

Authorize Planting of 250 Trees

The city commission has approved City Manager Donald C. Egbert's recommendation that \$1,500 be appropriated from the contingent fund to the forestry and parks department to provide for the planting of 250 trees this spring.

This action was taken after the commission received a report from City Forester Bill Lebold on tree planting activities.

The forester stated that 410 trees were planted during last fall's program.

STREETS WHERE trees were planted were South Eton, 42; South Bates and Edenborough, 30 to 40 trees per street; Derby, Maryland, Arzyle, 20 to 30 trees per street; and Stanley, Westchester, Taunton, Sheffield, Windemere, Larchlea, Henrietta, 10 to 15 trees for each street.

Lebold added, "An additional 114 trees were planted on more than 40 other streets in the city. These were for the most part requests or to fill vacant spots on streets which are almost fully planted. No streets where less than 10 trees were planted are listed."

In addition, 54 trees were planted in city parks and other public areas.

THE SUPERINTENDENT said that \$4,000 was expended this fall from the tree budget for materials and labor connected with planting. In addition, \$5,000 of the tree budget for the present fiscal year is earmarked for planting an estimated 500 trees, he pointed out.

Lebold said, "Experience has proved that street trees have a better chance for survival and good growth if they are planted after construction crews are finished, and the residents are looking after their lawns and trees. We therefore, discourage planting prior to construction, but feel we should follow completed streets immediately with street trees on those areas where trees are missing."

A survey was recently taken by the forestry department to determine amount of planting which should be made during the spring season.

Areas cited by Lebold where planting should be accomplished are: Pembroke, Circle to Coolidge, 80 trees; Manchester, Eton to St. Andrews, 25; Eton, Yorkshire to Derby, 15.

Torrey, Holland to Sheffield, 50; Cole, Adams to Eton, 30; East Lincoln, Adams to Taunton, 30; Taunton, Lincoln to Humphrey, 10.

Lakeside, Querton to Redding, 7; Grant, Lincoln to Catalpa, 10;

Smith, Grant to Edgewood, 8; and Edgewood, Smith to Bird, 10.

THE FORESTER ADDED, "In addition to the tree requirements outlined above it is estimated that another 75 tree requests will have been received between now and the start of the spring planting season. We make every attempt to fill requests and then complete blocks with the trees available."

Lebold's request was to plant 350 trees this spring with an expenditure of approximately \$3,500 from the tree budget.

He concluded, "Approximately \$1,000 remains from the total

amount earmarked for tree planting, and should be supplemented with another \$2,500 to have available enough funds to plant 350 trees in the spring."

The action as taken by the commission didn't meet all the forester asked for because the \$1,500 appropriated will provide for planting only 250 trees.

Egbert stated, "It is my opinion that we can't carry on as extensive a program as recommended by Lebold. I do, however, believe we should plant at least 250 trees which will require an additional appropriation of \$1,500."

Sewer, Water Imp. On Shipman Blvd. Approved by City

A resolution approved by the city commission provides for construction of sewer and water services on Shipman boulevard before pavement is installed this year.

City manager Donald C. Egbert stated that present plans contemplate including in the 1952 pavement contract the paving of Shipman, Northlawn and Southlawn avenue in Birmingham Crestview subdivision.

He stated, "The sewer is on the west side of the street except the south half of the street on Shipman, and water services can be installed by boring under the pavement. It is necessary to open the trench to construct the sewers."

"This will require that the sewer services be provided for the lots on the east side of the street and a part of the lots on the west side in the south block on Shipman."

Costs of this project will be covered by a special assessment district.

Wins First Prize

First prize in the cockerel class was brought to Birmingham last week by a young bird owned by George M. Rounds, 676 Dewey.

The bird was entered in the central states meet of the International Single Comb Black Minorca club held at Bay City.

Social Briefs

Peggy Kirby has returned to Cleveland after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kirby of Bloomfield Hills.

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Eton Residents Question City's Parking Policy

A delegation of Eton road residents appeared at Monday's city commission meeting to ask why the police have pulled warning tickets on cars parked on the street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. The residents stated they understand cars could be parked three feet from the concrete pavement.

Commissioner Richard Patterson stated that each home is supposed to have at least one off-street parking space.

Police Chief Ralph Moxley said he will give residents until July 1 to construct necessary driveways. Until that time, they are to park no closer than six feet back from the concrete paving at all hours.

COMMISSIONER RALPH MAIN said the ordinance is designed to permit sweepers and snow removal crews to work on paved streets during certain night hours.

Moxley stated, "We have been putting warning notices on all cars parked on through streets between these hours. We've received excellent cooperation everywhere else in town."

Milton Maltender told the delegation, "You people aren't being treated any different than other citizens in the city."

Patterson said, "As long as you are far enough off so you don't impede playing, I can't see anything wrong."

City, Country School PTA Hears Discussion On Children's Care

A panel discussion on the care of children in hospitals was the program feature when the City and Country school PTA met Jan. 8.

Following the formal discussion, an audience-participation period followed.

Mrs. Kenneth McGregor of Wing Lake was in charge of the social hour.

Frayed Cord Is Blamed For Sunday Morning Fire

A frayed electric cord on an electric blanket is blamed by firemen for a blaze at the Robert A. Dobbin home, 2344 Windemere, Sunday morning.

The fire was discovered when the family returned from church after an absence of a little more than an hour.

Fire Chief V. W. Griffith said actual fire damage was light, but that considerable smoke damage was caused throughout the house.

THE PENALTY BOX

Disposition of court cases heard in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills justice courts last week.

Birmingham
Jack E. Gieck, 15619 Devonshire, violation of rubbish ordinance—\$5 and costs, paid.

Bloomfield Hills
Jerry Lefever, Pontiac, driving under influence of liquor, \$75 fine or 20 days in jail. Committed until fine is paid.

Leon Herrin, Detroit, drunk and disorderly. Paid \$15 fine.

No Objections to Bloomfield Twp. Zoning Ordinance

Bloomfield township's zoning ordinance was approved Monday evening at a public hearing at which there were no objections.

The ordinance now will come under Act 194 of Public Acts of 1943 instead of Act 302 of Public Acts of 1937.

Supervisor David Anderson pointed out that there is substantially no changes in the zoning ordinance although there are some clarifications and a new map.

Man Charged With Car Theft After Traffic Accident

A traffic accident at Woodward and Long Lake roads in Bloomfield Hills Friday resulted in the apprehension of a Pontiac man wanted for unlawfully driving away an automobile.

After the accident which caused extensive damage to the stolen car, John H. McDonald was turned over to Pontiac police.

No one was injured in the collision.

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