Farmington City Council Proceedings

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Farmington was held on March 21, 1966.

Meeting called to order at 8:04 p.m. by Mayor Brotherton.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Brotherton, Councilmen Allen, Peterson, Thayer and Yoder present. ABSENT: None.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Dinan, Clerk Quinn, Attorney Kelly, Chief Foltz, Director DeBaene and Sergeant Deadman.

PROCLAMATION CAMPFIRE GIRLS WEEK, MARCH 20, 1966.

PROCLAMATION
City of Farmington
CAMP FIRE GIRLS WEEK
March 20-26, 1966

WHEREAS

The Camp Fire Girls was founded March 17, 1910, and through its program has helped to instill high ideals in all girls of our nation, and has assisted in the building of good moral and spiritual character through learning and doing, and

WHEREAS

This national program is designed to meet the needs of girls 7 and 8 years of age as Blue Birds, girls 9 to 11 years of age as Camp Fire Girls, girls 12 and 13 years of age as Junior High Camp Fire girls, and girls 14 through 17 years of age as Horizon Club girls, and

WHEREAS

Girls of all races, religions and economic background have an opportunity for fun and friendship while acquiring creative skills and giving service at home and in the community, and

WHEREAS

The 17th of March will mark the Fifty-sixth Birthday of Camp Fire Girls,

NOW, THEREFORE, I Wilbur V. Brotherton, Mayor of the City of Farmington do hereby proclaim the week of March 20-26, 1966 as CAMP FIRE GIRLS WEEK and urge all our citizens to join in this recognition of service which Camp Fire has given to all girls.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Peterson seconded by Yoder that the minutes of regular meeting of the City Council held on March 7, 1966, be approved as published. Motion carried, all ayes.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS, MARCH 14, 1966.

Proceedings read of Planning Commission meeting held on March 14, 1966.

Motion by Thayer seconded by Peterson to receive and file Planning Commission Proceedings, March 14, 1966. Motion carried, all ayes.

B. BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE, MARCH 8, 1966.

Proceedings placed on file of Beautification Committee meeting held on March 8, 1966.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. LETTER FROM VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ANNOUNCING MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AND REQUESTING CONSTRUCTION OF VETERAN'S MEMORIAL MONUMENT ON CITY PROPERTY.

Letter read from Robert L. Smith, Project Officer, Veteran's Memorial Day Committee, requesting the opportunity to announce the forthcoming Memorial Day services, May 30, 1966, and to request consideration by the City to construct a Veteran's Memorial Monument on City property. It is proposed that the new monument include the names of the deceased war veteran's of the City and Farmington Township.

Mr. Smith announced that the Memorial Day services to be held on May 30, 1966, parade to start at 10:00 a.m. He spoke of the tentative program which included distinguished guests and speakers.

Mr. Smith stated that the Veteran's Memorial Committee requested that he discuss the possibility of construction of a Veteran's Memorial Monument on city property.

He stated that the present Memorial Monument is located on the Masonic Lodge property at Farmington Road and Grand River and does not include names of deceased veteran's beyond the World War I era.

He suggested the possibility of moving the present monument to the City Park west of the Masonic Lodge property which would be on the Memorial Day parade route, of either adding to or constructing a new monument to include names of World War II, Korean and Vietnam deceased veterans. He stated that he represented all the Veteran's organizations and they would help defray the cost of this project and suggested that this be a joint venture with the City and Township.

Motion by Peterson seconded by Allen that the request from the Veteran's Memorial Committee be referred to the City Manager for investigation relative to joint venture by the City, Township and Veteran Organization. Motion carried, all ayes.

B. LETTER FROM VETERAN'S OF FOREIGN WARS ADVISING OF ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY MEMORIAL SERVICES, MONDAY, MAY 30, 1966.

Letter read and placed on file from the Memorial Day Committee advising that the annual Veteran's Day Services is scheduled in the City of Farmington on Monday, May 30, 1966 at 10:00 a.m.

C. APPEAL OF THE TOWN TUB ERECTION OF SIGN.

Letter read from The Town Tub requesting City Council deviation to the requirement of steel poles for a commercial sign. They state that they have erected a sign at 22804 Orchard Lake Road without having full knowledge of the Farmington Building Code. They stated that they have paid a violation fine and submit a drawing with specifications in the hopes that the Council will consider it safe and strong.

