

Rezoning Are Approved

Three different rezoning ordinance amendments were approved this week by the Farmington Township Board.

All of the requests had been approved by the township planning commission and the changes had been recommended to the township trustees.

Reasoned was:
A lot behind the gas station at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake for the construction of an office. The property was previously zoned for business and it now has the office classification.

Parking will be permitted on the lot on Albion just south of Grand River. This parcel was originally zoned for residential purposes.
A total of 25.15 acres on the north side of the I-696 expressway and just east of Lakeside Rd. was rezoned for the construction of an office building along with a possible swimming club.

In other action the Board: Voted to sponsor one boy at the 1968 Wolverine Boys State Convention scheduled for June 12 through 19 on the Michigan State University campus. Cost for this activity is \$35 and Supervisor Curtis W. Hall told the Board that the funds had been allocated in the budget for the project.

Granted a permit for the year 1968 to Berzsky Brothers, to the firm operates the township park yard at 25000 Haggerty Rd.

Tabled a proposed ordinance prohibiting parking of commercial vehicles on township streets between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Hall asked the Board to delay action until he had checked with the Oakland County Road Commission as to whether or not such action was within the township's powers.

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By FRED DELANO

AS LINCOLN SAID, "You can fool all of the people some of the time."

To which I append, "Pick your spots."

Whether this is one of them will depend on such vital developments as my continued employment vs. old age pension benefits.

Colors which will appear sporadically in the future are sure to cover the full spectrum of local interests from "A" to "B" and back again, and in this free introductory sample we'll touch upon a few possibilities.

FOR INSTANCE, there's my view of mini-skirts as worn in the Farmington social set.

They remind one of a motion made to adopt the resolution which then dies aborning for lack of a second.

Then there's this matter of jealousy between city and township. That it's real is beyond question. One reason is the fact that some officials of one aren't even remotely acquainted with officials of the other, and on the street it would be, "John Doe, meet John Doe."

As a case in point, City Councilman Howard Thayer says he wouldn't know Township Trustee Earl Oppenheimer if the latter walked into the room. That Thayer deals essentially in oblong clients is beside the point.

If those do-gooders, the junior lightning bugs, want really to contribute to government advancement and harmony hereabouts, why not host some Monday Morning Quarterback feasts of french toast and radishes for elbow rubbing by the decision makers?

Even Burp and Duffy speak to each other, you know, and so do Biggy and Fritz. So do George and Dick, Lyndon and Bobby, even John and Curt. Let's carry it through the ranks and keep mouthwash sales booming.

INGROWN Farmingtonites, which is a word we'll replace about as soon as Mark Beltaire gets a substitute for Michiganders, can get real smoked up about all this annexation vs. incorporation vs. consolidation bit, but few newcomers have sunk their roots deep enough to care.

Their awakening will come when they see the tax bills.

But it isn't Farmington's patented debate.

Monday, the merits of "togetherness" will be weighed at the ballot box in the mid-eastern Oakland County township of A v o n.

When a bitter fight over incorporation will be resolved.

Tuesday, Walled Lake's bid to annex portions of Commerce Township and the Village of Wolverine Lake also will be fought with ballots.

In Oxford Township, to the northeast, an incorporation move pertaining to an area of six square miles which just happens to include 11-18ths of the township's total tax base also has been launched.

And, as Farmingtonites might know, it's a "Study Committee" which has recommended the move.

The whole pot pourri reminds me of the first time my blorrie little filly attended church and, on the drive home while reflecting about that trinity stuff, asked, "Daddy, when can we go see the Holy Goats?"

I could tell her now she wouldn't have to go far.

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'Planners Lack Courtesy'

EDITOR:

Last week a group of interested citizens attended a meeting between the people of Farmington Township and the Planning Commission who supposedly represent the people of the township.

We were under the impression that we were meeting with a group of intelligent men on a very important issue. The issue was whether or not there should or should not be apartment dwellings on the corner of Northwestern Highway and Middle Belt Rd.

The people in the surrounding areas do not want apartments. No one other than the builder has anything to gain.

Why then should our so-called "Honorable Commission" choose to ignore the many intelligent and valid reasons of our concerned citizens? Why did they choose to be rude and discourteous, to ignore and leave our reasonably-asked questions unanswered?

Is it a courteous group of men and women who would tilt back their chairs, put their hands on their hips, and in general, make it very clear that they really had no interest in what we had to say? Or is it a group of people who came to insult the intelligence of our citizens by making advantage of the fact they were sitting at the head table?

This issue was apartments at Northwestern and Middle Belt. Tomorrow it may be another residential corner in a neighborhood which you have worked to preserve for your children's safety and to protect your hard earned dollar by maintaining the value of your property.

A FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP CITIZEN

EDITOR'S NOTE: We don't always agree with the treatment that the citizen receives at the hands of the Planning Commission, but in this instance the criticism is unwarranted and unjustified.

The facts are that the commission has held three public hearings on this particular rezoning request. At each one the

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