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HAVE STORMY DEBATE

Allen Re-appointed To Plan Commission

The re-appointment of John Allen, local architect and long-time city resident to the Farmington City Planning Commission for another three-year term was approved by a 4 to 1 vote of the city council at its regular meeting Monday night.

however, before a vigorous effort had been made by Councilman Henry Forrest to keep Allen off the planning commission. It resulted in a heated exchange of words between him and other council members, the council and particularly between him and Councilman Howard Thayer.

City Park or JC Park Still The Question

Should it continue to be named Farmington City Park or the name changed to Farmington Jaycee Park?

This is the question that the local JC council are now wrestling with as the result of a request made about three weeks ago by members of the local JC council to rename the city park on Shawnesse Road after their organization.

Appointments for three seats on the planning commission came up for council action two weeks earlier and action was taken approving the re-appointment of W. Allen Nelson and Ralph Yoder of Lamar Drive for new three-year terms.

The re-appointment of Allen of Shawnesse Road as proposed was delayed, however, when Forrest questioned the legality of Allen's serving on both the planning commission and the Farmington District Library Board. An opinion from Robert Kelly, city attorney, on this legal point was asked for.



AN ATTRACTIVE NEW BUILDING to house the Farmington office of Detroit will open its doors to the public next week, Monday, June 22. The new National Bank of Detroit building at Farmington Road just north of Alta Loma (two blocks south of the familiar location on the

corners), offers banking services amid modern and well appointed facilities which are a credit to the downtown Farmington district. Special Open House festivities are planned for next Thursday and Friday, June 25 and 26, by the bank to welcome the public to its new location in downtown Farmington.

Question Plan To Solve City Sewer Problem

A recommendation by City Manager John Dinan to correct the problems being experienced by a series of special events has been scheduled for the next ten days to mark the opening Monday, June 22, of the National Bank of Detroit's new Farmington office on Farmington Road at Alta Loma in the downtown Farmington business section.

Many Special Events Planned for New National Bank of Det. Opening

Two days of public open house activities will be held on Thursday and Friday of next week, June 25 and 26. Open house hours will be from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Thursday and from 9:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

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Opening ceremonies, participants and details of other special events will be announced in next week's Enterprise, Lapham said.

He stated that he had reviewed the matter with both the city engineer and the sewer department as the had been instructed by the council to do at a meeting two weeks earlier as a result of a citizens complaint.

Special events Monday, June 22, will mark the opening of new drive services, in addition to the Farmington Office operations. The new facilities will open for regular banking business at 9:30 a.m. Monday, June 22.

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29,614 Receive Sugar Cubes

A total of 29,614 members of families in the Farmington community received their second dose of anti-polio vaccine in convenient sugar cube form last Sunday at the four local feeding stations.

Reily Funk of Staman Acres Subdivision, chairman of both the first and second mass anti-polio sugar cube feedings locally, stated that everything went off smoothly at the four feeding stations on Sunday.

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FARC Summer Program Opens Monday, June 22

The Farmington Area Recreation Commission (FARC) will open its six week summer recreation program in Farmington Township

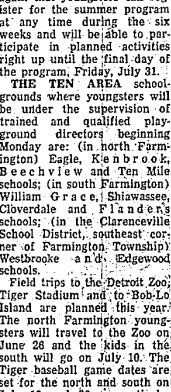
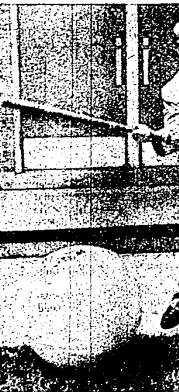
at ten area school playgrounds on Monday morning, June 22. Director of the FARC Summer Recreation Program Chuck Shandor is predicting a record

number of youngsters for this year's program on the basis of a early registration already under way.

Shandor emphasized on a regular basis that youngsters can register for the summer program at any time during the six weeks and will be able to participate in planned activities right up until the final day of the program, Friday, July 31.

The FARC AREA school grounds where youngsters will be under the supervision of trained and qualified playground directors beginning Monday are: (in north Farmington) Eagle, Kenbrook, Beechview and Ten Mile schools; (in south Farmington) Wildcat, Grandview, Cloverdale and Clarenceville schools; (in the Clarenceville School District, southeast corner of Farmington Township) Westbrooke and Edgewood schools.

Field trips to the Detroit Zoo, Tiger Stadium and to Bob's Island are planned this year. The north Farmington youngsters will travel to the Zoo on June 26 and the kids in the south will go on July 1. The Tiger baseball game dates are set for the north and south on July 13 and 30, respectively. Both the north and south area youngsters will join the field trip excursion on July 31.