City Manager Dinan drew a sketch of the installed sign and stated that City Engineer, Francis A. Papke has reviewed the structural aspects of the sign and finds it well within the limits for proper safety, the 12"x12" beams have probable life greater than steel posts and it was his opinion that the sign meets the spirit of the Code and is structurally sound.

City Manager Dinan recommended that the City Council grant the request for variance of installation of sign with 12" x 12" timber in lieu of steel posts.

Motion by Yoder seconded by Thayer to grant the appeal of The Towne Tub, 22804 Orchard Lake Road, and to waiver the requirement of steel posts for commercial signs and permit 12" x 12" timbers. Motion carried, all ayes.

D. RESIGNATION CHIEF FOLTZ AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT.

Letter read from Chief Foltz stating that he has accepted a position as Police Commissioner in Sterling Township and submits his resignation as Director of Public Safety, City of Farmington effective March 31, 1966.

Chief Foltz states that he leaves the department with the deepest regret. Working in the City of Farmington is an experience that he shall long remember. His new endeavor will be to organize a completely new police department and his leaving is caused by the great challenge and the hope that he might create a new department that would be as proficient as the men and women that now serve the citizens of Farmington. He extends his sincere appreciation to the City Council and the Manager's office for the fine cooperation he received during the past two years.

Mayor Brotherton requested that the City Manager read the following remarks:

The City Council is aware of the great contribution that Maurice D. Foltz has made to the Police and Fire Department through his leadership and dedication to duty. Even though small the Department has become one of the most proficient and professional of any department in the state. Although Chief Foltz was only here two years, he did accomplish results that would normally take several years, through his untiring energy and enthusiasm of police and fire work. The City of Farmington's loss is Sterling Township's gain and we want to extend our sincere wishes for success to Chief Foltz in his new challenge in developing a completely new police department in this fast growing Township.

Motion by Peterson seconded by Yoder that the City Council accept the resignation of Maurice D. Foltz as Director of Public Safety, effective March 31, 1966, with regrets. Motion carried, all ayes.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

A. REPORT APPOINTMENT ACTING DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT.

City Manager Dinan reported that with the resignation of Maurice Foltz as Director of Public Safety, effective April 1, 1966, it is necessary that an acting director be appointed so that the City has immediate leadership within the department. This affords an opportunity to analyze whether a permanent replacement can be made within the department if competent, qualified personnel are available to take on the responsibility of a department head.

Based on review of the departmental personnel and upon recommendations by Chief Foltz, Sergeant Deadman has been appointed to the position of Acting Director of Public Safety subject to the confirmation of the City Council. The selection of Sergeant Deadman was based on his administrative ability and experience that he has acquired under Chief Foltz. Sergeant Deadman is familiar with all phases of the police and fire administration and the transition from Chief Foltz to his acting capacity as Public Safety Director should be relatively smooth.

City Manager Dinan recommended that Sergeant Deadman's salary be increased from $7,012.00 to $8,000.00 per year during this interim period until a final decision is made on permanent appointment.

City Manager Dinan stated that he would be in a position to make a decision on the permanent appointment of Director of Public Safety prior to July 1, 1966.

Motion by Yoder supported by Peterson that the City Council appoint Robert F. Deadman as Acting Director of Public Safety, effective April 1, 1966, Salary $8,000.00. Motion carried, all ayes.

B. REPORT BEL-AIRE SEWER ALARM SYSTEM.

City Manager Dinan reported on the solution of the sewer problem of Mr. Boyd Baker 23829 Colchester, that was referred to the City Manager's office for further analysis to avoid further flooding of his basement due to clogging and backing up of the sanitary sewer on Colchester in Bel-Aire Subdivision.

He stated that he had reviewed this matter with the B W Controller Corporation, who are designers and manufactures of control devices to provide electronic signaling of sewers to alert interested parties of the potential backing up and flooding of basements in the system. Their recommendation under the condition that this clogging up of the sewer is spasmatic, is that an alarm system be developed through the installation of an electrode in the manhole adjacent to Mr. Baker's home. A bell system alarm would be set off if the water head built up in the manhole to a degree which would potentially flood Mr. Baker's basement. This would alert the property owner of the potential danger and they would in turn contact the City so that our forces would have sufficient time to clear the line and avoid any flooding within the system.

