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Detroit Water For North Portion Of Twp. In Offing

Construction of a large water transmission line to provide Detroit water for a substantial portion of northern Farmington Township is now ready to proceed.

This was the word that the Township Board received at its regular meeting Monday night in a letter from R. J. Alexander, director of the Oakland County Department of Public Works, which was read by Supervisor Curt Hall.

The only thing that is needed now to get the wheels rolling on the transmission line installation followed by the laying of the internal mains to serve individual subdivisions is assurance that enough property owners want the Detroit water facilities to underwrite the cost, Supervisor Hall stated.

THE AREA that would be able to be served would be all of the property north of the 1-699 Expressway from Inkster Road westward to a point midway between Farmington Road and Drake Road as well as some area south of the expressway in the western portion.

Needed now is a definite expression of interest and a willingness to absorb the cost on the part of homeowners in the Kendallwoods, Westbrook Manor, Holly Hills, Canterbury Commons, Greentown, Oak Creek and other areas to be served, Supervisor Hall said. He indicated that subdivision association officials and other citizens in at least some of these areas had already expressed early interest to him.

which all citizens in the area proposed to be served would be invited was agreed to be the best method of establishing the extent of interest in having Detroit water in the area proposed to be served. Oakland County DPW officials and officials of the Detroit Water Board will be invited to this meeting to go over details of the proposed project including information on cost estimates and what the average cost per homestead will be.

Hope was expressed that this meeting could be set up some time between now and the end of November.

Alexander stated in his letter that preliminary estimates indicated a total project cost of \$2,155,000. Based on projected growth estimates in the area, Alexander's letter stated, revenues were set on the basis of \$75 per unit in capital charges and a \$20 per unit annual debt charge.

HE ADDED further that preliminary investigation indicated that the project would require the issuance of bonds to be paid back over a 25 year period.

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Recommend Re-Zoning For Apts. in Flood Plain

The Farmington City Planning Commission Monday night passed a resolution by a six to two vote recommending that the City Council approve the re-zoning of a 6.1 acre parcel of land on the north side of Grand River Avenue between Power and Lakeway to allow a "planned project" apartment development.

The land proposed for the development lies in the Rouge River branch flood plain, but under the "planned project" controls would be safe, according to engineers, from endangering nearby property owners.

The developers plan to build the apartments on cement columns so as not to adversely develop from the area as a natural flood plain in case of heavy rain storms which periodically have inundated the river basin.

THE CITY COUNCIL is expected to take action at their next regular meeting on the next steps necessary on the re-zoning matter. A public hearing must be staged by the Council before final action can be taken on the rezoning.

The land is presently zoned general commercial and residential. City Planners placed a six-month limit on their rezoning recommendation so that in the event Council approval is forthcoming and no building permits on the planned project are taken out within six months the property would revert back to the existing zoning, again under a Planning Commission recommendation.

Casting no votes in the balloting for the rezoning recommendation were Jim Hall and Councilman John Allen. City Planner William Burke, absent at Monday night's meeting, registered his disapproval of the SEE REZONING Page 10A

City Planners Form Park Comm.

The Farmington City Planning Commission named the members of a Park Development and Program subcommittee at its Monday night, October 11, meeting for the purpose of obtaining views from service clubs, civic associations and other organizations in the community on the present and future recreational and park needs.

Fred Siebert, Chairman of the City Planning Commission, named W. Allen Nelson of the City Planning Commission as chairman of the newly created sub-committee and four City Planners to serve with him. Also named to the sub-committee were Councilman John Allen, William Burke, Arthur D. Millard and James Platt.

Annexation Area Plans Discussed

On Thursday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. the Farmington City Council will meet once again with home and property owners in the area proposed to be annexed from Farmington Township to the city.

Interest in the city is also invited to attend.

The purpose of this second meeting will be to go over in detail the water and sewer service the City of Farmington could provide the area proposed for annexation. Discussed will be the costs involved for the city to provide these services in comparison to what it would cost the township to provide them on a special assessment basis.

THE PROPOSED Master Plan for the area was broken down to show that 250 acres would be developed for single family lots and another 100 for commercial and industrial.

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Woman Takes 1st Prize in Grid Contest

In last week's Farmington Enterprise Football Contest it was Mrs. Rose M. Hildebrand of 34001 Grand River who walked away with the first prize of \$15 to really show her husband up good.

Her husband Tom was a winner last week but took only the third prize money.

Bob Dunn of 32081 Bonnet Hill won the second prize of \$7 and qualified for \$3 more prize money by having his entry signed by one of the participating merchants. He shared the \$5 in jackpot money with the third place winner who was R. Brian Rud of 35249 Caryn Drive who picked up a total of \$5.

Why don't you get in on the fun and try for some of the contest money also. You don't have to be a football expert but just a pretty good guesser.

Turn to Page 4-B and after reading the rules just start making your guesses.

OK Requests For Lighting

Two individual requests for overhead street lighting by the Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night and Detroit Edison will now be requested by the township to install these lights.

One of the requests was made by St. Fabian's Church on 12 Mile for lighting of the entrance-way to their parking lot area and the other by Stone Creek Farms Subdivision Association.

The installation of the lights is done free of charge by Edison but the cost of electricity used runs \$3.40 per month. The township bills those making such requests for overhead lighting at the rate of \$3.50 per month every six months, it was explained.