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Construction of Twp. Water Lines Halted By Workmen's Strike

Work on water transmission and distribution lines into the seven special assessment water districts in Farmington Township is now at a standstill.

Work has been at a halt since Monday, June 8, when members of the underground construction workers union throughout the state went out on strike. Supervisor Curt Hall stated Monday of this week that he was not certain with regard to all the reasons for the strike and had no word as of that date when the strike might be settled.

His supervisor, however, stated that he was certain that the contracts which called for completion of work on the transmission and distribution lines by no later than Monday, June 22, would not be met.

Contract Let By City for Industrial Dr. City Council action was taken Monday night approving a go ahead with plans for construction of an industrial drive near the northern boundary of the city's industrial park on Eight Mile at Farmington Road to connect Farmington Road with Chesley Drive running north and south.

Work on the transmission and distribution lines is now over 50 percent completed, the township supervisor said. However, so far, on there is still 15 to 20 more days of work to be done before the job will be completed.

Approximately \$12,000 of this total cost will be assessed against the benefiting property owners in the industrial park development with the balance to be borne by the city-at-large.

Not only is work halted on the laying of water lines in the township and throughout, the state but also on the laying of the main sewer line to the township's industrial park site.

The schedule was to have both the sewer lines and the water lines extended into the township's industrial park section in the north-central portion of the township by early November. With the present strike delay now taking place it may not be possible for contractors to meet this November deadline.

Four firms bid for the fencing of the new "Magic Square" recreational center being developed now at the Flanders elementary school as a joint project of the City of Farmington and the Farmington School District after several months of delay due to entanglements regarding location.

City Manager John Dinan stated that these protective posts were definitely called for and it was agreed that this should be included in the official records regarding this project.

The Crown Rince & Supply Co. with a low bid of \$1,156.60 was awarded the fencing contract by action of the council at its regular meeting Monday night. The lowest bid was over \$88 higher.

A substantial amount of easement lines is being determined by the City of Farmington. See INDUSTRIAL DRIVE Column 3, Page 8A

City Manager John Dinan reported to the council that the "Magic Square" area at the school site between Eight and Nine Mile roads east of Farmington Road had been graded and have material installed.

Steps recommended by the public safety department to correct the problems being experienced in getting out onto Grand River Avenue and Orchard Street were outlined to the city council at its regular meeting Monday night.

Blacktopping of the multiple recreation play square is scheduled to be completed by the Detroit Concrete Products Co. sometime yet this week. The contract for the work was awarded to this firm by earlier action of the council.

Teams sponsored by St. Fabian's Church use the lighted field on Monday nights and the Farmington Jaycees on Wednesday nights. The Farmington Women's Softball Team sponsored by the Downtown Farmington Center uses the field on Thursday night for its scheduled games with outside communities.

Only a one inch thickness of blacktop is being called for at this time but the city manager was of the opinion that another one inch thickness might have to be laid later to ensure a lasting, wearing quality.

Mark Leidlain paced the Senior Division bike race on Saturday, June 13, at the Farmington Junior High School parking lot, according to Jaycee co-chairmen, Don Kobman and Tom Johnson.

Director of Public Safety Maurice J. Pollock recommended the following: (1) That the curbing 15 feet back from the sidewalk line at this intersection be pointed by the city and prohibited at all times. (2) That the owner of the auto dealership at this corner be required to keep all displays on his property back away from the intersection. (3) That two hour parking restrictions be strictly enforced back from the no parking area at the corner. (4) That efforts be made to get a stop and go traffic light erected on Grand River Avenue (a state highway) at Power Road to control the heavy traffic pattern flow.

The winner of the trophy for the best decorated bicycle was Gary Eckenowski.

During the course of discussion on this matter, the need for a light or some type of better traffic control on Farmington Road at Alta Loma, Orchard St. and a couple of other places also came in for some discussion.

All of the youngsters enjoyed refreshments served by the Jaycee Auxiliary.

The director of public safety indicated that a survey of traffic control devices and stop lights in the city was now being made by him and members of his department. He suggested that as soon as this survey is completed and a report made it would be seen a priority list of safety control corrections worked up.

Grant Variances for Industrial Plant. Minor variances which will allow a proposed industrial plant adjacent to the Standard Oil gas station at the northeast corner of Nine Mile and Farmington roads have been approved by the city zoning board of appeals.

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new building (located in the southeast corner of the Center at Grove and Orchard streets) will be the construction superintendent, Jack Solomon, as workmen raise one of the steel beams into place.