The estimated cost of the bell alarm system has been estimated at $200.00 and an alarm system into the Police Department would cost $500.00 plus cost of servicing telephone lines on a monthly basis for this system.

Mr. DeBaene, Director of Public Services has determined the elevation of Mr. Baker's basement in relationship to the invert of the sewer and found that the basement is 43 inches above the invert and plans on installing the electrode 25 inches above the invert which will give ample time to remedy any clogging in this sewer before it raises an additional 18 inches within the system and enter Mr. Baker's basement.

City Manager Dinan recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to proceed to have this alarm system installed as described above. This can be used on an experimental basis and if it becomes a nuisance, the system can be altered and tied directly into the Public Safety Department for an additional charge of $300.00.

Mr. Baker and two adjacent property owners were present to discuss this problem.

City Manager Dinan reported that since the T.V. inspection, the waste concrete has been removed.

The Council discussed the proposed alarm systems, possible nuisance factor and were of the opinion that there should be a program for regular cleaning of the sewer before purchasing the alarm system.

The Council suggested that during the next two weeks that the sewers be cleaned periodically and that the Director of Public Services report on the inspection and cleanup.

C. REPORT SCHEDULE OF SOFT BALL TEAMS, REQUESTS FOR LIGHTED BALL FIELD.

City Manager Dinan submitted a compiled list of requests for use of the lighted ball field by organized baseball leagues submitted during the winter months. At the request of the Council, all requests were to be considered at the second meeting in March so the scheduling could be properly coordinated and have priorities given to the locally sponsored leagues.

The requests were as follows:

Monday: Farmington Civic Softball League, Raymond Porter, Pres.
Tuesday: Farmington Slopitch Softball League, R. G. Holland, Pres.
Wednesday: Farmington Jaycees Softball League, A. Sittnick, Rep.
Thursday: Women's Softball League, Clara Simpson, Rep.
Friday: Greater Farmington Softball League, Charles H. Faust, Jr. Pres.

Motion by Thayer seconded by Peterson to approve the schedule for use of lighted Ball Field for the 1966 season as submitted. Motion carried, all ayes.

D. REPORT LaSALLE WINES BACKFILL REQUEST.

City Manager Dinan reported that under Section 7.4, River Valley District, City Code, all requests for backfilling in the River Valley District should be referred to the Planning Commission and City Engineer for study and recommendation prior to any decision allowing for backfilling in the River Valley by the City Council.

City Manager Dinan recommended that the motion to refer this matter to the City Manager and City Engineer be amended to refer the matter to the Planning Commission and that the City Engineer make his report available to them. That the Planning Commission's recommendation be made prior to any final decision by the City Council on the request of the LaSalle Winery for backfilling.

Motion by Thayer seconded by Yoder to refer the request from LaSalle Wines for backfilling to the Planning Commission and City Engineer for study and recommendations. Motion carried, all ayes.

E. REPORT SIX YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

City Manager Dinan submitted the detailed Six Year Capital Improvement Program 1966-71 schedule developed by the Planning Commission Committee and was reviewed and approved by the Commission as required by ordinance.

The overall program is quite extensive and covers several deficient areas that need ultimate development. This program is not binding on the City Council, and should be used as a guide in the development of budget appropriations in capital outlay. The Planning Commission will review the program yearly as specified by ordinance and update based on present needs and financing so that the City can be constantly striving for improvement.

City Manager Dinan recommended that the City Council receive and file the Six Year Capital Improvement Program 1966-71 to be used as a reference by the Council in adoption of our forthcoming budgets.

The program was discussed relative to paving projects, sidewalk program and Jaycee petition for swimming pools in the schools.

Motion by Thayer seconded by Peterson to receive and file the Six Year Capital Improvement Program 1966-71 for Council reference. Motion carried, all ayes.

