

Residents hold firm on single-family housing

By MARY LOU CALLAWAY
 Max Sheldon's latest plan for the northeast corner of 14 Mile and Drake roads in West Bloomfield met another roadblock last week.

Michael Sheldon, the developer's son, asked the planning commission to qualify 11 acres of the property for cluster housing.

Sheldon's plan for the remaining three acres in the corner is to have it rezoned for a National Bank of Detroit building.

But the planning staff recommended that the corner parcel be included in the housing cluster.

Rather than have the bank parcel

declared cluster, Sheldon agreed to have the entire matter tabled to Nov. 27.

The issue crowded the township board room with homeowners, most of whom opposed the plan.

A FARMINGTON HILLS planning commissioner said his board hoped

West Bloomfield would keep the whole area single family.

A former Farmington Hills planning commissioner, introduced by Sheldon, supported the developer. He warned against "letting the audience be a referendum."

Commission Chairman Jeffrey Leib

indicated that such advice was unwelcome.

To Sheldon, Leib said: "I know you're interested in the corner for a bank. Why don't you do that first? The whole site rests on what happens on that corner."

West Bloomfield Estates subdivision homeowners said they would oppose the bank.

"I can be at three (existing) banks in four minutes," argued one resident.

Only two persons attending the meeting spoke in favor of the bank.

The township turned down an original proposal which would have allowed a bank and an office, because the master plan shows the entire area as single family.

United Methodist Church on Walnut Lake Road between Orchard Lake and Green roads. The church has a small facility on the site.

"Qualified 78 acres on 14 Mile east of Halstead for a planned subdivision option. Republic Development is the developer."

"Recommended the township board rezoned several lots along Haggerty Road near Richardson from residential to office."

"Granted James Lark a permanent wall waiver for an office-restaurant building at Farmington and Maple roads."

"Tabled a wall waiver for a Hiller-Greer commercial center to Oct. 9. Several neighboring homeowners said they will insist on a wall."

Approved changes in the township zoning ordinance. The changes now go to the township board for approval.

Citizen of the Year candidates sought

A person who has performed outstanding services in the city of Farmington will be honored this month by being named "Citizen of the Year" by

the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

Nominations of deserving persons should be made to the Chamber of

Commerce office, 23715 Farmington Road.

Eligible for the 1979 title is anyone whose judges determine has given outstanding service to Farmington during the period Sept. 1, 1978 to Sept. 1, 1979, beyond related job duties.

There are no limitations on the basis of age, sex or residency. Men and wom-

en in any field may be nominated and are not required to live in Farmington or Farmington Hills, but must have contributed outstanding services to Farmington.

Nominators are asked to fill in a form available at the chamber office. For more information, call the office at 474-3440.

No-fault insurance plan topic of first AAA talk

An Automobile Club of Michigan insurance expert will discuss "No-fault Insurance — How We Got Here From There" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, in the first of a series of Auto Club sponsored talks at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus.

The lectures will cover travel, auto safety, energy conservation and insurance and presented on alternate Mondays through Nov. 26 in the community activities area of H Building at the Farmington Hills school. They are free. Howard Batazine, administrative assistant of insurance operations, will begin the AAA series tonight by taking a look at the no-fault concept and its place in our socio-economic environment.

Bill Banks, AAA speakers' bureau

coordinator and a contributing editor for Michigan Living, Motor News magazine, will discuss ways to cut fuel consumption and save gas for vacations and recreation in his Oct. 15 lecture, "Maintain Michigan's Mobility."

Banks will discuss the AAA press, radio and TV services for highway safety and public information in the final lecture in the series, "Tell It Like It Is" on Nov. 25.

Other lectures include: Oct. 29 — "Planning a Trip Abroad," with tips from AAA travel counselor Barbara Kowdyn, and Nov. 12 — "Understanding and Being Understood," guides for overcoming barriers to effective communication, from Robert Loesch, AAA's coordinator of supervisory management programs.

Group chooses Ms. Gold

Ms. Claudia Gold of Farmington Hills has been named by Gov. William Milliken to the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice.

The committee will advise the governor, the Office of Criminal Justice and the Commission on Criminal Justice on matters concerning juvenile justice in the state.

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