won't die again this time."

Siebert added the city obtained advice from a professional tree care firm and followed those recommendations and the corrective steps taken should save the trees.

Councilman Ralph Yoder added it would be almost physically impossible to remove the dirt from the slope and would be too great an expense to taxpayers.

BEALE said his clients were not considering civil action against the church but told councilmen they had a social obligation to restore the slope to its original condition. Brotherton said a lot of problems deserve attention in the city and the council could not justify spending \$3,000 to \$4,000 to remove the dirt just to improve the aesthetics of a particular area on the chance that damage might be done in the spring when the city has received professional assurances damage will not be done.

"This council has demonstrated its interest in beautification and ecology, but there's a limit to how far we can go to preserve the personal ecology of a particular area."

Dinan added that 13 years ago when trees died because of a landfill no work was done on the hill to prevent death of the trees or erosion.

"We are red-faced that this happened," commented Councilman John Richardson, "but you can be assured the city will do everything within reason to restore the slope and prevent future damage and that's all we can do."



PROTECTED — Protected from Saturday's sun was this Moslem clown who stopped his unicycle to chat with youngsters on the curb. (Evert photo)



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