

Apartment Rezoning Causes No Objection

Farmington Township Planners recommended the rezoning of a parcel of land on Eight Mile Rd. for apartments Thursday night and not one voice was raised in objection.

Usually the very mention of an apartment project in the township brings out a horde of angry residents.

The recommendation now goes to the township board for final action.

THE LAND is located on Eight Mile Rd. between Pearl and Roosevelt Sts. A total of six lots are included in the piece.

The developers told the commission that a variance would have to be obtained from the Zoning Board of Appeals in order to construct the apartments in accordance with the plans.

The typography required that apartments higher than two and a half story allowed under the ordinance would be constructed with exits to the terrace, according to the presentation.

A tributary of the Rouge River runs through the property.

IN OTHER ACTION the commission:

- Decried a rezoning request for the construction of offices and apartments on the southwest corner of 13 Mile and Middle Belt. Action was taken after the proposal failed to appear before the commission at two separate meetings and in view of strenuous objections from residents of the area.
- Decried until Feb. 15 meeting a rezoning request for an office building on Orchard Lake Rd. just south of 13 Mile Rd. The commission voted to carry the matter over in the expectation that the new business classification (B-4) would be in effect by the February meeting date.
- Decried a request for rezoning of 15 acres at the northeast corner of Halsted Rd. and I-696 for apartments.
- Decried a rezoning request until Feb. 15 on the proposed change from residential to parking on 10 Mile Rd. just off of Middle Belt. This parking was requested by Clyde May, owner of the May Lawn Mower Service located at the corner.
- Set consideration of a plat for the new Meadowbrook Hills subdivision until Feb. 15. The new development will be located in the area bounded by Eight Mile and Haverly Rds.



SWEDISH MEMENTO - The tiny horse Sharon Thomas (at right) is holding was brought by Sharon from Sweden by Eva Hjalmarsson (left) from her homeland. It is known as a Dala Horse and is part of Swedish folklore. Eva is living this year with Sharon's family, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Thomas, 32181 Dohany Dr.

Swedish Girl Tells Of U.S. Contrasts

Because Eva likes to exercise, she took gym this year at Farmington High, unusual for a senior student.

If Farmington High students found this unusual, they would find Eva's class load at her Swedish high school more than "unusual."

She carried 13 subjects ranging from math, chemistry, physics, German, English, Swedish, history, biology, government, gym, art, sewing to religion.

Despite this total, the Swedish girl says, "The homework is about the same."

"Unusual" might also be the correct term for Eva's description of some of the Swedish bathing beaches.

"There are special areas on the big beaches," she says, "where everybody is nude, all in together."

LIKE SHARON, Eva plans to become a teacher. Unlike Sharon, who will attend Adrian and live away from home, Eva will attend a school in her hometown of Lindome and live at home.

The honey-blond Swedish girl finds our present Michigan cold weather very much to her liking, but has trouble figuring out the temperatures.

In her homeland, temperatures are calculated by centigrade instead of Fahrenheit.

In her homeland, too, most homes are furnished with contemporary pieces.

ON AMERICAN food, Eva did not like the dressing when she had turkey when she celebrated her first Thanksgiving this year. She still didn't like the dressing when she had turkey for the second time this Christmas.

Eva compares American turkeys to the ducks that are eaten in her homeland. For holidays, Swedish families eat ham and whole pigs.

She also compares northern Michigan to her Swedish home, Lake Superior is cold like our North Sea," she says. "And it looks like Sweden up there."

The Thomas family had taken their guest camping in northern Michigan before school started this year and Eva loved it. They have also taken her to Pennsylvania on several weekends.

Eva attends Farmington High as does Sharon Thomas.

IN ASSESSING the American high school student, the Swedish girl notes, "Swedish kids are more open minded. We tolerate more individualism. American young people are more group-minded than we are."

Americans may be "group-minded" but the Swedes are that way about their gymnastics, according to Eva.

She is a gymnast, but says, "At home we do it all together and always to music."

Joins Sorority

Nancy McCunney, 33250 Freedom Rd., Farmington, has been initiated into Kappa Delta Gamma, national social sorority of Marquette University.

Miss McCunney is a sophomore in Marquette's school of speech.

Planners Add One Session

Farmington Township's Planners have thrown in the towel and agreed to meet twice a month for zoning matters.

Previously the commission met on the fourth Thursday of the month to consider zoning questions. However, the workload of the commission has increased over the past year and the once a month meetings have been very lengthy.

The commission will hold public hearings on rezoning questions on the fourth Thursday of the month under the schedule which begins in February.

These sessions will begin at 8 p.m. in the O.E. Dunckel Junior High school on 12 Mile just east of Farmington Rd.

Preliminary reviews of rezoning requests along with preliminary plats for new subdivisions will be considered at meetings scheduled for the third Thursday of the month.

These meetings will be held at the Township Hall on 11 Mile Rd. just east of Orchard Lake. Starting time is 8 p.m.

The commission will continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month for its planning session. At these meetings no action is taken on rezoning questions, but the commission studies the master plans and the overall concept of zoning.

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