

# Peat bog in NW path will go

By **TIM RICHARD**  
One minor bombshell was dropped Wednesday as the State Highway Commission visited Oakland County to hear more than 30 persons discuss the cancelled M-275 freeway, the questioned Northwestern Highway extension and what could be built in place of them.

B.H. Carey, West Bloomfield Township resident who owns a famed black spruce bog in the path of the Northwestern extension, revealed he intends to clear the swamp and extract the peat "as soon as weather permits." The bog, at West Maple and Haggerty roads, had been described as a unique natural phenomenon that should not be disturbed, according to environmentalists opposing both M-275 and the Northwestern extension. It had been cited frequently by the Detroit Free Press as a major reason for halting the project.

Far from being "a unique black spruce bog of 200 acres," the swamp,

as Carey labelled it, is really only 90 acres; it has only 30 black spruce trees, which are in these parts, but not further north; the tree grove is already bisected by a power line, and there are valuable peat deposits.

Since all the Detroit Free Press coverage of the bog, Carey said he owns no land contacted him about preserving the site. He added that no environmental agency had ever studied the bog except from the roadside.

An investor, Carey said he owns some 250 acres on the site of which the bog is part, as well as other investment properties in western Oakland County. He spoke as co-chairman of the M-275 Road Crisis Committee, a group strong in favor of building the north-south freeway as planned.

The highway commission, chaired by Peter B. Fletcher, disposed quickly of routine business in 20 minutes in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners auditorium, then listened to the public for three hours.

The auditorium was nearly packed. Pro-highway applauders outnumbered environmentalist applauders by 2 or 3.

The highway commission took no action on either M-275 or Northwestern, nor did members indicate their reactions to the testimony.

**THERE WAS SOME** movement by M-275 supporters toward a compromise proposal by County Executive Daniel Murphy to build a "Lake-Lake Parkway" along existing rights-of-way in the general path of M-275—from I-96 and I-75 intersection in Novi to I-75 to Holly.

State Sen. Kerry Kammer (D-Pontiac) said he "supports a north-south alternative." State Rep. Richard Fessler (R-Union Lake) said "realism states there has to be a highway and it has to be a north-south route." Fessler added that Northwestern should be extended—maybe at surface grade, maybe with less lanes, maybe

swinging west on Maple to Haggerty Highway.

"I like the parkway concept. I suggest a greenbelt on both sides; I don't like looking at the backs of hotels and stores," Fessler said.

State Rep. Claude Trim (D-Springfield Township) added in a letter that he likes the Lakeland Parkway idea. Fessler and Trim had been stalwart bipartisan supporters of M-275.

John Doherty, supervisor of West Bloomfield Township, conceded he "could live with the parkway." But he added, "Northwestern must be extended across West Bloomfield." Plans are to widen Orchard Lake Road to five lanes, Doherty said, but that will be insufficient if Northwestern isn't extended.

OTHERWISE, hardly anyone changed previously announced positions.

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Two area residents have been named in announcements by the State of Israel Bonds Organization. Dr. Terry A. Podolsky of Southfield was appointed chairman of the newly formed Osteopathic Physicians Division, and Rabbi James I. Gordon, spiritual leader of Young Israel of Oak Woods, will be honored with the "United Jerusalem Award."

Dr. Podolsky has been active in the bond campaign since 1972. Following the 1973 Israeli-Arab War, he held five emergency Israel Bond meetings in his home, helping raise money.

Born in Chicago, he is a graduate of the Still Osteopathic Medical School of Des Moines, Iowa, and practices in Warren. He is active with the Allied Jewish Campaign, the Detroit Committee for Soviet Jewry and other community organizations.

Marrried to the former Merie Cohen, they are the parents of four children: Fravi, 11, Mendy, 10, Jody, 7, and Corey, 5.

Rabbi Gordon will receive his award at a 6:30 p.m. dinner Wednesday, May 18, at Young Israel of Oak Woods in Oak Park. Dinner chairman is Sol Lesman of Southfield.

THE "UNITED JERUSALEM" Award was created in commemoration of the 10th anniversary celebration of the reunification of Jerusalem after nearly two decades as a divided city.

Rabbi Gordon was educated at Boston Latin School, Yeshiva University High School, Yeshiva University and the Rabbi Isaac Eichenan Theological Seminary of YU. He earned an MA in guidance and counseling at Oregon State College in 1952 and an MA in psychology, with a marriage counselor certificate at the University of Detroit in 1967.

He is a former vice-president and New York State region president of the Rabbinic Council of America and has held many other leadership posts including the presidency of the Religious Zionists of Detroit.

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8:30 AM WOODLAND BOWLETTES (4) (everyone welcome—All averages)  
4:00 PM BOYS & GIRLS—8-16 (100% handicapped—high level fun bowling)  
7:30 PM XCELLETTES (4 ladies—any average beginners welcome)  
7:30 PM MIXED DOUBLES (4 games—just the two of you)

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1:00 PM Bowling Meets (something new)  
1:00 PM LEARN TO BOWL CLASS (Learn the right way)  
7:30 PM Movers 'n' Shivers no top league—bowling 3:00  
7:30 PM YOUNG ADULTS—18 to 25 (Bowling & pizza—meet friends here)

**THURSDAYS**  
1:00 PM LADIES FOURSOME (keep pin and family)  
7:30 PM FAMILY FOURSOME—MOTHER, DAD, SON, DAUGHTER (good time to bow)  
7:30 PM MEN'S 4-700 TEAM MAXIMUM (Handicap 80% to 7:00, 100% over 7:00)

**FRIDAYS**  
8:30 AM SENIOR CITIZENS MIXED (Continue with program)  
7:30 PM KINGS & QUEENS (start the week-end right—everyone welcome)  
7:30 PM LADIES DOUBLES—13 games handicap 80% from 3:50)

**SATURDAYS**  
10:00 AM JUNIORS AND BANTAM (Any age—8:00—100% handicap)

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Beginning May 11  
10:00 A.M. LADIES MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE  
10:00 P.M. LADIES AFTERNOON SWINGERS  
8:15 P.M. FOUR MAN FUN LEAGUE

**Beginning May 4**  
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7:30 P.M. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS Mixed League  
8:00 P.M. KINGS & QUEENS Mixed League

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