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More Building Plans Revealed By Zone Query

Proposed plans for three apartment buildings and another large store at the Farmington Plaza were revealed Monday night when the city council was asked to set hearings on zoning changes.

Hearings on each request will be held November 21, prior to the usual council meeting. The shopping plaza proposal will be heard at 7 p.m., the apartment building request at 7:30 p.m.

THE REQUEST for rezoning for the apartments was rather unusual. Nearly always there are requests to rezone residential sites to use for multiple dwellings—in other words, zone it downward.

The property involved here is now zoned commercial, and the request is to zone it upward to multiple dwellings.

IT IS LOCATED at the rear of Barber Bros., Farmington Cleaners and Bill Root Chevrolet, on the south side of Grand River. A triangular plot, it also borders the rear of residences on the north side of Slocum.

It is now zoned commercial, and could be used for something like a car wash building, council members seem to think nearly every use may not open the rezoning greatly.

THE ARCHITECT, John Allen, presented the plans on behalf of the owners, Farmington Development Company.

They propose to erect three buildings, each with 15 terrace-type apartments. Each unit would be partly two story and partly 2½ story, and each would contain a two-bedroom and 11 one-bedroom apartments, plus a central utility area.

THEY WOULD be about 160 by 40 feet in size, and a central hallway would mean they would face both ways, so there would be no unsightly rear yards. They would be adequate parking area.

It was pointed out that Farmington has too little undeveloped rental units, and that every city should have a proper balance of home owned and rental units to attract needed families.

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There would still be left some 350 to 400 feet to the north, and such use would comply with off-street parking regulations.

Both such rezoning proposals had been previously recommended to the council by the City Planning Commission.

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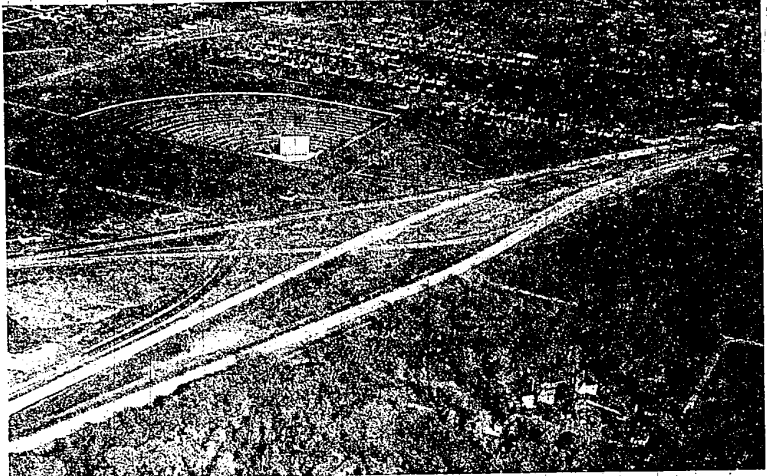
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EAST END of the Farmington to Brighton expressway is shown here as it connects on the left to Grand River Avenue. Traffic going toward Detroit on Grand River goes beneath the expressway bridge in center of picture. The bridge is of the westbound traffic lane which is not yet in use, as joining the road to Grand River is still underway. Along the expressway in the Farmington area steep slopes have been leveled and some seeding done. Last week's rainfalls caught some soil which had just been put in place but not staked, and sections slipped to the base of the slopes. The Grand River Drive-In Theatre shows in the upper left.

Plans For Jr. High Changes; Service Bldg. Reviewed

Preliminary plans for the complete reorganization of the old east unit at the Farmington Junior High site and construction of a separate service building for the School District were presented to the School Board Monday night by Architect Peter Tarapala.

Proposed alterations to the junior high unit call for the conversion of the basement level into a large book store and storage area, and that every city should have a proper balance of home owned and rental units to attract needed families.

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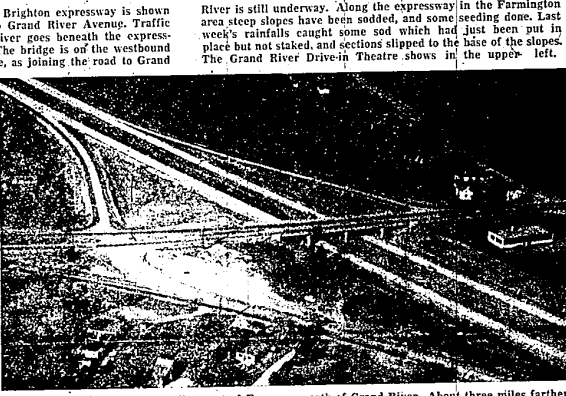
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THIS BRIDGE is about two miles west of Farmington and shows the two-lane expressway going under Grand River. The upper left expressway is that portion on the south side of Grand River, and as it goes on west the expressway is located north of Grand River. About three miles farther west is the bridge over the C&O tracks at Novi, completion of which has held up opening of the entire length until probably the first of the year.

