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Twp. Planners' Thursday Night Agenda Is Full

The Farmington Township Planning Commission, at their regular meeting tomorrow evening, January 27, will hear four requests for changes of property to general business classification and a request for light industrial zoning; and will review a new subdivision plat, a

Details Given, On Clearing of Rouge Branch

A cost estimate of approximately \$1,000 to local governing bodies has been set for the proposed clearing, deepening and straightening of the Rouge River branch in Farmington Township from the 1498 Expressway downstream approximately 6/10ths of a mile, Supervisor Curt Hall reported at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night.

Hopes are that the project can be started sometime this year, it was indicated.

It is a project designed to not only prevent serious flooding problems that have resulted not only along the 6/10ths of a mile proposed for clearing but also back upstream in the lowland area on the south side of Grand River and in the City of Farmington as well.

The estimated project cost of \$1,000 will be spread among the township and city as yet to be established, Hall said.

The U. S. Army Corp of Engineers and Michigan Water Resources Commission have been working jointly on this project.

Lay Committee Planned For Vocational Ed

A vocational education progress report was made to the Farmington Board of Education on January 24, by director Earl Baumgardner, reported that a Vocational Steering Committee had been appointed to study the advantages to having lay people participate in a study of the needs of employment bound youth and to determine the necessary steps to be taken in the eventual establishment of a Citizens' Committee for Vocational Education. (A citizens' committee is one of the requirements of the new State Plan for Vocational Education.)

THE COMMITTEE'S recommendation was to establish a planning committee of teachers and administrators to identify the district's needs in occupational education, to study the results of the Oakland County Vocational Survey recently completed to make recommendations to the superintendent relative to implementing a Citizens' Vocational Advisory Council.

After the committee has laid the groundwork for the district's needs, a citizens' committee will be appointed to assist in carrying out the program.

Water for Woodcroft Hits Snag

Water for Woodcroft Subdivision just west of the Farmington city limits north of old Grand River Avenue will not be forthcoming in the immediate future.

This was the word given at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night.

At an official public hearing held the previous week on the proposed extension of Detroit water facilities to this subdivision, written objections from property owners holding more than 20 per cent of the land area involved in the proposed special assessment district were filed.

The law stipulates that when more than 20 per cent object to a project of this kind on special assessment then it takes a petition signed by 51 per cent or more of the homeowners to start such a special assessment improvement project.

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One request for general business zoning is for lot 82 of Regal Orchards Subdivision in the northwest quarter of section 35 between Nine Mile and Grand River. The owner, Bartlett Cady, intends to use the lot for rental purposes.

Another business zoning request, tabled the November 29 meeting, is by Michigan Bank to rezone acreage at the southeast corner of 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads. Rezoning from single family residential to business would permit a branch office and shopping center usage of the property located on both sides of Orchard Lake Road to Greening Street.

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held relative to zoning request for a lot adjoining the Wagon Wheel Trailer Court at 2020 W. Eight Mile Road. Rezoning from light industrial to general business would allow the lot to be used as part of the trailer park.

Owners of lots 3, 4, and 5 of Oakland Hills Orchard Subdivision, on the east side of Orchard Lake Road.

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Checking More Water Petitions

Clerk Floyd Cairns reported Monday night at the Township Board meeting that he had received petitions from homeowners in Glen Orchard Subdivision for Detroit water facilities which he felt represented homeowners of more than 51 per cent of the land area in the subdivision.

A check to ascertain the exact percentage of property owned by petitioners is now being made by the Burton Abstract Company, he stated.

It was also disclosed that an additional signature or two had been obtained on a water petition for Woodbine Subdivision and that it was felt that this would be enough to permit a go ahead with water facility improvements in this subdivision as well.

Satellite Kitchen Saving School System Tax Dollars

Designed specifically to save tax dollars, Farmington's sleek, new satellite kitchen at Larkshire School went into operation when the schools reopened after the holidays.

Hot lunches are being distributed to six Farmington elementary schools from the new central kitchen and service to other schools will be added as they are built.

"We will save about \$35,000 in construction costs alone by the time ten elementary schools are built by eliminating the full-size kitchens in them," said

Mrs. Ella Plichia, cafeteria supervisor.

"Rising labor costs make it imperative that we centralize and make use of labor-saving devices. Operation and savings will amount to 10 per cent or more in the use of modern equipment requiring less labor," Mrs. Plichia added.

