

Township Planners Show Courage

Serving on local governing boards is often a thankless task. The pay is low, the knowledge and experience required great, and the guff from the public is hard to take.

Nothing is more crucial to an area, however, than a seat on a planning commission or the local school board.

It's ironic that these are two of the hardest boards to serve on and receive the least amount of prestige.

WITH THIS in mind, we thought it time to doff our hats to the members of the Farmington Township Planning Commission.

Why? Because last week they were big enough men to decide to do some very basic re-examining of a sacred tenet of township planning.

The decision was made not because the township planners suddenly had a change in heart on the matter of low density zoning, but were merely making an effort to try to develop a community that will be unique and something different from the usual suburban sprawl.

Even opening the topic could become a hot political and emotional issue. The town-

ship's concept of low density zoning affects the planning not only of the township, but of the county and the schools.

The township fought long and hard to defend its right to control population through zoning. Since the case was won, the subject has been almost sacred to both residents and officials.

THE IMPEPUS for the study, which could affect the entire township, came from the proposal to construct a "satellite village" at 12 Mile and Drake Rids.

Under the proposal, the density would be increased by about 50 per cent.

The first impulse of the citizen is to throw the case out of court if the developer won't bring the density down to its current level.

Economics plays a role in this, however, and the developer won't construct anything other than another push look-alike subdivision if he can't gain the revenue to help him

make a profit.

THE PLANNERS are interested in developing an interesting and balanced community and want the township to stand out from the monotonous suburban pattern which sociologists tell us is coming.

If a change in the density comes about for this development, the township is opening the door to further developments. The planners are aware of this.

That's why they have decided to proceed cautiously on the matter.

It comes down to a matter of choice between the tried and familiar and the untried and new.

We aren't certain just what choice should be made, but we are happy to see the matter come under study.

The decision even to re-study the matter takes courage. The public is certain to be aroused if any change is made.

We like to see an attempt at the more difficult, but perhaps more proper course though.

That's why a bouquet goes to the township planners this week.

—Sue Shaughnessy



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Halloween Havoc Disgusts Parent

FRED DELANO Staff Writer

At least one father in mushrooming Farmington Township is fed up with the wanton disrespect for property evidenced by youths under the guise of Halloween "spirit" and is trying to do something about it.

In another article in today's Enterprise & Observer, it is mentioned that there were no "major" police incidents in the city or township over Halloween, but perhaps the accumulation of "minor" irritants is best described by the following excerpts from one resident's open letter.

omised, but it would serve no purpose to list them here.

"Working in the city, I come across these situations every week. There it can be traced to poverty; broken homes—some cases.

"Can we justify overdoing a good thing here?"

"No, I don't want to hold my kids back from having the

most fun possible—but only to the extent that my friends and neighbors are not imposed upon. If they get into trouble, I want to know about it and be right there at their sides.

"I know precisely where my kids were last night.

"Did you?"

THE NAME of the author,

his address and the name of the subdivision have been purposely deleted.

In the opinion of the Enterprise & Observer, if the shoe fits, wear it—and many may find it fits. Judge for yourself whether it was your kids he was discussing, or the proverbial "other guy's."

DeLano Joins Editorial Staff

Fred DeLano has been assigned to the editorial staff of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer as a staff reporter.

Philip H. Power, publisher of the Enterprise & Observer announced the assignment this week.



FRED DELANO

DeLano, a resident of Farmington Township's Olde Franklin Towne Subdivision, joins the Farmington staff after six months on the editorial staff of the Plymouth Mail & Observer. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

He has extensive background in both the Detroit public relations field and newspaper experience on several newspapers in Michigan, Illinois and California.

DeLano was city hall reporter on the Flint News-Advertiser in the late '30's, worked on the sports copy desk of the Chicago Tribune and as a daily sports columnist at the Long Beach (Calif.) Press-Telegram. He has also covered sports for the Detroit News and Free Press.

In 1951 he was elected president of the Southern California Football Writers Association.

DeLano was sports publicity director of the University of Michigan in the Tom Harmon era, later served in the same capacity for the University of Detroit.

Other prominent connections have been with the Detroit Lions, Detroit Pistons, Detroit Olympic Committee, Ford's

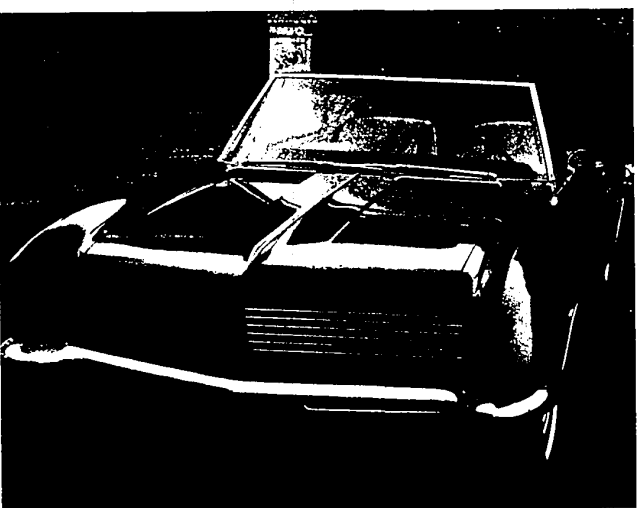
"LAST NIGHT, while I was at work, a group of boys wreaked havoc at the end of our street. They didn't just mark windows; they soaked them from top to bottom, writing obscenities and using candle wax or paraffin occasionally on the metal—which makes it more interesting, I guess.

"My neighbor's plantings and shrubs were damaged. Fortunately, I haven't put in anything like that, yet.

"Were these boys strangers?"

"No, they were mostly subdivision kids, maybe 12 to 15 of them. Many could be rec-

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