

Update: Village Zoning Hassle

FARMINGTON
The zoning controversy which has swept the Village of Wood Creek Farms will be discussed at Monday night's annual meeting of the Wood Creek Farms Civic Association.

Village President William Smolek hopes to air the issues at the meeting and convince residents that the council acted properly on Jan. 11 in voting 5-1 to rezone from residential to office Outlot D on Northwestern Highway near 13 Mile.

AT THE association meeting, petitions will also be circulated to nominate candidates for village offices to be decided in the March election.

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Goldman has taken "more than a purely legal interest in the zoning in question."

Although the rezoning has been recommended by the village's planning commission and consultant, Inman adds, "Goldman threw up one stumbling block after another in order to prevent action on the request."

"On one occasion, he even questioned whether more office buildings were needed along Northwestern Highway, a question which is certainly not within the province of the village attorney."

"On another occasion, he suggested multiple dwellings be put on Outlot D even though village zoning does not provide for multiple dwellings."

INMAN SAYS Goldman's attitude clearly invited a lawsuit, litigation which would result in fees from \$25,000 to \$30,000 being paid to Goldman.

Inman further claims Goldman resigned because the council refused to defend the lawsuit which Goldman felt the village could win.

"This action on his part certainly does not seem to reflect an attitude of service to the community. It does seem to say that if you do not do things my way, I won't play in the game anymore." He accuses Goldman of having a "sour grapes syndrome."

Inman claims the only reasonable use for Outlot D without rezoning is as a church or temple which would remove the land from the village tax rolls. The property is now zoned residential.

although churches are allowed to build on residential property without rezoning.

The Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington has elected new officers for the ensuing year.

They are: Ann Char-nawski, president; Doris Johnson, vice president; Ruth Henke, secretary; and Kathleen Welby, treasurer.

After election of officers at the business meeting, Louis Gilson and Robert Williams showed slides of the various activities and bus trips made by the club over the years.

Louis and Blanche Gilson then presented the slides to the club to remain as part of the history of the club. This fine gesture on their part was appreciated by all members.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID MASTERS of Main St. announce the birth of daughter

Christine Lynn born recently in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. She weighed seven pounds, five ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corvelli of Northville and paternal grandmother is Mrs. Ruby Masters of Northville. Maternal great-grandfather is Anton Bugni, 91, of Hurly, Wis. Paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Vance Masters of Northville.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Dock of Shawassie Rd. are delighted with their son Brett Stuart born recently in Botsford General Hospital, Farmington. Weight was six pounds, one ounce. Dr. Dock is taking his internship at Botsford.

MRS. PAUL LENTZ of Chesterbrook, Farmington, is home and able to get out again after being hospitalized with pneumonia.

Bernice gives much of her time to the Farmington Community Center and is very kind to the senior citizens. Her car is always available to transport senior citizens to the club or visit someone lonesome or ill. We wish her good health in 1972 and give a big thank you for all the nice things she has done.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Welsh of Hillcrest Dr. flew home recently from a vacation in Columbia, South America. The Welshes are new residents and we welcome them to Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Cook Jr. of Farmington have been enjoying a wonderful vacation in Florida, sight - seeing and enjoying the surf.

A FAMILY surprise birthday party was given Jan. 22

for Bill Long of Mio, Mich. His birthday is Jan. 25.

Yours truly decided to surprise her son, Bill, at my home and we hurried and invited his brother, Herb Jr. and wife Angie and daughter Ann from Westland and his inlaws next door.

Bill and his three sons arrived in Farmington to pick up his wife, Joan, who is recovering from foot surgery at University Hospital, Ann Arbor. The operation was a success and the party just fine. We don't expect to see Bill and Joan now until Easter vacation.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lintz, formerly of Cora St., has been very ill in the hospital. She is a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the Senior Citizens Drop-In Center, and Senior Citizens Social Club.

City Planners Deny Cluster Housing Plan

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The City of Farmington Planning Commission has voted to recommend denial of a request to rezone from residential to cluster housing 22 acres on the west side of Drake north of Freedom Dr. The commission voted 5-1 with one abstention to deny the request made by Bruce Polzner of Standard Construction Co.

MOTION to deny was made by William Mitchell and supported by Bruce Habermehl. Don Stoddard voted no and John Allen abstained.

Mitchell said he was unconvinced that cluster housing was desirable over single-family homes for the Drake Road site.

Mrs. Charlotte Bruce said she voted for denial because the majority of the residents were opposed to the rezoning.

Dennis Pheny was concerned that the area would become too densely populated with the addition of cluster housing. Habermehl added he felt the cluster ordinance needed revision.

RICHARD TUPPER said the master plan for Drake

Road is still incomplete and the property should retain its zoning until the master plan is completed.

Commission Chairman John Burke said he felt clusters would not devalue surrounding properties and that the land was suitable for clusters. He voted for denial, however, because he felt the land could best be used for single-family.

Tupper asked after the vote that in the future an alternate engineering opinion be sought when the city engineer is also serving a petitioner for rezoning. Commissioners

agreed to follow this procedure.

The city's engineer was also doing engineering work for Standard Construction on the 22 acres petitioned for rezoning.

The cluster zoning proposal was met by massive resistance from residents along Drake and in Drake Heights subdivision. Leading the homeowners onslaught against the rezoning were Robert Tilley and Albert Holm.

Polzner may appeal the commission's vote to the city council and ask the council to approve the rezoning.

Farmington Calendar

RAPID TRANSIT HEARING

MONDAY, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m. a public hearing on a proposed rapid transit system along Woodward Ave. will be held in the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile. Novi speaker will be Thomas A. Lipscomb, general manager of SEMTA. Hearing is sponsored by the Western County Advisory Council of Oakland County Commission on Economic Opportunity.

WOODCREEK PTO

Monday, Jan. 31, at 8 p.m. the Wood Creek Elementary PTO will meet in the school at 14 Mile and Middle Belt to hear Weldon Petz, well-known Abe Lincoln authority, speak on "A Pilgrimage with Abraham Lincoln." Petz will have a display of his distinguished collection of Lincolniana.

TEN MILE PTA

Monday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m. the Ten Mile Elementary PTA will meet in the school on 10 Mile just west of Power Rd. Hartley Thornton, naturalist at Proud Lake Recreation Area, will be the speaker and will bring small animals with him. Refreshments will follow. All fathers and sons are welcome.

WOMEN'S HEALTH CLUB

Thursday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. the Women's Health Club of Farmington will meet in Room 106D of Farmington High School.

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