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In Our Opinion

Procedure in Protecting Property Rights

Two weeks ago we ran a special front page feature story and related editorial on the editorial invalvo-pronged attempt to emphasize the importance of a baineed amount of industrial and commercial development with our residential growth.

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We were glad to hear from at least a handful of people indicating that we got our message across to them by showing that even a subdivision of above average price range homes cannot carry the local tax load it places on a community. The actual tax figures we used for comparison to show that industry contributes three times as much or more in taxes to a community than do above average homes and does not add costly expenses in the form of more school children at least registered clearly with a few.

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As we expected, of course, we got a couple of very critical responses. They came in the form-of-"Letters to the Editor" from residential home owners with property; abutting the industrial park development we used for our com-

with property-abutting the industrial park development we used for our comparison figures.

Some of the points which were made by the letter writers seemed to us to be Ugetitimate complaints. We feel, however, that they are complaints that should not be voiced in a public letter or to one or two city officials but rather be presented to the city council as a whole to be aired publicly and resolved. If the promises for greenbelt buffer zones, guard rails and other facilities to shield and protect the residential property areas from the industrial park area are not being kept then this should be pointed out openly to the city council at a public session. If it requires that a number of property owners with land adjoining the industrial park petition to be heard by the council on this matter, then this is the course of action that should be followed.

Property owners have every right in the world to vigorously object to any zoning changes or conditions which might tend to devaluate their property. Whether or not this area which is now an industrial park had been developed

commercially or industrially, there would have been problems with lights shining from buildings, cars and trucks near the fence lines and noises exceeding anything expected in a totally residential section. The letter writers and others who bought property on the street nearest to the area now being developed as an industrial park must have, or at least should have, known this fully well when they purchased their homes. We would assume that they obtained their properties at a lower price than those who purchased homes in the interior of the residential subdivision and should have known that they were going to be sacrificing something to get their homes at a lower price than others in the subdivision.

one subdivision.

One writer stated that they were not at all aware until the walls of the industrial plants started going up that there would be anything on this property such as there is today. We feel we must challenge this statement.

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When any change in zoning is proposed for a parcel of land, a public hearing is required and held. Not only is a public notice of the hearing published in the official community newspaper but notices are also sent out to all land owners of record having property within 300 feet of property proposed for rezoning.

Notices are also sent out to property owners within 300 feet on the hearing date and time whenever a variance in established zoning is requested of the city's zoning board of appeals.

Anyone who has objections to voice or questions on what a zoning change or a variance in existing zoning will bring, has a right to appear and be heard at these official hearings.

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Owning property is a privilege most of us want but it also carries with it a responsibility to be ready and willing to exert time and energies to protect the values of the property we own. Everyproperty owner has an obligation to be aware of his or her rights to do this and of the proper procedures to be followed in doing so.

Get Tough Enforcement Policy Needed

Each year around this time when we start experiencing a few continuous nice, warm days, the natural urge for many of us is to get outdoors and start cleaning up around our property. It's a good reaction and we only wish that the turn-out of people doing this could be one hundred percent. Unfortunately, however, cleaning up outdoors to far too many means touching a match to the vacant field or the big trash pile with complete disregard for control of the fires set. The result is that you can hear the fire sirens blaring just about all hours of the day and night as fire-fighting crews are summoned from one area to another in order to bring carelessly set field or trash fires into check.

fires into check. As you drive around the community just about fany warm day now you can see a field being burned off or a big trash fire going. Many times no one is attending these fires and other times you see only one man with a shovel or rake watching a fire he has set. More times thanyon, even three or four men with only this kind of equipment would-

n't be able to bring the fire that they had started in check if it got out of control which they often do.

We've said it before and we're repeating if again. It's about time our governing officials start taking the kid gloves off and begin strictly enforcing the regulations they have set up to control the starting of outside trash and field fires. Ordinances have been adopted requiring city and township residents to obtain permits before setting outdoor fires. It salos stipulated that before any fires are started the person holding the burning permit must take necessary precautions to prevent the fires he starts from getting out of check.

If we're ever going to bring the rash of costly spring and fall outdoor fire problems we experience each year into check, it's going to take a get fough enforcement policy. Some violators are going to have to be fevied if the laws on outside fire starting in ed. Fines are going to have to be levied if the laws on outside fire starting in our community are going to have any meaning and be adhered to.

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APRIL 23, 1959
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Farmington Acres

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Ann and Mary Wronski.

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at dinner with friends.

Boy Scott Troop 138 of Flanders School is holding its first dris met at the home of ders School is holding its first dris. Marvel Steiger to make Court of Honor Tuesday, April decorated containers for flow-188, at 7:30 p.m. All parents of boys in the troop are requested to attend.

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Looking Back in the Files

5 Years Ago
APRIL 23, 1959
New Grade School
Work was begun this week
Dangerous Corner
Levis are OK

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There are several empty lost of Sirchwood, just north of Annewood, which seem to be convenient for dumping trash. We law, and the homeoweiers near by will resort to reporting these incidents to the police if this practice does not cease.

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sports banquet here.

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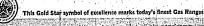
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