Farmington Population Nearly Doubled in Past Seven Years

The combined population of Farmington City and Township has almost doubled since 1950 when the last official census was taken, figures released by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission disclosed.

The Regional Planning Commission estimated the combined population of the city and township as of July of this year to be 25,000 compared with a total population of 13,324 by census count in 1950.

HIGHEST increase over the 7-year period was recorded in the city, where the population spiraled from 2,325 to 5,200 for a 123.7 per cent increase. In the township an 80 per cent increase was recorded, with the population climbing from 10,999 in 1950 to 19,800 as of July of this year.

These figures do not include Wood Creek Farms which was incorporated as a village this year. The population in Wood Creek in 1950 was 225.

FIVE INJURED in two crashes. Four persons suffered minor injuries Sunday afternoon when a car driven by Robert C. Taylor of 28253 Springbrook was struck by another operated by Ellis Edwin Delp of 31241 Mulfordon on Ten Mile Road at Springbrook.

Taylor was making a left hand turn from Ten Mile onto Springbrook.

Injured besides Taylor and Delp were John Montgomery and Virginia Skop, both of Southfield. They were taken to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for treatment and checking.

SATURDAY afternoon around 5:15 p.m., Betty Day of 34002 Grand River was injured when the car in which she was traveling with Merry Godin of the same address was struck by another car operated by Mildred Emma Forster of 34109 Alta Loma. She was taken to Redford Community Hospital for treatment of injuries to her foot and right eye.

The crash resulted when Mrs. Forster's car skidded on wet pavement on Alta Loma near her home.

TRUCK was involved in a crash on the grounds of the Township Hall. Earlier they wanted to set a trailer there, but were refused. Last week they suggested a semi-portable building. Council members didn't like the idea of cluttering up the lawn, and pointed out that the building was being taken to Redford township anyway.

'Toys For Tots' Campaign Planning to Start Nov. 12

Plans for the annual "Toys for Tots" campaign to collect usable toys for needy children for Christmas will be made at the Farmington Elks Lodge at 33300 Grand River on Tuesday, November 12, at 8 p.m.

Members of the Elks Youth Activities Committee will meet jointly with representatives of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, sponsoring organization, to outline plans for the local campaign this year.

An invitation has been extended to all in the area, regardless of whether or not they are members of the Elks or Marine Corps Reserve, to attend the meeting and help in planning of the worthwhile project.

Okay Two School Site Purchases

Authorization to sign purchase agreements for a new junior high school site and another elementary school site in the Farmington School District was given by the School Board Monday night.

The 23 acre junior high site is located on the east side of Middle Road between 10 and 11 mile roads and is known as the Boyle Farm property. The parcel is being purchased at a price of \$37,500.

The elementary parcel authorized for purchase is located in Section 31 in the extreme southwest section of the township. Approximately eight acres in size, the site is being purchased for \$23,000.

1958 Auto License Plates To Go On Sale November 1

Automobile license plates for 1958 will go on sale November 1 at the local Secretary of State's office at 33304 Grand River, manager Gerald Grace disclosed Monday.

This year a new law is in effect whereby persons will keep their same license plates for the entire year regardless of whether or not they keep the same car throughout the year, Grace pointed out. Plates will remain with the owner rather than with the vehicle.

All persons are urged to obtain their new plates early and avoid the year's Grace income tax. Plates lines on the last few days.

Township Ready To Sign Sewer System Agreement

Remodel City Hall or Build Is the Question

Farmington City may or may not remodel the present municipal building. The council is now taking a second look, after getting bids on proposed changes.

Bids had been received and were opened October 17. They were tabulated and checked by City Manager Earl Scherffius before being presented to the council at its regular meeting Monday night.

THE TWO low bids, one on general and the other on electrical work, totaled \$27,564. There were a number of bids on both portions, some rather higher.

Mr. Scherffius told the council members the architect had originally estimated it might be possible to do the job for around \$15,000, but that later a new cost had been added to specifications which had increased the bids somewhat.

The bids are firm for 30 days, so the council decided to do some checking on another suggestion before making any decision.

SOME COUNCIL members have suggested the city might be wise to see if the present municipal building might be sold now to the city. To the sale price could be added the proposed remodeling, figure, and it might not take much more to build a new one on the site.

Possibly an office building could be erected alongside the old mill, on the present house site there.

Until various proposals can be checked out, the remodeling bids will be held in abeyance.

Bridge Work Delayed

The arch for the Powers street bridge is here, but work was delayed by rain last week. If weather permits City Manager Earl Scherffius thinks the contractor will start placing the arch this week. The city plans soon to have sidewalk installed on Powers all the way from Grand River to Shawnessy, to connect with the remaining stretch to the senior high school.

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Industrial Zones in Township Hot Topic For Nov. 6 Meeting

Industrial zoning in Farmington Township will get a complete discussion next Wednesday evening, November 6, in an 8 o'clock meeting at the High School gym, sponsored by the Farmington Township Civic Ass'n.

