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Planners Table Northeast Apartment Proposal

A proposed apartment complex on 14 Mile Rd. near Northwestern Highway, hit stiff opposition at the Farmington Township Planning Commission session Thursday night.

Commission Chairman Charles Lorton tersely termed the plan a "classic example of spot zoning."

Proposed by Thomas Miltello, the plans call for 68

apartments--40 one-bedroom and 28 two-bedroom--on a 5.25 acre site. The rezoning request asks for a change from RA-2 (residential) to RC-2, which is multiple zoning allowing 14 units an acre.

The site is adjacent to property owned by the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company. Lorton also said:

"RC-1 might be more ac-

ceptable (seven units an acre). But I don't feel we want to entertain more than an RC-1."

PROFESSIONAL planning consultant Charles Leman said the plan made some sense as a buffer zone between the gas company land and any future residential development. But, he noted:

"We also have the homes across the street to consider."

Township Attorney Terry Brennan agreed with Leman, and said the "biggest argument against the plan is the homes across the road."

The Commission agreed to table the matter, awaiting formal opinions from Leman.

Miltello, the builder, said his plans call for two-story garden apartments, with space for 152 cars.

IN OTHER ACTION, the Commission turned down a rezoning request from Michael DiMatteo, who sought business use for a site on Middle Belt Rd., between Owenwood and 10 Mile Rd. His plans called for space for a lawn mower shop, an office and garage.

Leman said that the master plan called for a "minor business center only" at the cor-

ner, and that they were trying to stop further commercial development where it's at.

"I can't see this," Lorton said. "We're trying to straighten this corner out now." He was referring to a previous action aimed at halting the spread of strip commercial development in the area.

DiMatteo was urged to consider an office building use

for the site. His request for B-3 Business rezoning was voted down unanimously.

TURNING TO OTHER matters, the Commission:

"Set for public hearing a proposal to rezone land behind the Ace Hardware Store, 2825 Orchard Lake Rd. from B-3 to parking, to serve a nearby industry.

*Tabled two public hearings

until July, one for the proposed rezoning of land near the for an office complex and athletic club.

"Listed for public hearing a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance bringing all businesses who sell vehicles of any kind outdoors under new restrictions. It is aimed at regulating the land used in the repair of trailers, motor bikes, and automobiles.



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS Gerald V. Harrison works closely with the Farmington Board of Education. This picture, taken during a recent meeting of the board, shows Harrison consulting some papers. At the Board table, in rear, are from left: Leland Clifford; George Nah-

stoll; Barbara Brown; President Richard Peters; George Otis; John Washburn III; and Herbert Neal. Staff members in the foreground are, from left, Byron Oliver; school attorney Robert Kelly; Marinus Van Ameyde (facing Board); Harrison; and James Reed.

Dixieland Jam Session Is Feature of Founders Follies

Lovers of the big, brassy, syncopated beat of Dixieland jazz will be in their element at the Founders Follies June 29 and 30 in Mercy High School auditorium.

A Dixieland combo will be on the entertainment bill, mainly through the efforts in the past few days of Bill Conroy, general chairman of the show. Conroy has managed to get together six musicians for the Dixieland feature, who have enough professional experience to make a good agent.

The six are: Jay Stevens on piano; Larry Haver on trumpet; Carl Stewart on drums; Neville Dusenberry on string bass; Bob Lindbert on tenor sax; and Cliff Farmer on trombone.

MOST OF them have played together in Farmington Jaycee shows so their performance should have all the spontaneity of a true Dixieland jam session. Stevens will also be featured in a twin piano number with Pat Flowers, pianist at the Danish Inn.

He has run the Alhambra School of Music here in town for 42 years and has played professionally around Detroit for that many years with such big bands as Glen Gray and Pee Wee Hunt.

HE THINKS the day of the big band went out because "Every 10 years there's a change in music just as there is in anything else."

"Big band music, he says, was a change from the old ragtime sound.

"ROCK AND ROLL," Stevens says, "is on its way out. Young people have been exposed to good music and are beginning

to like it."

Haver, band director at North Farmington High, thinks the technique of rock and roll musicians has improved in the last four years.

"In the beginning," he says, "they didn't know what they were doing."

"But," he goes on, "this area of music has done more for the interest in drumming, rhythm and guitar playing than the music of any other generation, even Gene Krupa's."

Drummer Carl Stewart is the only non-local member of the Follies' combo, but he played the Jaycee shows from 1950 through 1961 so he might as well be called local.

He presently plays with a 1940-style big band in Birmingham, his home town, and has played in and around Detroit for 25 years.

String bass man Dusenberry also has a strong professional background, having 25 years experience with bands.

He likes rehearsed Dixieland, or rather, as he says, "I like it rehearsed to a point where it isn't every man for himself."

DIXIELAND MUSIC, as Dusenberry defines it is "An interpretation by the individual musician still relatively free enough to be unstilted, but not enough so that it is offensive to the listener."

Lindbert's professional experience was in the big band era of the 40's when he played with such groups as Del Delbridge and Ray Gorrell at places such as Walled Lake and Sand Lake in the Irish Hills.

He started out on the bassoon and never really took

lessons on the tenor sax, which he'll play in the combo. But he has been playing the instrument for years.

Farmer's only lessons on trombone were taken when he was in high school at Cass Tech. He has 30 years professional experience, having played at the old Detroit Graystone Ballroom, the Michigan Theater in band days and radio stations WJZ and WXYZ when they featured live bands.