F. REPORT CHARLES HANNAN REQUEST PURCHASE CITY OWNED PROPERTY.

City Manager Dinan stated that the request of Charles Hannan to purchase City property was referred to the City Manager's office to contact the various property owners on Grand River adjacent to this property to see if they had any interest in purchasing this property for their own use.

He stated that he had contacted Virgil Cornwell, owner of Apartments, Mr. DeMattia, owner of the doctor's clinic and Mr. Terry, of Terry Hardware. There was no universal opinion on the use of the property or whether they wanted to acquire it. The items discussed for the use of the property were detrimental aesthetic effect to the apartments if parking were allowed, certain regulations on the development of the property and amount of fill that could be placed in the area and the ultimate use of the property for expansion of facilities.

City Manager Dinan recommended that the City Council table this matter until the next regular meeting to give these property owners additional time to study the matter and perhaps reach a compatible agreement for all the owners concerned. He stated that he will have a joint meeting with the owners in an effort to work out an equitable solution to the best interest of all concerned. He stated that there would be specific regulations regarding the retention wall and prevention of erosion.

Motion by Allen seconded by Yoder to table the request from Charles Hannan until the next regular meeting. Motion carried, all ayes (except Peterson, Nay).

G. REPORT U. S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS SNAGGING AND CLEARING PROJECT SOUTH OF I-96.

City Manager Dinan reported that in October, 1964, The Farmington City Council adopted a resolution agreeing to conditions as part of a joint project with Farmington Township and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the clearing and snagging of the River Rouge below I-96 Expressway and Middlebelt Road.

The adoption of this resolution and request of the Corps of Engineers to proceed with study and design of the clearing and snagging project south of I-96 was adopted by the City Council because the benefits that would be derived by the City with the improved flow south of the new culverts that were installed on the Expressway. The Michigan State Highway Department spent over $100,000.00 for these culverts and they are not operating efficiently unless there is a clearing and snagging south of the new box culverts.

Project costs estimated as follows:

Federal Cost		$20,100
Easements	$ 300 (1)	
E.D.S. Admin. & Conting.	1,000 (2)	
Floodway Construction Excavation	600 (3)	
Paving	1,600 (4)	
		3,500
Total Project Cost		$23,600

City Manager Dinan recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution accepting 50 per cent of the cost of items 1, 2 and 3 which should not exceed $950.00 conceivably would be in the neighborhood of $500.00 for the City's share. The area will be receiving improvement well over $20,000.00 to the Rouge River. The new box culverts will work in a much more efficient manner with proper widening and deeping of the stream south of the Expressway.

Motion by Peterson supported by Thayer to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Farmington agrees to pay fifty per cent (50%) of Non-Federal cost for the Clearing and Snagging Project of the Rouge River below Interstate I-56 and Middlebelt Road excluding paving costs to be borne by private owners as requested by the Detroit District U. S. Army Corps of Engineers on the following items:

Non-Federal Cost	
(1) Easements	$ 300.00
(2) E.D.S. Admin. & Conting Floodway Construction	$1,000.00
(3) Excavation	$ 600.00

at an estimated cost of $950.00 and to authorize transfer from the Contingency Fund to an Escrow Fund.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Councilmen Allen, Brotherton, Peterson, Thayer, Yoder
NAYS: None
Resolution Declared Adopted March 21, 1966.

TRENA M. QUINN,
City Clerk

MISCELLANEOUS

A. AUDIT REPORT FEBRUARY, 1966.

The Audit Report for February, 1966 was received and placed on file.

B. COUNCILMAN YODER RE: ELM SPRAY & STUMP REMOVAL.

Councilman Yoder asked when the Elm Spray program would begin and when tree stumps in the Park would be cut down.

City Manager Dinan stated that the elm tree spray program would begin during the latter part of March and early in April. The tree stumps should be cut down below grade and covered.

C. REPORT RE: USE PARKING LOT, NORTH OF GRAND RIVER.

James Piatt, 21039 Meadowlark, questioned the use of the Parking Lot north of Grand River by Pioneer Olds relative to the apparent use in excess for storing of cars other than employee cars.

City Manager Dinan stated that employees may park but storage of new or used cars is prohibited.

The Public Safety Department was requested to observe any violations and prepare evidence.

