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## Strong Objections Voiced To Re-zoning for Apts.

For over two hours at a public hearing Monday night, the City Planning Commission was barraged with statistics, background data and statements of feeling regarding the proposed re-zoning of a parcel of land to permit the construction of more apartments in the city.

The property on which re-zoning has been requested is an approximately 3½ acre private parcel located on the west side of Power Road just north of commercial property on Grand River and abutting city park property to the south.

The Council Chambers were jammed to capacity for the hearing and most of them were residential home owners who came to express vigorous objections to the re-zoning and outline the adverse effects they felt this development would have on their properties.

A few citizens from some distance away in other sections of the community also came to express their views and, with the exception of two or three, they also expressed disapproval of the re-zoning.

THE DECISION of the planners at the conclusion of the hearing was to delay any action in making a recommendation to the Council until such time as they have had time to consider all the facts presented and opinions expressed. No definite date for a decision was set.

The next meeting of the planners will be held on Feb. 25 but this will be a work meeting and no action will be taken at this meeting. The next regular meeting of the planners will be held on March 11.

Air Swim Club Request for Road in Detail

There was detailed discussion at the Board of Education meeting Monday night on the problem of how to get a road that might result in granting the Beechview Swim Club an access road to property they propose to buy near the Beechview school.

The original request of the swim club was for the use of an access route across school property but the Board rejected this feeling it would be unsatisfactory.

The proposal now under consideration is the possibility of extending Greyhound St. westward to the west edge of the school property and then granting an easement along the boundary of school land northward to the property the swim club proposes to purchase. The cost of putting in and maintaining this roadway would be the responsibility of the swim club.

ONE QUESTION raised was what effect having a swim club so close to school property might have with regard to noise at the end and beginning of school years. Another was the danger that might be created for children using walkways which would require crossing this proposed road. Problems with parking might result were also aired as well as possible destruction of school property.

The feeling of the Board was that they should first get an expression of feeling on this matter from officials of the Trinity Church which has property abutting school property on the west. They also decided to forward the proposal to the Beechview PTA for consideration and an expression of feeling from that body with regard to dangers for children which might be created.

Man Killed Crossing Street

Thomas Moss, 66, of 22222 Grand River Avenue in Farmington Township was fatally injured on Monday morning at 7 a.m. when he was struck down by a truck while attempting to cross from the north to the south side of Grand River at mid-block near Wheeler Street.

The driver of the truck, owned by the Mayflower Moving Company, was 52-year-old James H. Wilkins of Indianapolis, Indiana. He was released after making a statement to the Oakland County Prosecutor's office.

Planning Commission will not be held until March 11. At the opening of the hearing, Thomas Duke who has requested the zoning change spent about 45 minutes going into details on the type of multi-family development he proposed and in attempting to show how it would result in tremendous benefits to the city both directly and indirectly. Duke also spent some time in an effort to show that such a development at this location would be beneficial rather than harmful to owners of nearby single family residential property.

SOME OF the points made by him in his presentation were:

1. That developed as he proposes, the property would mean almost \$8,000 more yearly in taxes to the community.
2. That if purchased by the city as additional park land it would cost at least \$35,000 initially and considerably more than this in lost revenue over the next 50 years.
3. That families moving into the 56 apartments he proposes, to build would have nearly a half-million dollars yearly to spend in stores which would

greatly improve local business conditions.

4. That engineering surveys have been made showing that filling and developing the property in question would not cause any flooding problems.

5. That this property is not suitable for the family development and that it would cost the community rather than benefit it if the land were developed that way.

6. That the area where the apartments would be built would be well kept up enhancing values of surrounding property and that much of the property, particularly along the stream, would be left open for

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## Very Light Vote Being Predicted In Township Primary Monday



MOVING DAY DRAWS NEAR for the Farmington Public Safety Department and the offices of the Municipal Judge, which will be transferred into the old Town Hall on Saturday, February 16, to avoid demolition of the Liberty Street building preparatory to erecting the new Municipal Office Building. Chief Joseph G. DeVriendt and Sgt. Jay Harrison are

seen above in the midst of inventory work necessary before the move into the temporary quarters can be completed. Once the old building is razed and the new one erected, the City will have its Department of Public Safety (Police and Fire), Municipal court offices and the City offices all under one roof.

## Farmington Area Recreation Plan Left for Voters to Decide April 1st

The Farmington Township Board approved Monday night, February 11, by a unanimous vote, placing the ½ mill proposal earmarked for the financing of a Farmington Area Recreation Commission program on the April 1st ballot.

