

Letters To The Editor

Nature Park Defended

EDITOR:

In reference to your front page article "Township Park Sale Takes A Legal Twist," March 28, 1973 the following was submitted. No mention was made of the following items brought up at the township board meeting at which discussion was scheduled and held.

The Township Land Use Plan calls for 1165 acres of parks and recreation land. Counting all present and proposed park sites and school sites (these are counted as recreational land), we come up with 758 acres of present and proposed recreational land.

When fully developed, we will be short 407 acres of parkland unless we begin planning for additional park sites.

Why should we convert presently paid for parkland to other uses when we are, and will be, woefully short of

it? We should be planning for more parks, not selling what we have.

How can an 11-story building be built on a five acre parcel of land, including parking, and still leave over 50 per cent of the land in a natural state, as trustee Earl Oppertbauer claims the developer will do?

Attorney Wendell Brown presented the township board and its council with copies of a 1955 Michigan Attorney General's opinion that it is il-

legal for a township board to sell or dispose of township land without a vote of the electorate.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will be involved immediately if this flood plain land is disturbed, according to state naturalist Hartley Thornton, a local resident.

Perhaps township officials should do some homework on recent state and federal statutes, particularly in the environmental impact area, be-

fore tax monies are spent on a possible dead end project.

In summary, I am not against senior citizen housing. I am against senior citizen exploitation. Let's plan ahead for a decent senior citizens housing project, perhaps in conjunction with surrounding areas with similar desires, as suggested at the meeting.

BRIAN SPRAGUE,
Farmington

Anti-Charter Group Holds Public Hearing

FARMINGTON

A group called "Farmington Citizens for Better Government" has

scheduled a series of meetings to present opposition to the proposed charter for the City of Farmington Hills.

The group will hold its first meeting April 19 at 8 p.m. at North Farmington High.

Members of the steering committee include David Goldman, Wood Creek Village councilman; George Trout, William Short, James Sawicki, and Wendell Brown, who was active in opposing the incorporation vote.

Goldman said the group is opposed to the charter be-

cause "it guarantees a very substantial tax increase," and they disagree with the form of government outlined in the charter.

Their criticisms include "poor representation." Goldman said he would prefer a ward system for the council. He also thought the city manager was given insufficient authority.

"If you are going to have a city manager, you should vest him with authority. This is a government run by a council," he said.

Community Calendar

FARMINGTON AREA NATURALISTS

Monday, April 23, at 8 p.m., the Farmington Area Naturalists will meet in the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. Niel Travis of Farmington will speak on "Trout Fishing and Streamside Entomology." A short business meeting will be followed by slides of interest presented by members.

SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB

Friday, April 27, at noon, the Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington will meet at the First United Methodist Church, Warner and Grand River. Those attending should bring a sandwich. Cards and games will follow a business meeting.

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Farmington YMCA, 21800 Farmington Road, will sponsor a fund raising rummage and garage sale. Proceeds will go toward the "trailblazer" program.

CANDIDATES NIGHT

Tuesday, May 1, at 8 p.m. in East Junior High School, 25000 Middle Belt, the League of Women Voters will sponsor a candidates night for the council candidates of the proposed city of Farmington Hills.

CARD PARTY

Tuesday, May 1, at 8 p.m., in Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall at Powers and Farmington, the Women of North Farmington will sponsor a card party. Prizes and refreshments will be served. Proceeds will go to the New Horizons sheltered workshop for handicapped young adults.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Thursday, May 3, from 2 to 8 p.m., the American Red Cross Bloodmobile unit will be at Knights of Columbus Hall, 21900 Middle Belt, Farmington. Details may be obtained from Mrs. Harold Quinn, 29202 Pickett.

FISH FRY

Friday, May 4, from 5 to 8 p.m., Job's Daughters will sponsor a fish fry at the Farmington Masonic Temple, Grand River and Farmington Road. Tickets will be available at the door.

FALCON BOOSTER CLUB

Saturday, May 5, in Our Lady of Sorrows High School, Powers and Shawansee, the Farmington Falcon Booster Club will sponsor a "Spring Fling."

WELCOME WAGON CLUB

Tuesday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m., in the Bloomfield Canopy, Orchard Lake and 15 Mile, the Welcome Wagon club will have the installation dinner for new officers. For reservations contact Mrs. William Lindsey, 29919 Northbrook.

ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW

Sunday, May 20, from 12:30 to 4 p.m., the Wooddale Elementary PTA, 26600 Peppermill, is sponsoring the 1973 Wooddale Arts and Craft Show. They are looking for residents in the area with a talent. Those interested should contact Mrs. Merry Derrick, 35118 Gary, Farmington.

Uniform Donors Still Needed

FARMINGTON

The campaign to outfit Farmington High School's band and orchestra with new uniforms has met with some success, but patrons admittedly is faltering.

Farmington High Music Patrons, a group of parents of instrumental music students at the school, said there still is great need for many donations.

Contributions thus far have come from 11 service organizations, business places, professional concerns and individuals, reported Mrs. Cyril Johnson, publicity chairman. Aid in fund raising also has been given by the American Legion and Soroptimists of Farmington.

A model of the hoped-for

new uniform will remain on display through April 18 at the Bon Ton Gift Shop in Farmington Plaza.

Those wishing to contribute should contact M.T. Zelenski, uniform chairman, at 31160 Conroy Court. Donations are tax deductible, Mrs. Johnson said, but an order must be placed soon if the uniforms are to be ready by September.

Seek Space

More young house hunters are shopping for the most floor space for their money, costs being what they are, and figuring they can add storage, paneling, other amenities later.

Gordon Named Top DAWG

FARMINGTON

Maynard M. Gordon of Farmington was elected top DAWG (Detroit Auto Writers Group) at the organization's annual meeting.

Gordon, who lives at 32068 Olde Franklin Drive, is the

first person chosen from among the newsletter ranks.

He is editor of three automotive newsletters: Motor News Analysis, Gordon Reports & AutoWorld, and the Imported Car Reports.

NOTICE

BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED up to 4:00 o'clock P.M., on Monday, April 23, 1973, for the semi-annual May rubbish clean-up of Farmington Township. The Semi-Clean-up will start on May 2, 1973 and continue through May 28, inclusive. The Clean-up hours will be from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

The project will cover approximately 15,000 homes in Farmington Township and tidlers will be required to pick up all household discarded items such as appliances, household furniture, building materials, yard furniture, etc.

The Township Board reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS,
Township Clerk

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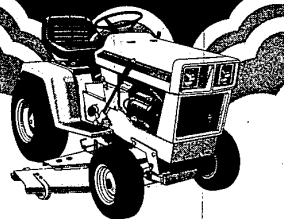
BIDS ON WEED CUTTING

Bids will be accepted up to 4:00 P.M., May 4, 1973, for the annual weed cutting of vacant lots of the following size:
Small lots (Less than 1,000 sq. ft.)
Medium lots (1,000-12,500 sq. ft.)
Large lots (12,500-25,000 sq. ft.)
Extra Large lots (25,000 sq. ft. & over)

ROBERT A. McCONNELL
Farmington Township Supervisor

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ANTI-CHARTER MEETING

Vote AGAINST Farmington Hills Charter

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North Farmington High School - Thursday, April 19, 1973

32900 13 Mile Road 8:00 p.m.

Farmington Township Citizens for Better Government, Inc.