

Council Approves Rezoning

The controversy over construction of apartments near the K-Mart Shopping Center at Cherry Hill and Wayne Rds. has been settled favorably for the petitioners.

After a dental vote, failed, the Westland City Council last week approved rezoning from commercial to multiple a parcel of land on the south side of Cherry Hill and east of Wayne Rd. and K-Mart.

The petitioners, S & G Homes, asked for the rezoning to build 64 apartment units on a landlocked parcel.

Councilman Justine Barns' motion to deny rezoning failed 3-2 with Mrs. Barns and Gene McKinney voting for denial. Councilmen Virgil Cagnon and Robert Wagner were absent.

After getting the petitioner's pledge to reduce density to 60 units, Councilman John Markey moved approval pending a written agreement on the elimination of four units. The motion passed 3-2 with Mrs. Barns and McKinney casting the dissenting votes.

At earlier motion by Councilman Henry Lundquist to approve rezoning without the density reduction died for lack of support.

McKinney argued the issue was adding to traffic congestion on Wayne Rd. and not reducing density by four units.

The petitioners stated the city's codes would have allowed 75 units but they proposed 64 after talking with the Building Department.

Four units could be dropped, they admitted, but any further reduction would make it economically unfeasible to continue.

Want Teams

The Westland Parks and Recreation Department is accepting entries for their men's touch football league.

Managers interested in entering a team may register at the parks department office at 32716 Dorsey Rd., or by getting more information by calling the department at 722-7820.

Games will be played on Sundays at the Jaycee Park, Wildwood and Hunter, and during week-day evenings.

Ticket Cyclist

A 20-year-old motorcyclist was ticketed for reckless driving and driving without license plates by the Westland Police Dept. Sunday afternoon.

Arrested after being paced at 45 miles per hour in a 25-miles-per-hour zone on a residential street was Eugene Guesbater, of 5902 Linville, Westland.

Tiger Standouts

McLain, Stanley

Appear At Wards

Followers of the Detroit Tigers, and especially those who have been watching Denny McLain bid for his 30th pitching victory, will have an opportunity to meet and talk with two of their favorite stars Thursday (Sept. 12) in Montgomery Ward's Wonderland store.

The management has made arrangements for McLain and Mickey Stanley, another hero of the kids, to appear between the hours of 7 to 8:30 in Wards Sports Department.

Here's an opportunity to get an autograph of the two Bengals on specially drawn caricatures.

There will be a choice of 16 Tiger caricatures to pick from but then McLain and Stanley will be there in person—that's the big treat.



PIE IN YOUR EYE. He doesn't look like a winner but Dan Shorkey, of Redford Township, was one of the victors in the annual pie-eating contest at Wonderland Shopping Center. Other first-place winners were: Jeannine Wells, Westland; Debbie Welling, Livonia; Joann Bittell, Westland; Eddie Houle and Bob Collar, of Livonia.

Wonderland Slates Fitness Day For Kids

September 21 is a special day in the community. Saturday at 10 a.m., a newly developed Quaker Oats - Amateur Athletic Union Physical Fitness Pentathlon will be conducted on the Wonderland parking lot, Plymouth and Middlebelt.

All youngsters from six to 18 are invited to take part in this program. Have fun and receive valuable awards while you test your speed, strength, endurance and agility.

THE PENTATHLON, an athletic event consisting of five activities, has been especially designed by the AAU and Quaker Oats to give boys and girls a chance to try their skill in such things as push-ups, pull-ups, standing broad jump, baseball throws, etc. At the same time, they can compare their results with other youngsters across the nation.

This fitness test is being offered "off leading grocers" and shopping centers all over the country to hundreds of thousands of boys and girls who want to become more physically fit.

The Wonderland Center invites all to take part. Official AAU Certificates of Achievement and Participation will be awarded to each boy and girl who qualifies. Every participant will be given free physical fitness equipment, souvenirs, and a chance to win two valuable home exercise kits.

St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 Wayne Rd. near Joy in Westland, will hold its annual fall festival on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Sept. 20-22.

There will be a "Big Top Tent" featuring games, food and refreshments, in addition to amusement rides and clowns, a church spokesman said.

Prizes for the festival will include a new car, \$50 a week for a year; a color television set, mink stole, portable dishwasher, Polaroid camera, freezer, portable television, Hoover vacuum.

The admission-free festival will have rides only from 6 to 11 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19 with the festival having its full opening of events from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to midnight, Saturday; and 1:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Sunday.