Township Supervisor Curt Hall told the citizens who had gathered at the Monday night Board meeting enough interest had been generated over the proposition to justify taking it to the people for a vote in the Biennial Spring Election.

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## Only Contests Will Be On Republican Ticket

Township officials are predicting a very light voter turnout in the Primary Election coming up on Monday, Feb. 18.

They are making this prediction despite the fact that frequent emphasis has been placed on the importance of picking the best candidates in the Primary in view of the Republican strength that prevails here. The GOP candidates picked in the Primary are usually the General Election winners.

The only contests against this year will be on the Republican ticket. All Democratic candidates filing nominating petitions will be running unopposed.

Supervisor Curt Hall and Clerk Floyd Cairns both pre-announced they would run under 2,400 and

perhaps as low as 2,000, depending on weather conditions on election day and other factors. If their predictions are correct, it will mean a voter turnout of 18 percent or under, based on a total voter registration in the Township of approximately 13,500.

Unlike the Primary of two years ago, no clearly defined major issues have come up to stimulate added interest in the election. In the 1961 Primary campaign there was heated battle between the candidates supported by the Community Preservation Committee and the incumbents and candidates supported by them.

The vote in the 1961 Primary was 312 which represented a 26 percent turnout at the polls.

THE MAJOR contests on the GOP ticket will be supervisor, two trustee seats and a full term justice of peace seat to be filled. There will also be contests for the less important positions of constables and clerk examiners.

Incumbent Supervisor Curtis Hall is being opposed by township businessman Raymond Cranston. Seeking the two trustee seats are Arthur Bassette (incumbent) William P. Fisher, Byron D. Walter and A. George Rogers. The justice of peace seat is being waged for the justice of peace seat which is sought by Robert H. Nelson (incumbent), Edith "Ned" Oglesby and Paul E. Freese.

CLERK Floyd Cairns and Treasurer Elise Avery are running unopposed on the GOP ticket.

Biographical data and answers by candidates to two significant questions regarding the future of the township raised by The Enterprise are presented in this issue of the Enterprise for the candidates mentioned as well as those seeking the four constable positions and two clerk examiner positions.

See Page 10C: A map showing the boundaries of the voting precincts and giving the locations of each of the polling places also appears on this page.

A motion was passed by the City Planning Commission Monday night recommending to the Council that they approve this issue of the Enterprise for the candidates mentioned as well as those seeking the four constable positions and two clerk examiner positions.

At the public hearing held prior to the Commission's action, no objections were voiced by owners of other properties in the immediate area. Other than the owners of the center, there was only one citizen present at this hearing who expressed a desire to be heard and he spoke in favor of the re-zoning. He was Charles Scheer, owner of property on Lakeview Avenue, to the west of the center.

A store containing over 90,000 square feet of space is planned at the north end of the center with an additional parking space is now provided. Plans call for the store to be constructed near Mooney St. fronting out onto parking area to the west.

A report made to the planners by City Manager John D. Dan indicated that a survey had been made by the center which was determined that enough parking area was provided for the other stores in the center excluding the land proposed to be used for the new Frank's store.

Council action on the Planning Commission's recommendation is expected to be taken at its regular meeting this coming Monday evening, Feb. 18.

CD Medical Course Classes Start Tonight

Classes will begin tonight, Thursday, for a 15 week course in advanced first aid training offered by all local citizens interested by the Township Civil Defense Dept. Advanced registration is required.

Classes will be held each Thursday evening from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Cloverdale elementary school on Freedom Drive.

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Township Board Enacts Optional Bike Tag Law

The Farmington Township Board, at its regular meeting Monday evening, February 11, formally adopted a bicycle ordinance which will go into effect next Thursday, February 21.

Residents of the Township will be able to register their bicycles under the ordinance on a "purely optional basis" in the interest of aiding them in the event the bike is lost or stolen.

UNDER THE NEW ordinance, passed by a split vote, the Township Police Department will be supplied with identification tags available to bike owners at a cost of \$1 and will be in charge of registering those who wish to avail themselves of the service.

There is no fine or penalty for those who do not choose to have their bikes licensed.

All the ordinance is intended to provide is a means of aiding residents in the recovery of bikes which may be stolen. Once registered, bike owners will not have to renew the license.

As originally submitted to the Board by Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan, the bicycle ordinance included a section which established a penalty for failure of bike owners

registered under it to sell or otherwise dispose of the bike without notifying the Township Police Department.

TRUSTEE RAY WILCOX expressed the sentiments of most of the Board when he said, "I don't see you fine a person with any justification when they have availed themselves of the service."

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