Two years in the planning, the new facility is the first central kitchen unit in Oakland County designed specifically for this food distribution purpose, though several school systems have experimented with the program using conventional facilities.

MRS. PLICHIA worked closely with Linn Smith Associates, designers of Larkshire school. The newest production line equipment and the two assistant food service were incorporated in the planning.

The result is a self-sufficient unit, a north wing of the Larkshire building. The central kitchen itself is unusually long to accommodate the food production line made up of stainless steel work tables, storage bins, ovens, sinks and specialized equipment used in mass food production.

From this equipment, five women produce 1,000 hot lunches a day, shove them in pre-heated hot carts for distribution to lunchrooms at Flanders, Gill, Cleveland, Middlebelt, Shiawassee and Larkshire schools.

The custom truck that makes the hot lunch run has a specialized aluminum body to suit the needs of transporting the hot food carts. The entire run uses only one truck for six hours daily, according to Mrs. Plichia.

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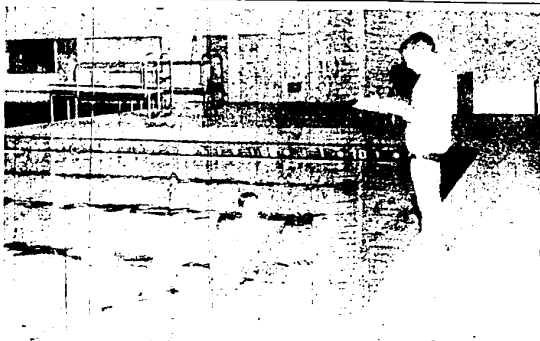
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SWIMMING CLASSES are now open for youngsters in the Farmington area at the new Olympic size pool in Clarenceville High School. Classes for all ages, both boys and girls, are scheduled throughout the week with instructors on hand to supervise. Chuck Thompson of CHS is pictured above checking the times of five young swimmers who just finished a lap in the pool. Many Farmington youngsters are taking advantage of the new indoor pool facilities which are rated among the finest in northwest Detroit.

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Incorporation Suit Hearing Set

Monday, Feb. 7, at 2:30 p.m. has been set as the time for the official hearing in the civil suit court case that has been started against members of the Farmington Township Board and Township Attorney Terry Brennan on their actions and moves in connection with the proposed incorporation of Farmington Township as a home rule city.

Testimony will be heard by Circuit Court Judge Clark Adams in Pontiac when the township attorney will seek to prove that there is no basis for charges lodged by the plaintiff, Raymond N. Felix, and his attorney Wendell Brown.

IT IS ALLEGED by the plaintiff in the suit that township officials have acted illegally by appropriating and expending township funds and using township facilities and employees for the purpose of promoting the incorporation. It was charged in the bill of complaint that Township Board members and the township attorney are using their positions and facilities and funds of the township to wage a "propaganda campaign" in favor of the incorporation.

Commenting on the suit Monday, Attorney Brennan stated that most of the facts stated in the suit were correct but that the assumptions made from these facts by the plaintiff and his attorney were totally in error.

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Brennan stated, that some township officials did initiate the petition circulating move calling for a vote on the possible incorporation of the township as a city. He also admitted that he did advance the \$500 petition filing fee expecting to be repaid with township funds.

The expenditure of township funds to hire an expert to assist in gathering facts to be presented to the citizenry and using township moneys to make a special mailing to the electors regarding the reasons for

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Hall said that he had expected a formal written request on this to be filed for action by the Board Monday night but that such a written request was not received.

THE SUPERVISOR stated that since the controversy between the inspectors and township officials had now been taken to the State Labor Mediation Board by the union, he felt it was a matter for the Fair Labor Practices Commission to decide anyway.

Trustee Earl Oppertbauer made it clear that he would not vote in favor of re-hiring Drury because of the fact that Drury had offered no defense or denial of the charges lodged against him for failure to do his duties at the time he was fired following an official hearing.

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NO PARKING SIGNS went up last week along the west side of Farmington Road between Grand River Avenue and State Street. The request to R. Joseph Drury and Roland Bawden are pictured putting up the signs which also were erected north of Grand River on Farmington Road eliminating two parking spaces in front of Gladys' Beauty Shop. Offstreet parking was expanded and improved this past year to the west of Farmington Road, south of Grand River, and east of Farmington Road, north of Grand River.