

Grant Gives City Parks

Purchase of 415.9 acres of open space land in Livonia was made possible with the federal grant just approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington.

The award of \$857,525, to be matched by local funds, was about half of what the Parks and Recreation Commission had asked.

The approved acreage also was about half what had been listed in the petitions to give Livonia plenty of parks and playgrounds. The 818.27 acres finally agreed upon was a downward revision of the 2,000 acres originally considered necessary to meet the outdoor needs of the city with a potential population of 175,000, or about 70,000 above the present estimated population.

While the original message listed the award as \$828,368, the acreage and specified sites were not listed.

NOW COMES an itemized listing from Dwight F. Rettle, of HUD's open space division, announcing that 17 sites had been approved, totaling \$857,525—in each instance half the city's appraisal of the earmarked sites included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Funds are matched on a 50-50 basis.

While only half the request-

ed aid was awarded, the Rettle breakdown of 17 sites also announced that "other sites are under further review."

That gave Mayor Harvey W. Moelke and City Attorney Steve Polgar encouragement that the rest of the program will eventually be approved. It would mean that altogether about 3.5 million in local and federal funds would be available for purchase of the more than 800 acres.

Livonia's matching money comes from the \$4 million issue approved in 1965 by the taxpayers for development of recreation facilities.

The HUD award means that \$1,715,050 can now be spent for specific sites—some of which the commission may already have bought with the HUD "letter of consent" to proceed with purchases—and await reimbursement.

THE CITY has been working on the open space program for a long time, but feared that a shift in federal policy might leave Livonia without the appropriations. A special assistant city attorney was hired by Polgar, on Moelke orders, to cut red tape in a pressing for the land purchases.

The 17 approved sites are scattered over the city's 36 square miles, with tracts rang-

ing from 3.1 acres to 200 acres. Specific grants range from \$5,000 to \$900,000.

Much of the land is described by John Dufour, superintendent of recreation, as wooded and beautiful with creeks and valleys. Most of it is vacant, and in natural stage.

One tract of 3.6 acres, costing \$2,200, pleases people in the Cleveland School area who Polgar said "have been waiting for the park for 10 years."

THE 200 ACRE TRACT between Six and Seven and Merriman and Farmington, listed at \$900,000, will be joined across Seven Mile to the North with 77.5 acres costing \$387,500.

Ten acres between Seven and Eight, Inkster and Middle Belt, costs \$5,000; ten between Six and Seven, Farmington and Newburgh, \$31,200; ten between Five and Six, Farmington and Newburgh, \$35,700, and 5.5 in the same area \$28,500.

About 18 acres between Merriman and Middle Belt and Six and Seven lists at \$53,700, and 5.5 acres in the area at \$16,500; fifteen acres between Six and Seven, Middle Belt and Inkster, comes at \$45,000; 11.6 between Five and Six and Merriman and Middle Belt at \$59,000. A 12 acre tract nearby, in the same section, costs \$60,

000; thirteen acres between Five and Schoolcraft and Levan and Farmington lists at \$30,000.

Six acres between Eekles and Newburgh and Schoolcraft and Five costs \$18,000, seven between Five and Schoolcraft, Merriman and Middle Belts at \$21,000. Two tracts, between Schoolcraft and Five and Mid-

dle Belt and Inkster, completed the list. They are 3.6 acres at \$7,600, and 3.1 acres at \$7,750.

In view of Washington's word that the rest of the program is being reviewed, City Hall has delayed plans to go to the capital to press for approval.

Wills Estate To Dog

Relatives of a St. Louis, Mo., woman who bequeathed her \$51,553 estate to a black mongrel dog filed suit recently contesting the will.

Miss June Kieselhorst, of Greendale, died last May, leaving her estate to 10-year-old Last Minute II with the provision that the remainder of the estate go to the Humane Society of Missouri after the dog's death.

Last Minute II is being cared for by the society.

Four first cousins filed the suit. The legal action alleges that Miss Kieselhorst was of sound mind and incapable of understanding what disposition she had made of her affairs.

The plaintiffs are Sidney Kieselhorst of St. Louis; Sidney B. Kieselhorst of New York City; Earl Kieselhorst of Clare-

mont, Calif.; and Mrs. Minerva K. Schermer of Hinsdale, Ill.

U-M Medical Service Head Will Retire

ANN ARBOR -- Dr. Morley B. Beckett, director of the University of Michigan's Student Health Service, will retire at the age of 65 on March 31.

U-M Regents approved Dr. Beckett's request for early retirement on Feb. 16. Dr. Beckett left the day-to-day administration of the Health Service last fall, and has been serving as a consultant since then. Dr. John S. Wyman, director of the service's medical clinic, has been acting director of the service.

