

Office building short on parking spaces

BIRMINGHAM—Residents have suspected, and the city has confirmed, there are too many offices at 850-850 Forest.

In response to requests from residents, the city commission ordered an investigation of the use of the basement of the building for offices.

Building Official Richard Krupp found that the building does not provide enough parking to allow use of all available space for offices.

Owner John Ostrander has been ordered to vacate 900 square feet of offices in the building within 90 days.

Krupp told the commission last week that the building is required to provide 2,180 square feet of parking under the zoning code in force when the structure was constructed. Only 1,200 square feet are presently available.

When first occupied, the basement floor was not used for offices, and substantially less parking was required. The building has a total of 3,500 square feet, half in the basement, half in the first floor.

IN OTHER ACTION, the commission planned a new committee to investigate a possible senior citizens free hot lunch program.

At least 12 volunteers are willing to serve on the committee, Commissioner Patricia Watt said. She will submit a formal motion to appoint a committee at next week's meeting.

Federal funds are available through Oakland County for free hot meal programs for senior citizens. Several

neighboring cities, including Troy, already have established programs. There is no cost to the sponsoring community.

The commission also voted to ask the Birmingham Board of Education to provide expanded swimming hours at pools at Derby and Seaholm schools.

Both pools were built with patios that can open to the outdoors, which makes them especially desirable for summer recreation, said Commissioner Dorothy Conrad.


MAYOR DAVID BRECK said he has learned that the school board is considering expanding use of pools in

the summer, especially at Barnum Junior High School.

At one time, pools were used more extensively during the summer in a joint city-school board recreation program. The schedules were reduced when the city and school board split their programs, City Manager Robert Kenning said.

Kenning pointed out that the school board made a commitment not to reduce programming when the operation was split. "It seems to me the school board should honor that commitment," Kenning said. Kenning was directed to communicate with the school board on behalf of the commission.

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Nygren files for board

BIRMINGHAM—A sixth candidate has filed nominating petitions for the board of education for the June 9 election.

Christopher Nygren, 1094 Kennesaw, seeks the one-year seat on the board created with the resignation of Gary Petersen. Two four-year posts also will be vacant.

Sylvia Whitmer, 5800 Inkster Road, was appointed by the board Tuesday to fill the vacancy until the June election. Mrs. Whitmer said she plans to run for a four-year term.

Incumbents Dorothy Eicker and Ralph Sosin, whose terms are expiring, also have said they will seek re-election. Sosin plans to run for the one-year term and Mrs. Eicker for a four-year term.

Others who have filed petitions for four-year terms are John Ott, 1321 Cedar; Dr. William Stephenson, 940 Poppleton; Dr. Bruce Van Deusen, 1492 W. Lincoln; and Donald Chadwick, 1750 Holland.

Pamela LaPine, 1725 Elton, has filed for the one-year term.

Attendant faces charges

BIRMINGHAM—A 17-year-old gas station attendant faces charges of filing a false police report after he was shot in the right shoulder with a .22 caliber bullet.

Kevin Bachert, 124 W. Baker St., Clawson, said he was innocent of the charge at arraignment Monday before Judge Carl Ingraham in 48th District Court.

Birmingham police said the false police report charge was made after a two-week investigation. Bachert, at the time of the incident, said the shooting was the result of an armed robbery attempt at 1775 S. Woodward Ave. at 8:33 p.m. April 21.

Bachert was released following arraignment on personal bond. Filing a false police report is a misdemeanor carrying a maximum penalty of a \$100 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

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