

Others fighting Northwestern

By MARY CONNELLY

WEST BLOOMFIELD—The township planning commission adopted a master development plan for Orchard Lake Road and recommended the rezoning of 44 acres along the road amid cries of foul play by two citizen's groups Tuesday night.

Citizen's groups charge they were not allowed to speak about Orchard Lake Road issues before a planning commission vote, was taken.

Planning commission chairman Charles Murray said proper procedures were followed during Tuesday's public hearings and that comments on both issues had been sought.

Concerned Citizens of West Bloomfield, Inc. and Citizens' Council for Land Use Research and Education contend they were waiting to take the floor to oppose the rezoning proposal when they realized the recommendation had been passed.

"WE WERE still talking about what we were going to say," said Concerned Citizens president Sheila Outley.

The public hearings were held on a planning commission petition that

44 acres along the west side of Orchard Lake Road between Maple and Fourteen Mile Roads be rezoned from primarily single family residential to R-2, restricted office district and on a master development plan for the township's Orchard Lake Road corridor be adopted.

The groups made statements about the development plan, the first item on the agenda, and said they were waiting to comment on the rezoning, the second agenda item.

Opinions were sought before the rezoning recommendation was voted on. Murray said, stating that the hearings were handled fairly.

"We didn't hear what was going on up there. They weren't speaking into the mikes," said Janet Lynn, executive vice-president of CLURE. "The thing that is really going to control development was not discussed."

ABOUT 230 PEOPLE attended the meeting after passing through a handful of picketers carrying signs supporting the road development plan and the proposed Northwestern Highway extension.

Concerned Citizens and CLURE are opposed to the proposed extension.

After first crowding into the township hall's meeting room, the hearings were moved to the West Bloomfield High School cafeteria.

The planning commission, which announced a three-minute limit on audience comments, ruled out discussion of the proposed Northwestern Highway extension at the hearings.

"We are not talking about Northwestern tonight," said Murray. "That, if you want to get steamed up about will have to come at a later date."

The Orchard Lake Road Master Development Plan has no bearing on whether Northwestern goes in or doesn't," he commented. "We would like to get on with the business at hand."

When he asked the audience how many had come to speak about Northwestern about 20 people raised their hands.

"Our wings were clipped tonight," Mrs. Outley said about the ban on discussing Northwestern.

"Even with this rezoning we wanted to talk Northwestern," she said. Concerned Citizens launched a campaign against the Orchard Lake Road proposals last week in which the pro-

posed Northwestern extension figured in the arguments, said Loren McEwen, vice-president of Concerned Citizens.

AN ESTIMATED 17 people spoke at the hearings.

Those favoring the Orchard Lake Road proposals welcomed the tax revenues which could be derived from the restricted office district and the community identity which could be built in the area. The corridor master plan was favored for the order it would bring to Orchard Lake Road development.


The Briarcliffe Subdivision Association board of directors endorsed both proposals.

The West Bloomfield-Farmington League of Women Voters opposed immediate action on the plan. The East Michigan Environmental Action Council joined Concerned Citizens and CLURE in recommending defeat of both proposals.

The planning commission unanimously adopted the master development plan and recommended the rezoning with a vote of seven to one. Planning commissioners Jeffrey Leeb and Edward Nagel were absent. The rezoning recommendation must be approved by the township board.

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Adviser wins teaching honor

FARMINGTON HILLS—If teaching awards mean anything, Gerry Kaufman might qualify as top in his profession.

In five years of teaching, Kaufman has drawn two awards for his classroom abilities. The most recent came from the Taylor Jaycees who named him teacher of the year in that community.

The Farmington Hills resident is in his fifth year of teaching American government and social studies courses at Truman High School in Taylor. Despite his own high grades in that profession, he manages to find time to serve as a counselor four after-

ONE OF FOUR core counselors Kaufman handles drug, alcohol, police, school and family crisis referrals for FAAC.

The rest of his time is divided among his work as a Michigan lobbyist coordinator for Common Cause, a high school Sunday school class, his club and as a board member of the men's club at his synagogue.

Then there's his wife, seven-month old son, five Eskimo dogs and two cats.

Kaufman said that it is his ability to rooms a week at the Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC).

He has also participated in his high school's core program devoted to encourage potential dropouts to complete their education.

"Most of them are students who don't have the ability to compete with other students," he said. "We try to make school meaningful so they will stay to graduate."

Another teaching award came from the students themselves, when they named him outstanding teacher of the year in his first year in the classroom.

C'ville students join honor group

Clarencville High School inducted 30 students into its National Honor Society in recent ceremonies.

The 11 seniors joining the group were: Suzanne Brennan, Thomas Campbell, Maria Dedakis, Jeffrey Edelstein, Barbara Hill, Cathy Hinson, Jeffrey Hochberger, Elliott Ring, Michael Schott, Richard Sherman and David Suglin. Honorary member is Elizabeth Quirens.

The 13 juniors in the society are: Richy Canady, Deborah Coppola,

Judy Drucker, Lester Fisher, Roland Frechette, Donna Gotta, Tim Jeffrey, Valerie Layland, Maria Scharrenberg, Matthew Scott, Jennifer Smith, Ingrida Stakmanis and Mark Womick.

The 14 sophomores inducted were: Carol Brown, Leslie Goldman, Andrew Greenfield, Lori Julien, Sherry Kaler, Donna Miller, Nancy Parrish, Linda Schwartzberg, Lisa Smith, Cynthia Tashie, Vincent Tobacco, Samer Weigand, Tonna Wilson and Kathryn Wright.

Larkshire students running to Florida

FARMINGTON—Florida by Easter is the destination for eight classes from Larkshire Elementary School, and they're doing it without a plane or bus.

The students are running the distance from Detroit to Disney World—some 1,940 kilometers (km)—by racing around a circular track in the gym during the first four minutes of the class. Laps run by each student are figured in with his class's total. Eighteen laps equal one kilometer, and one KM equals three-fifths of a mile.

During the first 10 days, the stu-

dents completed 25,000 laps, with Mrs. Bette Buckler's sixth grade class in the lead.

Miss Estralee Luff's sixth grade is in second place, and Dennis Place's fourth grade students are running third.

Neil Redford, Larkshire's gym teacher, said the students have improved since the start of the program. "The students have more endurance now than they did when we started," he said.

Records of the average laps include the boys at 26 laps for four minutes, with the girls trailing at 25.

Restaurants help Easter Seal Society

FARMINGTON—Some restaurants in the city will help sponsor a coffee day on March 28 to raise funds for the Easter Seal Society.

"Buck-A-Cup" buttons will be sold in the restaurants throughout March, and will entitle buyers to free coffee on coffee day.

Funds raised during coffee days will assist handicapped children and adults at Easter Seal centers in the state.

Farmington restaurants participating are the Flame, Roman Terrace, Elka and the Big Boys of Farmington, Grand River, Halstead and Middlebelt roads.

The coffee day fundraising is sponsored by the Michigan Restaurant Association.

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