DONATIONS ASKED—Sorting clothing for distribution to needy families through the P.T.A. Clothing Depot in Livonia were, from left, the Mesdames Halina Majewski, Gloria Root and Pat Renwick. The women seek further donations of usable children's clothing.

Spanking New Livonians

PTA Depot Collecting Clothing

- A son, Richard Morrow, to Thomas and Margie Huff, 15407 Blue Skies Ct.
- A daughter, Elizabeth Marie, to Douglas and Shari Day, 9924 Westmore.
- A daughter, Laura Karline, to Marion and Joan Lee, 15667 Sussex.
- A daughter, Mary Alice, to James and Norma Regan, 15172 Melrose.
- A daughter, Vicki Lynn, to Robert and Nancy Kowalski, 9300 Colorado.
- A daughter, Jennifer Marie, to Richard and Janet Hoeltl, 35523 Richland.
- A son, Raymond Francis, to Alfred and Minnie Zarate, 8975 Henry Huff.
- A daughter, Wendy Lee, to Richard and Susan Wagner, 15068 Blue Skies.
- A daughter, Kristin Marie, to John and Shirley Drew, 14390 Blackburn.
- A son, Brian Keith, to Robert and Shirley Hash, 29119 Hayburn.
- A son, Dennis Warren, to Lynn and Delora Gawlik, 11614 Stark.
- A son, Richard John, to Arnold and Patricia Ahrens, 14415 Edgewood Drive.
- A son, Michael Evans, to John and Elizabeth Crossman, 11218 Middle Belt.
- A daughter, Jodi Ann, to Lonnie and Joyce Williams, 31754 Summers.
- A daughter, Carin Janet, to Gale and Judy Simons, 14309 Hamblewood.
- A son, Michael Alan, to Carl and Charlene Laurie, 14999 Auburndale.
- A daughter, Lisa Sungwood, to Peter and Youngsook Kim, 18375 Giltman.
- A daughter, Geri Lynn, to John and Geraldine Nolan, 32530 Washington.
- A son, Stephen Gregory, to Gene and Arlene Bond, 14604 Fairway.
- A son, Edward Michael, to Miles and Nina Bowman, Jr., 15685 Edgewood Drive.
- A daughter, Ann Marie, to William and Mary Ganzak, 29583 Jacquelyn.
- A son, Brian Matthew, to Patrick and Sharon Farrell, 14049 Park.
- A son, Harl Ethan, to Ned and Frances Hogan, 9099 Metrose.
- A son, John Edward, to Bernard and Elizabeth Zaluski, 14916 Country Club.
- A son, Kevin Joseph, to Rex and Tonibeth Billings, 14937 Alexander.
- A son, Kurt Christopher, to Mr. and Mrs. John Jung, 35915 W. Chicago, Livonia, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.
- A daughter, Tracy Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Birch, 17750 Mayfield, Livonia.
- A daughter, Gail Elaine, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Maylone, 29525 W. Chicago, Livonia.
- A daughter, Carolyn Sue, to Edward and Mary Sulick, 15953 Brentwood.
- A daughter, Jill Alison, to Donald and Bette Spittler, 19316 Antago.

Livonians doing spring clothes-cleaning can aid needy school children.

In a project begun four years ago by local P.T.A. women, clothing no longer of use to a family can be donated to the P.T.A. Clothing Depot for sorting, mending and cleaning and, eventually, distribution to needy families with school-aged children.

The Depot, in new quarters at the Cooper Annex, Middlebelt Road and Ann Arbor Trail, is open for donations from 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays. Families in need of clothing may call for special appointments.

In demand this season, according to collectors Coelmen Mrs. Charles (Gloria) Root and Mrs. William (Pat) Renwick, are boys' slacks in elementary sizes to 10, 12 and 14; shoes and tennis shoes, and any kind of heavy winter clothing—sweaters, coats, scarves.

Before distribution, clothing is cleaned and sanitized and minor repairs made.

Since its inception, the Clothing Depot has assisted hundreds of Livonia families—80 persons the first year; 215 the second; 316 the third, and 100 so far in 1968.

The group, in addition to clothing, welcomes cash donations of any size in order to purchase needed articles not in stock. This year, \$55 was donated by Garfield, Adams, Jefferson, Cleveland, Taff, Marshall and Riley Schools. The Optimist Club of Livonia contributed \$100. Checks for the cause may be sent to P.T.A. Council treasurer, Lillian Woodard, 30955 MacIntyre, Livonia, 48150, specifying the donation for the Clothing Depot.

Also needed are volunteer workers to man the depot on Tuesdays and Thursdays and to help sort, clean and mend donations.

Interested persons may call Mrs. Root, at 422-3270, or Mrs. Renwick, 422-5630.

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