



STRIKE A CHORD — Robert H. Bowland, 25389 Harcourt, Farmington, is one of 13 players enrolled in a beginners' guitar course which meets weekly as part of the Farmington School District's adult education program. Available for the first time this term, the course is also enjoyed by the district's "young educator of the year" Al Lanigan, Larkshire School principal, in the left background. The other would-be musician is unidentified.



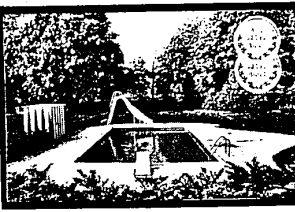
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YMCA Rezoning Request Faces Township Planners

A rezoning request which would clear the legal way for the construction of a Farmington Area YMCA branch building is one of the items which will be considered by the Farmington Township Planning Commission Tuesday, June 18.

The commission's public meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Township Hall.

Location of the property is a total of 12.22 acres just north of the Demery's Shopping Center and fronting on Kendallwood Drive and East Tulipwood Rd.

The land is currently zoned for residential use.

DAVID R. COMFORT, executive director of the Farmington Y, said that the YMCA has made an offer to purchase the property if the zoning is approved. Present owner of the land is the Kendallwood Corporation.

The purchase price was not made public.

Requested zoning for the parcel is the special purpose classification just enacted by the township. This zoning allows for the construction of clubhouses and private lodges.

Comfort said that the Y would sponsor a capital funds drive in order to raise funds to construct the building. He added, however, that no direction has been made as to the starting date for the campaign.

Under the provision of the plans filed with the planning commission, the building would be a family program facility. Comfort said that the first phase of the building completed would include administrative area and an all purpose program unit. In addition an outdoor program area would be developed.

OTHER REQUESTS the commission will hear include:

A rezoning request for slightly more than two acres of land between Nine Mile, Middle Belt and Shawwassee to permit the construction of a small shopping area. The land is currently zoned for light industry. Dr. Richard E. Roel of 3750 Freedom Rd. has requested a zoning change for two acres of land on the northwest corner of Freedom and Gill Rds. for the construction of a medical clinic and office. The land is currently zoned for single family homes.

A professional photographer, Lois L. McCord of 17890 Wyoming Ave., Detroit, has requested a zoning change for the single family home at 27423 12 Mile Rd. between Harrisonwood and Inkster Rds. If approved the house would be converted to a photographic studio.

The Planning Commission will consider the current apartment zoning on 12 Mile Rd. between Farmington Rd. and Orchard Lake Rd. and the current business zoning on the west side of Orchard Lake Rd. between Bond and Firwood Sts. north of 13 Mile Rd. at its own request.

Proposed rezoning to the special purpose classification is the lot at 32330 12 Mile Rd. zoned for apartments so that the Kendallview Nursing Home might be constructed.

The Orchard Lake property is currently zoned for business and the planners have questioned the need for this zoning. Proposed is to rezone the land for residential purposes.

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Freedman Challenges Hamlin

Gerald A. Freedman has announced his candidacy on the Democratic ticket for County Supervisor in the combined Farmington City-Farmington Township 17th district.

Freedman, a practicing attorney, lives at 21977 Tredwell, Farmington.

In entering the race, Freedman stressed that the new concept of a county board of supervisors based on "one man, one vote" requires election of a person who is deeply committed to representative government.

Freedman pointed out that his Republican opponent (Gelos Hamlin), the present appointed supervisor from Farmington City, has been opposed to creation of an elected county board based on equal population districts.

"I question whether my Republican opponent, who has ruled the present unwieldy and unrepresentative board with an iron hand, can function well in a representative body directly responsible to the people," Freedman said.

Freedman promised to spell out a comprehensive program for county government and to offer proposals in the problem areas of roads, highway safety, mental health and social services.

"My opponent has failed to come up with adequate solutions to these problems during his many years in county office," Freedman said. "This failure has left many Farmington residents bogged down in muck, mud and mire caused by county inattention to road needs in the community."

Freedman is a graduate of Wayne State University and the WSU Law School. He is a member of the law firm of Altman and Freedman, with offices in Northwest Detroit. Freedman and his wife, Carol, have two sons who attend William Grace School.

His varied community activities include membership on the Farmington Township Salary and Pension Committee, Little League coach, member of the New Farmington Committee, chairman of the Farmington Democratic Club, and organizer and counsel to the Forest Park Home Owners Association.

Freedman is admitted to practice before the Michigan and U.S. Supreme Courts and is a member of the Michigan Bar Association. He is a board member of the New Temple of Bloomfield as well as holding membership in B'nai B'rith and the Michigan Democratic Party.

Freedman's political activities date back to Wayne State University where he organized and served as vice chairman of the Young Democrats. He has been an elected precinct delegate in four congressional districts since 1954 and has served as delegate to state party conventions.

He has been a candidate for Farmington Township Justice of the Peace. Freedman, 33, has lived in Farmington since Jan. 1, 1960.



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