But he's thoroughly modern and claims groups like the Beatles and Rolling Stones are good musically and "know more musically than three-quarters of today's performers."

He maintains "interest in rock and roll has given kids something to occupy their time. It's good for them."



PETER R. KLOPP, JR., (at left), 31430 Rockcrest, is shown as he takes the oath of office as trustee for the Farmington Township Board. Swearing him in Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns. Klopp replaces Arthur Bassette, who recently resigned, and is vice president and treasurer of Klopp Engineering, Inc., Livonia.

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In summing up, the educator said, "We have the greatest educational tradition in the world. It is my personal philosophy that we continue the tradition that has made our educational system what it is today."

"This is particularly important in making it possible for the teacher to differentiate instruction for those 30 different children."

"One of the greatest changes," Harrison continued, "is the improvement in instructional materials and techniques. Textbooks today, for instance, are so much better than they were 20 years ago there's no comparison."

"In 1967," he said, "We have them better educated. They are much better equipped to do a better job than there were when I started out."

"In my opinion the individual teacher is the educational program."

"A good teacher must have three qualities:

"He must have a rich background in his own subject area. You can't do a job without these skills."

"Equally important is the quality of compassion. A teacher must relate to boys and girls. He must understand

that each child is different and to the parent the most important thing in the world. Believe me, this is a challenge when you're working with 30 totally different children."

He became assistant superintendent in 1956 and superintendent in 1957 on the retirement of O.E. Dunkel.

The greatest change over these years he feels is the change in teachers themselves.

"The other side of the coin is the very fine support of Farmington parents who have gone to the polls and voted for schools."

"Not many superintendents can say, when they retire, that no bond vote they requested has ever been turned down. Farmington has never turned down a request from the schools."

The superintendent has developed firm educational philosophies in his years since his birth on a farm near Mt. Pleasant and school years at

Ohio Wesleyan University and the University of Michigan.

difficult thing has been trying to find the money to provide the quality of education we're capable of providing.

"THIS IS particularly true in a place like Farmington that has an inadequate tax base with 85 per cent of the school taxes coming from residential property."

So says retiring Superintendent of Farmington School District, Gerald V. Harrison.

ON JUNE 30, when his retirement becomes official, Harrison will mark the end of his 30th year in the field of education.

That they have been good years is evident in everything the educator had to say when he talked to The Enterprise & Observer last week.

The day of the interview was typical of the superintendent's work routine. Two people saw him just before the interview, one was waiting to see him, and his secretary, Mrs. Catherine Hamilton, was holding telephone calls for him.

Said Harrison, "It is because of responsibility like this that I am retiring. I'd like, whatever my future responsibilities are in whatever I do, to be able to take a month or two off and go fishing."

Whatever these future responsibilities are, it is certain they will deal with education. A lifetime of it has left the superintendent still searching for future educational fields to explore.

"I intend," he said, "to be employed in education on a lesser basis. I will either continue in education on a part-time basis or be a consultant in the field of education. I am trying with the idea of forming an educational consultant firm with some people I know who are interested."

Much of the good that he has known in Farmington he attributes to the people of the community.

Noting that school money matters are always a problem, Harrison said, "The most

Omni Spectra, Inc., a microwave electronics firm, will open the doors of its new 33,000 square foot plant in the Township's Industrial Park Monday, June 26.

The move will consolidate activities in the state at one location. The company is presently located in three different buildings in Southfield.

THE \$800,000 plant which will

employ 200 people will contain the state-wide operations of the firm and provide manufacturing, laboratory and office space. A research and development facility is also

maintained in Arizona.

Omni Spectra has gained industry-wide acceptance of its microwave products marketed throughout the world under the trade mark OSM. The mini-

ature components are used in communications, telemetry and radar systems and on such space vehicles as Early Bird satellite and Surveyor moon landing spacecraft.

Microwave equipment may be described as electronic equipment utilizing electromagnetic waves that operate between television and infrared region of the electronic spectrum. This region is generally defined as extending from 300 to 30,000 megacycles in frequency.

Microwaves, in effect, are in a middle ground between the electrical and optical sciences, since the techniques utilized are common to both.

The components manufactured by Omni Spectra are used in what might be called the processing portion of the system.

Schedule calls for visits to Tiger Stadium for major league baseball, and to the Detroit Zoo. The ballgame is free of charge, and the zoo trip will cost youngsters 25 cents.

The last day of the program, Aug. 4, will be devoted to a boatride to Bob-Lo for children from both North and South sections. A charge of 75 cents for youngsters under 12 and \$1.75 for those 12-15 will be made to cover the cost of the boat ride. Entertainment on the island is extra.

Youngsters should plan to bring packed lunches for all activities. On Registration Day, Monday, no activities are planned.

Tickets may be purchased at the Board of Commerce offices, from members of the Jaycees, Elks, Macons, Kiwanis, Lions and Moose, real estate offices, city and township halls and local businesses.

The Founders Follies June 29 and 30 in Mercy High School auditorium will have something for everybody.

With Jack Harris, star of his own radio show, as MC, the Follies will offer pure entertainment at a ticket price of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

Featured will be a Dixieland combo, barbershop singing by the Merri-Men, who have appeared on the Godfrey show, the 4 Leftovers, the Kendal-larks, the McKenney Choristers, the Sweet Adelines and

the U. of D. High Chorus.

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