D. COUNCILMAN THAYER RE: FARMINGTON CLEANERS PARKING PROBLEM.

Councilman Thayer stated that the owners of the Farmington Cleaners were very concerned about the loss of business due to the No Parking regulations on Grand River. He stated that they would like to black top in front of their building, move existing sign and to cut the curb back to allow parking for their customers.

City Manager Dinan stated that he had met with Mr. Carter, Farmington Cleaners and Mr. Barber to discuss off-street parking in front of building, removal of sign and to advise the Public Safety Department that during the peak hours when cars are in line for service at the drive-in window and may back up into the right-of-way, to try to work out a plan that customers are not ticketed while waiting for service.

He stated that they appeared to be satisfied with the results of the meeting and the matter of cutting the curb back was not discussed. He see no objection to the open curb and will attempt to reach a compatible solution on this matter.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

A. INTRODUCTION AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE C-199-66 (METAL RACEWAY).

Motion by Thayer supported by Allen to introduce ORDINANCE C-199-66, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUB-SECTION (2 OF SECTION 121.0, CHAPTER 79, TITLE VIII, GENERAL BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON. Motion carried, all ayes.

B. INTRODUCTION AMENDMENT TO SWIMMING POOL ORDINANCE C-200-66.

Motion by Yoder supported by Peterson to introduce Ordinance C-200-66, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 8-52, CHAPTER 82, TITLE VI, SWIMMING POOLS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON. Motion carried, all ayes.

C. ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT RATES TAXICAB ORDINANCE C-198-66.

Motion by Peterson supported by Thayer to adopt and enact the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. C-198-66
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 7.141, CHAPTER 64, TITLE VII, TAXICABS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON ORDAINS:

7.141 Rates. The rates to be charged and collected for service by taxicabs shall be the following, unless and until changed by Council resolution. For the first one-quarter mile or fraction thereof, fifty cents (50c), and for each additional one-quarter of a mile or fraction thereof, ten cents (10c). The Council may increase or decrease the rates herein established and no charge shall be made except as established by Council resolution. No charge shall be made for extra passengers. For each one and one-half minutes of waiting time or fraction thereof a charge may be made of ten cents (10c). Waiting time shall include the time when the taxicab is not in motion, beginning with the arrival at the place to which it has been called or the time consumed while standing at the direction of the passenger. No charge shall be made for time lost for inefficiency of the taxicab or its operator or time consumed by premature response to a call or for traffic delays. There shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the inside of the taxicab, a card which shall be printed in plain, legible type, the rates of fare and the meter rate of the taxicab.

This ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on March 7, 1966, was adopted and enacted at a regular meeting on March 21, 1966 and will become effective on April 8, 1966.

WILBUR V. BROTHERTON,
Mayor

TRENA M. QUINN,
City Clerk

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Thayer, Yoder, Allen, Brotherton, Peterson
NAYS: None
Ordinance Declared Adopted March 21, 1966.

WILBUR V. BROTHERTON,
Mayor

TRENA M. QUINN,
Clerk

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

A. MONTHLY BILLS.

Motion by Thayer supported by Allen that claims and accounts for February, 1966, be approved for payment as submitted, General Fund $795.19, Water & Sewer $254.76.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Yoder, Allen, Brotherton, Peterson, Thayer
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Peterson seconded by Yoder to adjourn. Motion carried, all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

WILBUR V. BROTHERTON,
Mayor

TRENA M. QUINN,
City Clerk

Extend Area Review Bds. To April 1st

On March 9, 1966 the Department of Administration sent to all assessing officers a House Concurrent Resolution calling upon boards of review to postpone adjournment until April 1, 1966 in order to permit applications for senior citizens exemption which will be permitted by an amendment to the act to be effective in 1966.

The amendments broaden eligibility in three ways:

Residence requirements are now five out of the last ten years instead of the last seven consecutive years as stated in the act originally.

Dwellings on the land of another are now eligible as homesteads, subject to exactly the same limitations of combined homestead and total real property holdings in Michigan as other homesteads. Evidence of ownership should be either a bill of sale or tax receipt for the prior year. Trailer coaches or mobile homes are not eligible unless located on land owned by the person claiming exemption.