Hours Announced

Clarenceville Pool Dedication Sunday

Dedication of the new swimming pool at Clarenceville High School will be held Sunday, October 17, at 7 p.m. Mr. Lynn Nutter, athletic director, will serve as master of ceremonies for the program and water show.

The program will begin with a water show by members of the Gil School Swimmers Club of Thurston High School. Members of the Thurston High School swimming team will demonstrate competitive racing and several divers will give the two, one-meter boards a workout as they do both clown and serious diving. A highlight of the diving will be Clarenceville's own Chuck Thompson displaying the form which made him an outstanding MSU Big Ten diver.

Following the water show, members of the school will express their thanks to the people of Clarenceville for the beautiful, modern facility. The pool is one of the outstanding pools in the State of Michigan, according to administrators. A recent visit to the pool by a photographer brought the people of Clarenceville a beautiful pool. If my daughter sees it, she will want to become a tuition student! Several school districts considering the construction of pools, have requested permission to visit and view it.

Recreational swimming for the people of Clarenceville has received top priority in the scheduling of pool activities outside of regular school hours, according to Lynn Nutter. The pool will be used for classes on Tuesday evenings and during the day on Saturdays.

Evening hours for recreational swimming will be from 7 to 9 p.m. during the week, 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2 to 6 p.m. on Sundays for family use.

SEE SWIM POOL Page 10A

Twp. Rejects Request For Gill Walkway

A request from the Farmington Township Board cooperation in extending a roadway or providing an adequate walkway at a location near the Gill School was rejected by official action of the Board at its regular Monday night meeting.

The Board of Education's request was for the extension of Rhonawood Street from Cass to Gill Road to provide a suitable walking route for students to the Gill School and also to a junior high school site to the west in the school system's future construction plans.

Supervisor Curt Hall informed other Board members that he and Clerk Floyd Cairns had looked over the situation and did not feel the proposal to extend this roadway as a walking route was practical.

THE AREA is very low and serves as a natural drainage area for storm waters, Hall commented. Some ditching, the installation of a large culvert and very likely a bridge would be required to make it a suitable walking route throughout the school year, Hall stated.

The supervisor's estimate was that it would cost \$4,000 to \$5,000 to accomplish this project. Also brought out during general discussion was the feeling that this would not greatly reduce the distance pupils would have to walk.

There was also fear expressed among Township Board members that if the township participated in providing a walkway here it might well establish a precedent for numerous other similar requests at other future school sites.

If such walkways are to be needed at other locations, it was the supervisor's opinion that they should be included as a part of the project at the time new schools are planned and construction. At a new subdivisions are started, walking access routes to schools are called for when and where requested by the Board of Education, he said.

Bid Opening Set For Tonight

Sets for the proposed Fairview Elementary School will be opened for bids on Thursday, October 13, at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Public Schools Administration Building.

There will be a special, official meeting of the Board of Education, Linn Smith, architect, is expected to present preliminary plans for a four-story, high school, according to Supt. Gerald V. Harrison. The board will be considering making a decision on the site for the school, which will be at the west end of the Gill Road School site in the Eleven Mile-Halsted area.

Deny Drinking In Concourses At All Alleys

The request of the Country Lanes bowling alley and cocktail lounge for permission to serve alcoholic beverages in the concourse area was unanimously denied by the Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

The motion actually established a township policy against allowing any present or future bowling alley in the township to sell liquor in the concourse area.

The township had earlier authorized to sell liquor in the concourse area.

As a result of the action taken, NorWest will be allowed to continue this practice until June 1 of 1968 and then no longer.

The Board made it clear in taking the action it did that it was very well pleased with the fine establishment Country Lanes is running but felt that township policy against drinking in the concourses of all bowling establishments would be in the best interest of the community as a whole.

More Parents Seek Busing Of Children

A delegation of some 25 parents of school children living in the Flamingo Trailer Park and vicinity of Middlebelt and Nine Mile roads appeared before the Farmington Board of Education on October 11, to request bus transportation for children going to the new Larkshire School.

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Parents reported that traffic conditions on Middlebelt Road are such that it is unsafe for children to be crossing at any time without supervision.

Some of the seniors on the varsity football team at Clarenceville High School try out the district's new swimming pool pictured here. The pool, with a racing section 75 ft. by 42 ft. and 31 to 5 feet deep, and a diving section 35 ft. by 42 ft. and 9 to 10 feet deep, has two one-meter diving boards. The bleacher section will seat up to 500 spectators. Dedication of the pool has been set for Sunday, October 17, at 7 p.m.

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Inform Voters On Special School Election

Voters in the Farmington Public School District who wish to be informed on the three propositions to be voted on in the special election of November 15 will have many opportunities to hear about the issues and have their questions answered.

Members of the Board of Education and of the administrative staff are receiving requests for presentations, and explanations of the propositions.

Already scheduled are presentations at Beechview School, October 18, 8 p.m.; Cloverdale School, October 25, 7 p.m.; East Junior High School, October 25, 8 p.m.; William Grace School, October 26, 8 p.m.; Dunckel Junior High School, November 2, 8 p.m.; Shawnee School, November 3, 8 p.m.; Farmington High School, November 8, 8 p.m.; Wooddale School, November 8, 8 p.m.; and Farmington Junior High School, November 10, 8 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend any of the scheduled meetings; and if any group wishes representatives from the school board and administrative staff to speak on the issues, School C. V. Harrison said he will be happy to make the appointments.

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