This will probably be the final public meeting before the Township Planning Board reaches a decision on the proposed zones. Assuming that many people might not feel they would be affected, they then asked a number of questions.

THERE WILL still be opportunities thereafter for interested citizens to attend the meeting and voice their opinion on the proposal.

The Township Civic Ass'n has arranged a program for November 6 which is aimed at presenting all sides. It has written to most organizations in the township asking them to urge members to attend and has published the coming meeting as well as it can.

PUTTING THE spotlight on vital issues affecting the Township, in an impartial manner as possible, is the policy of the Township Civic Ass'n. It is in this spirit the group is sponsoring this meeting.

The subject will be discussed pro and con, with slides and illustrations. The Township Planning Board and the Zoning Board will be present or represented.

SPEAKERS will be Charles J. Ghesquiere, chairman of the Planning Board; Charles Leman of Villan-Leman and Associates, planning consultants; Margaret Schaefer, attorney and township resident; and Jerome Graham, of Indianapolis Subdivision.

Following the talks there will be a question and answer period.

THE CIVIC ASS'N in letters sent out last week tried to show that industrial zoning would affect everyone, not just those in or near the proposed zones. Assuming that many people might not feel they would be affected, they then asked a number of questions.

WHAT if one enough pressure is brought to bear on the powers that be, and they decide to locate industry elsewhere—maybe right next door to you? Please be assured, less strange things have been known to happen.

WOULD you not then make it your business to investigate? But might it not then be too late? Where, where will you look? Where will you find authoritative answers to what effect such zoning will have on your property, and that of your neighbors?

WILL it be detrimental, or beneficial to your property value? What type of industry will qualify, and what will their appearance be? Will they lighten the tax load, and if so by how much? What effect will it have on traffic in the immediate vicinity? What about the smoke, the noise, the odor?

ALL township residents are asked to attend the meeting, which directly affects every property owner.

Farmington Township officials have been empowered to sign the interceptor sewerage system agreement, and now await similar action by the other three units affected.

Oakland county supervisors met Wednesday, at which time they were to consider signing a contractor agreement.

FARMINGTON Township and the county hope to speed the project now for several reasons. Early execution would place the group in a better position to qualify for a requested federal grant, and to execute an agreement with the City of Detroit.

It may also allow a test suit to be certain the plan would meet all requirements for a good bond sale.

A SPECIAL meeting was held Monday night at the West Bloomfield Town Hall. Present were all Farmington Township officials and Attorney Arthur Robbins.

Other groups represented were West Bloomfield and the City of Kewego Harbor, but not Southfield Township. From the Oakland County Dept. of Public Works were Director Harold Clark, Claude Stevens and Louis H. Schimmell, bonding attorneys, Engineers Alexander and Whigler, and Delos Hamlin and Jack Seamon, members of the DRW Commission.

FOLLOWING this meeting the Farmington board returned to the Town Hall, and further discussed the agreement and costs.

On motion of Wendell Brown, supported by William Fisher, the Supervisor of Clark and Seamon were empowered to sign the agreement. The vote was unanimous.

FARMINGTON Township is the principal benefactor of this sewer, as shown by population and cost percentages. The bonds would be sold by the county, paid off in 30 years by payments from each unit involved.

Percentages of the units involved, for cost purposes, are:

Farmington Twp. 65.328%
West Bloomfield Twp. 24.453%
Southfield Twp. 10.291%
City of Kewego Harbor 2.618%

On this basis the total estimated cost of \$4,378,529 would be allocated as follows:

Farmington Twp. \$2,860,221
West Bloomfield Twp. 1,289,752
Southfield Twp. 105,178
City of Kewego Harbor 123,378

Under the agreement, the maximum population the County shall be required to serve shall be limited to the following populations:

Farmington Twp. 101,655
West Bloomfield Twp. 45,839
Southfield Twp. 3,738
City of Kewego Harbor 4,485

Cville School Work Advances

Plans for new work and approval of past occupied the Clarenceville Public School board at its regular meeting October 24.

The board accepted the big of Wm. Lorjoli and Sons for installation of glass block, aluminum frames and windows in Central Elementary school.

Final approval will be given the Board after upon completion of certain minor details.

Clarenceville will advertise for bids to surface 39,000 square feet of parking area at the new high school building.

After discussion, the board resolved to include a course in arts and crafts in the junior high school curriculum.

Reform Study Comm. Picked

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors handled a heavy agenda of business at its meeting on Wednesday.

One of the major items on the agenda was the appointment of a special nine member committee to study some possible reforms in Oakland County's government, chairman Delos Hamlin of Farmington stated. The names of committee members appointed were not available at press time.

A request for an emergency appointment of a committee was made to meet the county's relief case. Data of sub-standard housing owned by the county and used for rental cases was given by Mr. Hope Lewis of Birmingham. County officials have promised to get rid of the sub-standard housing within six months.

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