Persons who reside and hold certificates of membership in a cooperative apartment are now eligible for exemption subject to the standards and limitations applicable to other homesteads.

In general it can be said that, except for cooperative apartments, no exemption can be claimed except by the person who is legally liable for the taxes.

St. Convention Set for P-TA's

Detroit will host the 49th state P-TA convention on April 25-27. Most general sessions will be held in Cobo Hall with a theme titled "P-TA Opens the Doors to Critical Issues."

Robert B. Considine, noted news commentator, Jerome Cavanaugh, Mayor of Detroit, and two distinguished educators, Bonaro and Harry Overstreet, are among some of the guests who will speak at this convention.

MRS. LeGROS, President of the Farmington P-TA Council urges all local associations in Farmington to send a representative to this annual event.

THE POLICE VAN EMERGENCY vehicle in service with the Farmington City Department of Public Safety is now equipped with a special power plant which is a completely self-contained unit. Officer Ronald Watson is pictured above inspecting the equipment which can provide emergency lighting and power for rescue operations. The van carries first aid and fire fighting equipment and supplies. The addition of the power plant improves the capability of the DPS rescue and emergency operations.

APRIL 4
Chili and Crackers
Celery Stick
Cornbread and Butter
Applesauce
Milk

APRIL 5
Chicken Pot Pie
Buttered Beets
Bread and Butter
Baked Peach
Milk

APRIL 6
Paul Bunyon Burger
Tater Tots
Mixed Bean Salad
Applesauce Cookie
Milk

APRIL 7
Pizza with Meat & Cheese
Buttered Peas
Pear Half
Milk

APRIL 8
No School

Public Service Feature of The Farmington Enterprise

OBITUARIES

MELBA W. WOODARD

Mrs. Melba W. Woodard of 24680 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Township passed away on Tuesday morning, March 22, 1966 in Hutzel Hospital, Detroit following an extended illness.

Mrs. Woodard was born October 9, 1909 in Water Valley, Kentucky the daughter of Oda C. and Millie Weaks Thompson. She attended school in both Kentucky and Florida and on July 18, 1936 was united in marriage to Landon E. Woodard in Detroit.

Mrs. Woodard had been a resident of Farmington for the past nine years and had been active in the cub scout program in the township. She was a member of Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit and a member of the church homemaking class.

Funeral services took place on Friday at 2:30 p.m. from the chapel of the Thayer Funeral Home with Rev. Robert L. S. Brown of Metropolitan Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in North Farmington Cemetery.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Douglas E. of Farmington and Robert L. Woodard of Warren, Michigan. She also leaves her parents Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Thompson of Detroit; one sister, Mrs. Jack Easley of Pontiac; and one brother, Romulus Thompson of Tallahassee, Florida. Three grandchildren also survive.

KENNETH E. BROCK

Kenneth E. Brock, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brock of 12065 Beech-Daly Road, Redford Township, passed away on Friday evening, March 25, 1966 in St. Mary Hospital of injuries suffered earlier in the evening when he was struck by an automobile on Grand River at Inkster Road in Livonia.

Kenneth was born July 30, 1953 in Detroit the son of Kenneth and Nancy Berry Brock. He attended fifth grade in the Horace Mann School in Redford Township.

Funeral services took place on Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the chapel of the Thayer Funeral Home with Frank B. Smith of Bethel Baptist Church, Farmington officiating. Interment was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Surviving besides his parents are three sisters, Mrs. Betty Kassarjian of Detroit, Doris and Linda Brock at home; and three brothers, Arnold Hopkins of Columbus, Ohio, Melvin Hopkins of Detroit and Michael Brock at home. He also leaves his grandmother, Mrs. Alcha Brock of Broadhead, Kentucky.

THE FARMINGTON OPTIMIST CLUB played host to the Southfield Optimist Club March 22 at a dinner meeting in Farmington's Danish Inn. The Lt. Gov. of Optimist International was on hand to reveal plans for the State Optimists Convention to be staged in Southfield this spring. Pictured are (L to R) Frenchy Davis, Vice President of Farmington; Royce Norton, President of Farmington; Lt. Gov. John Anger; Southfield President Chris Christiansen; and Charles Wirtz, Secretary-Treasurer of Farmington's Optimist Club.