

Youth Agencies Get Funds

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meetings between FAAC and FYA during the past year. Two secretaries were needed to help with case paperwork whether or not both agencies were under one roof. Coffin added. A search was fruitless in locating a suitable building adequate to house both.

Supervisor Earl Teepley argued in favor of one building for both agencies with each

scheduling times the facility would be used. He cited the Farmington Community Center as a multi-use facility which is scheduled for all types of community groups.

Gary Lichtman commented that the youth who use Rap Line facilities would apt to be "turned off" by the kids who use FYA and vice-versa. "We might end up saving \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year, at the most, but end up destroying something

which has become vital. In addition, you just cannot schedule a kid with a drug problem. He needs help when he's got the problem."

TRUSTEE Fred Lichtman lamented that the township has to spend \$15,000 to help kids who get into trouble but is unable to spend a dime on the "normal" kids or those who don't get into problems.

Trustee Lichtman admitted it was necessary to spend the money to help the troubled youth but wished the community could see the necessity to approve recreation mileage for facilities to help all the youth in the community, including the "good kids" before they end up needing the services of FAAC or FYA.

Rideout commented that "normal" or "good" kids use such facilities as churches, school counselors and the YMCA but these facilities are usually shunned by the type of youth apt to turn to drugs.

Coffin added that the Youth Employment Program being suggested would help all youth find jobs, thereby heading off potential problems, and reminded trustees that they have in hand a request for \$11,000 to help fund this program.

Motions to approve the funds for both groups was made by Lichtman, supported by Oppenheimer, and passed 5-0.

EARLIER the board had voted unanimously to increase the monthly retainer fee from \$650 to \$900 for its attorney, Brennan and Bebeau.

Joseph T. Brennan is at-

torney for the board and Bebeau handles cases for the township in Farmington District Court.

Treasurer Thomas Nolan explained that Brennan's fees have not been increased since April 1970, and the firm has taken on additional responsibilities since the advent of the district court.

Lichtman pointed out the township is being billed by Brennan at the minimum fee suggested by the State Bar Assn. He added the firm gives the township about 320 hours of time per month.

THE BOARD accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Benya from the planning commission and voted to present her a plaque containing the township's seal to honor her service on the commission.

Mrs. Benya was forced to resign because her husband has taken a new job in New

Castle, Ind., and the Benya family is moving to that state next month.

Teepley then appointed Mrs. Strye to the commission to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Strye is a 52-year resident of the township, owns a bridal shop, has been very active on the township's beautification committee for many years, and is a south end resident living at 22141 Hamilton.

Clerk Floyd Cairns moved that the appointment be confirmed, but Oppenheimer asked that confirmation be tabled until the next meeting to give to study information on her qualifications.

"She may be perfectly qualified and probably I will support her appointment, but I'd like the chance to examine her credentials before voting," Oppenheimer commented.



SPECIAL AWARD -- Mayor Wilbur Brotherton presents a special award to the City of Farmington for its continued support and encouragement of city beautification projects. Accepting the award, presented by the City of Farmington Beautification Committee on May 20, is City Manager Robert Deadman (right) at the Community Pride Day breakfast in the Botsford Inn. (Evert photo).

Ingenuity Builds Obstacle Course

FARMINGTON Ingenuity, planning and elbow grease have created a playground for youngsters at Shiawassee Elementary School of Farmington Public Schools which is becoming a favorite pastime occupation.

"Frankly speaking, we got tired, as parents, with our kids wanting to go to Larkshire Elementary School to play when we've got a school right in our own area," explained Mrs. Carolyn Mykolatis, whose son attends Shiawassee. "So I said we're going to have to get together and get equipment."

AFTER talking with Anne Marie Kennedy, a teacher at Shiawassee, Mrs. Mykolatis said the teachers "set up an area as an obstacle course."

Fathers of students then cemented and otherwise in-

stalled donated items including car and truck tires, phone poles for balancing posts, a wooden spool formerly used for phone wire, and an old swing set which was hung with ropes for climbing.

"We have a company which will donate culverts, but we have no way of unloading them," added Mrs. Mykolatis. One culvert has been set up on an experimental basis.

WHILE the fathers were busy, mothers and teachers painted hop scotch games on the blacktop at the school.

"My son thinks this obstacle course is a ball. Everyone has a swing set in the back yard," she said.

"So the children are having fun, building muscles and we know they have a place to play without going to the next subdivision to find them."

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