

Township Planning Board Quarrels Over Walk

FARMINGTON Even though they were on the same side of the question under discussion, two Farmington Township planning commissioners engaged in a heated exchange of words during last week's preliminary hearing.

L. David Stader, commission secretary and a Republican candidate for township trustee, accused fellow commissioner Tom Nolan of playing politics with a walkway in Churchill Commons subdivision.

Nolan is now a Republican trustee on the township board and a candidate for township treasurer in the November general election.

THE CONTROVERSY concerned a walkway in the commons area of the subdivision which subdivision residents say they don't want.

Township regulations require the walkway so the park may be used by subdivision residents other than those whose property is near the park area.

Herbert Rosen, president of the subdivision homeowners' association, requested that the developer not be required to build the walk. He said over 90 per cent of the residents signed a petition agreeing with the change.

Commission Chairman Douglas Mann reminded the

subdivision association's president that the commission had already removed a requirement of asphalt walk and allowed residents to choose some other surface.

STADER THEN said the planners' position is that some kind of walkway is needed by those not living directly on the commons area.

He said the subdivision is only about one-half full and that although the present residents may want the change, incoming homeowners might not.

Then Nolan, to the applause of subdivision residents in the audience, said: "I don't think we should sit up here and play

God and tell them what to do with their area."

With tempers flaring near the breaking point, Stader commented "This may be an election year..."

The commission secretary got no further as Nolan shouted in reply: "Will you get off that election year stuff?"

At a meeting earlier this year, commissioner Russ Nankervis sent a similar remark at Nolan in a similar situation.

Nankervis' wife Jean ran against Nolan for the Republican nomination for township treasurer.

Stader later apologized for his remark and the two ended up voting to allow the developer to

escape the walkway requirement.

Rosen said the developer has agreed to light the entrance to the subdivision instead of building the walk.

IN OTHER action, planners approved two zoning changes which conformed to the master zoning plan proposed for the township.

A parcel at 2935 Nine Mile was changed from residential to office and another site near Nine Mile and Orchard Lake was changed from single-family residential to multiple.

Another office project was

denied, however. Montgomery Wards requested a change from residential to office for 12 acres of land south of 11 Mile and west of Drake Rd.

A spokesman for Wards said the firm planned to build a computer center for the Detroit area stores. The facility, the spokesman said, would be an 80,000-square-foot building and employ about 100 persons when opened.

Planning Consultant Claude Coates recommended the change but planners rejected it because the site is surrounded by residential property which could change to office if the Wards project were approved.

Set for public hearing Sept. 24 was an apartment project

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The guys who umpire do their best. What more can we ask? Besides, older and more experienced men can make a bad call, too. Are there people to

take the places of those we already have?
DEANNA ABBON

Hair'n Around
by John Ryan

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Community Band Prepares For Final Local Concert

The Farmington Community Concert Band will conclude its 1970-71 concert season locally next week with a presentation at the Orchard Ridge campus amphitheatre.

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 8 p.m. the band will present a free, 60-minute concert at the OCC campus, which is located south of I-696 between Farmington and Orchard Lake Rds.

Among the numbers Director Paul Barber has selected for the Orchard Ridge concert are: "Overture" by Copland; "March Militaire Francaise" by Saint-Saens; "Bugler's Holiday" by Anderson; "Gridiron Club March" by Sousa; highlights from "Mame" and other selections.

AFTER COMPLETING its local season, the Band will appear at the Michigan State Fair at 11 a.m. on Sept. 5 for a 60-minute concert.

Acceptance of the State Fair invitation climaxes a busy year for the Band which scheduled its first full concert season in 1969-70 after obtaining the financial backing of the Farmington Exchange Club.

Aug. 25 will be the second amphitheatre concert performed this season by the Farmington Community Concert Band. During its first season, the Band performed two auditorium concerts in Farmington, participated in National Music Week and presented a concert during the Farmington Founders Festival.

In July, 1969, the Band had 40 members when it gave a concert for the Founders Festival. A year later, 60 musicians from Farmington were members of the Band for the Founders Festival.

Bill Conroy, of the Farmington Exchange Club, says the future looks bright for the Band which continues to attract young musicians and is attracting more adult members.

Barber is music director at Farmington Junior High and directs the Farmington Community Concert Band in his free time.

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Housing Commission Organizes

The Farmington Township Housing Commission has completed the groundwork to apply to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for federal funds to build senior citizen housing.

The Housing Commission was formed to apply for federal funds to see if low-cost housing for the elderly could be obtained.

TO FACILITATE the application, a temporary commission was established composed of township board members.

Last week, that commission met to conduct its organizational business in order to authenticate its application.

The five commission members were appointed to staggered terms from one to five years. Selections were drawn by lot.

Commissioners and their terms are: Tom Nolan, five years; Floyd Cairns, four years; Earl Oppertbauer, three years; Mrs. Margaret Schaffer, two years; and Fred Lichtman, one year.

After terms were decided, Mrs. Schaffer nominated a slate of officers which were unanimously approved by the board. Oppertbauer was picked as president, Lichtman as vice president, and Nolan secretary-director.

THE COMMISSION established its annual meeting date as April 1.

Regular meetings will be held quarterly on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the township hall. Meeting dates for 1970-71 are: Sept. 28; Dec. 28; March 22; April 1; and June 28.

The commission adopted its bylaws which were based on a model recommended by HUD.

IF THE PROJECT is funded, the housing can be provided and operated without any expense to the general fund, according to Supervisor Curtis Hall.

The project is known as "turnkey" because the contractor will construct the units and then "turn the key" over to the township government.

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