

# Readers Speak Out On Controversial Issues

## Garden City Reader Raps Secret Meeting

EDITOR:

At your regular Monday night session March 25 of the City Council, I presented you with petitions containing over 880 signatures from the residents of Garden City in the area immediately adjacent to the proposed City Park on Venoy road near Maplewood, along with a cover letter containing factual information, which was made available to you and all the Councilmen well in advance of

the Monday night meeting. It was hoped that you and the Councilmen would have taken this opportunity to refresh yourselves of the pertinent facts of this problem. Instead of an intelligent discussion of this problem, all we received was a burst of outrage from a councilman, because he felt that his honesty and integrity was being questioned.

The Council gave us its regular grant, that the city lacked the funds to pay its half of the cost, a figure in the approximate amount of \$43,000.

Many sources of revenue

were pointed out to the Mayor and the Councilmen, each a valid source in its own right. The Mayor and Councilmen refused to consider any of these sources, yet later, on the same agenda, item #10 was brought up for consideration. No questions were permitted from the floor however.

This item considered the sale of another proposed park site, with the land already being owned by the city. It seems that the city has a problem making certain lots desirable so that a developer will buy all the property concerned. There are nine lots that are not immediately

connected with the main parcel on Marquette street between Venoy and Hubbard.

The council is proposing to acquire the right of way to continue Barton street, which these lots would then front, through to Venoy road. This will cost no less than \$60,000 to acquire, because it involves buying a house and garage that already stand in the right of way. The city fathers then propose to make all the street and sewer improvements so the new street is even more desirable to developers.

The cost of these improvements will probably run be-

tween \$15 and \$20 a front foot with the city paying for all the frontage of the nine lots. The amount to be realized by the city from the sale of these lots probably would be in the neighborhood of \$25,000. Far less than half the cost of purchasing the right of way alone and not including payment of paving and sewer improvements. The total cost of this project is not included in the annual budget.

[The Councilmen will have to find this money. They feel they can find the money for this project] yet they cannot find a way the city could pay its share for the proposed park on Venoy and Maplewood.

After the regular session had been adjourned, and the special session on paving had been held, most of the public left the council chambers assuming all business had been concluded. But information I have received from a reliable source, informs me that our councilmen, after a short recess, decided to hold an impromptu session concerning the very same park project we tried to get a hearing on earlier at the regular session.

It seems that four councilmen want to do their business when the public cannot question them on their proposals. They want the public to believe that this is an open hearing that reflects the needs and desires of the people.

If this is really an open hearing, I challenge the Mayor and the councilmen to hold an honest public hearing on this matter, at which time they will give direct answers to direct questions from the public.

the damage that dogs running loose can do, but the horseback rider can do more damage in a few minutes than any dog could probably do in a year. Horse damage is usually intentional as the horse has a rider!

Horses and horse drawn carts present an even greater problem when ridden or driven on the main streets of Livonia. Just the other day when we had a warm spell the horses were let loose and were seen in a near accident that could have been fatal to someone. A horseback rider was riding along one of the main roads when the horse suddenly bolted (or was perhaps nudged) nearly through his rider, and almost collided with a couple of cars.

Thank heavens the auto driver's children (though I realize I don't and could not care) I feel they should either not send them or view it first themselves.

Maybe then some of these "recommended for mature audiences" films would not end up like a Saturday matinee.

A CONCERNED MOTHER

In the audience—young children and teenagers.

I wonder how parents can be so unconcerned as to send and even take their youngsters to see a film that the advertisements clearly state "recommended for mature audiences". Do they have any idea of what their children are going to see? There is so much controversy about violence on television today, it seems ironic that some parents would let their children view more sex and violence.

I have two teenage boys and I definitely would not allow them to see this movie. Yet my daughter, who in grade school, tells of all her classmates who have seen it and were driven to the theater by their parents.

If parents are not sure whether a film is suitable for their children (though I realize many do not care) I feel they should either not send them or view it first themselves.