Aid Patients

A coffee hour for parents at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Hospital was held on Labor Day by members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 323 of Westland.

At the coffee hour were Mary Adkins, Americanism chairman, Verda Jones, Dept. of Michigan Hospital Chairman; Ruby Johnson, auxiliary president; and members Grace Altea and Amye Palmer.

Zoning Problem Studied

New zone classifications created in the Westland Master Zoning Plan are causing problems in the northeast section of the city which the City Council is still trying to rectify.

An 80-lot strip on Middlebelt Rd., half-way between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail, was rezoned in the master plan from commercial to office use.

Before the rezoning, the council approved an application for a bar which cannot be built under the present zoning.

The problem came out in the open when Lincoln Dosenbach requested rezoning of his property for a barber shop. He said he checked the code on May 6 and found the zoning allowed a barber shop, and afterwards spent \$2,000 getting the property ready.

Dosenbach said his plans were delayed by the rezoning, and so he never came back to the building department until Aug. 22. On that date, he discovered the zoning had been changed, which he said imposes a hardship on him since he is too old to start over again.

Citizen Groups Prove Value In Wayne School District

The valuable contribution of citizen study committees in the Wayne Community School District was outlined by Harry Howard, superintendent of the district which includes most of Westland.

"It takes many people working together to operate a system," he said. "School boards from time to time need to know what the people are thinking about certain school problems. One accepted way is to appoint an advisory committee on a particular problem."

HOWARD SAID "Interested citizens are appointed from within the school district because of their specific leadership ability and knowledge of the topic to be studied and because of association with citizens in the community who are in a position to react to the problem at hand."

The Wayne school board first started its citizen groups about 20 years ago with the formation of a committee to study the budget and teachers' salaries.

"At that time, the one gigantic problem of the school district was money to operate the schools," Howard said, "while financing continues to be a major problem for our schools, the problem was even more serious in the early days of the beginning of the Wayne district following World War II."

"The annual citizens' advisory committee on budget and salaries was replaced with a series of public budget meetings held each year. The state constitution (adopted in 1963) requires that one budget hearing be held each year before final approval by the board of education."

The next citizens' group was formed in early 1964 to study vocational education. The school board subsequently implemented many of its recommendations.

The Wayne district now has two citizens' groups in operation -- on school facilities and the community-school concept.

A third, to study school financing, will be formed later this month.

ON THE "BLUE RIBBON Citizen Advisory Committee" on the community-school concept, Howard said.

"This committee, chaired by William Neckor, has prepared a questionnaire which will be distributed to every family unit in the school district this month. The distribution will be made through the elementary schools with churches supplementing the general distribution."

"The two-page questionnaire being circulated is accompanied with an information sheet on what a community school is, how it serves the people, how it is administered, and who is eligible. The information sheet also explains what phases of the community-school concept are already in effect and the progress that has been made during the past year that the committee has been active."

"The questionnaire is intended to survey the thinking of some 18,000 families in the school district and their wishes to participate in many types of programs and classes. Some of the areas being checked by the Blue Ribbon Committee are Adult Basic Education, College Credit Courses, Home and Family Living, Community Improvement, and Recreation and Hobbies."

"The citizen advisory committee is also interested in knowing how families are interested in a greater use of school facilities, playgrounds, meeting rooms, swimming pools, libraries, planetarium and others. Also included is a check on self-improvement with an emphasis on job training."

"SENIOR CITIZEN programs will be receiving increased attention over the next few years as the numbers increase. The Blue Ribbon Committee is currently interested in knowing how the school facilities and educational services can best meet the needs and interest of this group. Emphasis will be made on the use of leisure time."

"The distribution, collection and tabulation of the questionnaire on the community-school concept will be completed the latter part of September or the first part of October. The Blue Ribbon Citizen Advisory Committee will review the results and formulate recommendations to the Board of Education. There are three sub-committees which have been doing much of the 'spade-work' throughout the past year."

PTA To Meet

"What America Means to Me" will be the topic of a talk by Thomas Stevens, born in Yugoslavia and an American resident since 1945, at the first PTA meeting of the Edison Elementary School at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

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NANKIN MILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

SIGN PAINTERS WHO handled the lettering of Nankin Mills School district buses in Westland set a bad spelling example for students on the buses. The word "Nankin" was misspelled a year ago and so far, no change has been made. The misspelled word is on bus number 20.