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of the show, when one of the brothers, using as a vehicle a religious song, blatantly insinuated that his mother had been a paramour of Lord George. Reasoning such as Power uses in this editorial is the same we know employed to encourage the increase of smut and pornography under the guise of "You must be allowed to make up your own mind." It is refreshing to find some one with guts enough to blow the whistle on vulgarity.

So here is a hearty vote in favor of Carino's action. I cannot decide to replace the Smokers Brothers with a succession of commercials for under-arm deodorants, the whole hour will smell better.

STEWART M. RICE  
Farmington

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What Has Happened To Horse Ordinance?

EDITOR:

What ever happened to the proposed City Ordinance to control where people could ride their horses? Here in the northern part of the City of Livonia there is a constant problem during the nicer months of the year.

The horseback riders seem to think they can ride anywhere they please. One new subdivision even had to go so far as to post "no trespassing" signs because the horseback riders were riding all over the lanes and newly laid out streets. Horseback riders are some of the rudest and most inconsiderate people around. They think nothing of riding up on a persons lawn, the shrubs, and up and down the parkways.

The piles of manure that they leave is only one of the problems. People complain about

Now the zoning law allows persons with two or more cars to keep and maintain up to three horses. Why don't these people ride their horses on their own property rather than making such a mess everywhere else? If the horse owners can't keep their horses on their own property, then they should move to where they can get rid of the horses. Horseback riding is not a city activity. Please Mr. Councilman, please do something about the inconsiderate horse owners before more damage is done and before a death occurs from a car-horse accident on one of the main streets.

DISGUSTED WITH HORSES AND HORSE OWNERS

Reader Corrects Error In Letter

EDITOR:

Thank you for printing my letter of February 16. However, Mr. Nash called to my attention an error concerning him, in my letter. I was concerned about the control and power structure being built in our present city council.

For example: In Spring 1967, Ed Milligan was the campaign manager for Ed McNamara. In July 1968 Milligan was appointed to the city council. Mr. Nash was also appointed by his friends on the council to the Zoning Board of Appeals. In 1966 he was elected to the city council.

Also in the 1968 election, Eldon Raymond was campaign manager for Ed Milligan. Eldon Raymond was also appointed by his friends to the Zoning Board of Appeals. In July 1966, his father Jerry Raymond, was appointed to the council to replace Jim McCann who became municipal judge. Presently Mr. McCann's brother has teamed up with Nash and wishes to be elected to the city council.

I regret the mistake of stating that Nash had been appointed to the City Council. He was not—he was appointed by the council to the Zoning Board of Appeals. I have no quarrel with Mr. Nash—only with the complete lack of a dissenting voice on the council.

Even at election time they do not compete with each other for re-election, nor has your paper made any effort to bring this condition to the attention of the public.

This buddy-buddy system of government needs to be brought to the attention of the voters, many whom are new residents in Livonia.

Gloria Sladek  
1740 Loveland  
Livonia

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Editorial Disagrees

EDITOR:

Will Rogers was credited with the remark that he had no patience with a man who was too damn lazy to farm the dial. If Philip H. Power doesn't like what is offered for free on channel 2, he has only to turn to 4, 7, 9, or UHF if he has the correct antenna. Attached the 500 calls reported by the switchboard operator as critical of the blacking out of the Seeger's act, here is a letter from one of the minority expressing hearty approval.

The only quarrel I have with Mr. Carino is that he didn't pull the plug at the early part

Praises For Editorial

EDITOR:

Your editorial on the flaw in our tax laws connected with school taxes is in the public interest!

There is an urgent need for a revision of the property tax law in order to place the burden of good schools upon those who derive the greatest benefit and not the old, the poor, or the underprivileged. Since justuring, food, and clothing are the basic needs for all people, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, a tax on income at the state level in place of the school millage could provide more money for local needs in a more equitable manner.

How can anyone pull himself up by his own bootstraps when he is forced to carry a heavy tax burden upon his shoulders for the basic needs?

STANLEY GLAMB  
Garden City

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Movies Trouble Concerned Mother

EDITOR:

Recently I attended a showing of the film "Bonnie and Clyde" at one of the theaters in the area. I found it hard to believe the number of children