

# Planning Board Denies Zoning Change Request

Birmingham Plan Board members turned down a request by a property owner to rezone his land from B-1 to B-2 at Tuesday's meeting.

By a unanimous vote the board denied a petition of F. K. Graef to rezone four lots on Southfield north of 14 Mile Road.

Graef, 501 N. Eton, told the board that he had not been able to find tenants for his property while it was in the B-1 classification. B-1 is generally made up of non-retail business operations such as doctors' offices.

HE SAID that he had been approached by several businessmen wanting to put the property to B-2 use. B-2 involves such business as drug stores, food markets, florists and bakeries.

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The property owners said that the proposed zoning change decreases the value of their property. Several also said they felt there was no need for more business establishments in the area.

IN OTHER action the planning board denied a request by Dr. A. L. McNaughton to rezone property at Southfield and Townsend to build a dental office.

The Birmingham Plan Department has denied a request from Webster from B-2 to B-3 (Community Business).

It was also felt that any business offices in the area would create a traffic problem in a predominantly residential area.

The board also denied a request by Harold Kalbfleisch to rezone two lots on North Adams near Webster from B-2 to B-3 (Community Business).

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# 4 Candidates File For Township Posts

Township clerks in the area report that a number of candidates for election in the Feb. 18 primary have already taken out petitions. The filing deadline is 4 p. m., Dec. 31.

Four candidates have filed for election in Bloomfield Township. They are Homer Case, present treasurer who will run for supervisor; Arno L. Hulet, present supervisor who will seek the treasurer's post; Mrs. Deloris V. Little, incumbent clerk who seeks re-election and Albert Carr, incumbent, justice of the peace who also hopes to be re-elected.

AMONG THE offices open in Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Southfield Townships are those of supervisor, clerk and treasurer, all for two-year terms. Two trustees, one board of review member and one justice of the peace, all for four-year terms, will also be

# Report Gossett Scheduled for U.S. Position

Reports are that William T. Gossett of 420 Goodhue Road, Bloomfield Hills, will be appointed a deputy to Christian A. Herter, present foreign trade administrator.

An announcement is expected after Herter returns from a vacation.

Gossett is a former vice president and legal counsel of Ford Motor Co. He retired in February.

# Lincoln

ship board passed a resolution opposing the petition because it felt this section of Lincoln was needed for police and fire access to homes now being built in the area.

The county road commission held a hearing on the Westchester petition at a meeting last week. However, the commissioners postponed making a decision on it until their Jan. 9 meeting.

Lomerson conducted the hearing. He said the residents in the association area were divided on the issue of vacating the road and that petitions were presented both for and against vacation.

TESTIMONY from both sides was taken, he said, and the petitioners asked for an adjournment of the hearing.

The section of Lincoln Road between Windham Lane and E. Breckenridge was only added this fall; it was an extension of the section from Lahser Windham Lane which was installed when Brother Rice High School was built.

Residents of Westchester Village have opposed Lincoln Road connecting with streets in the subdivision because of additional traffic to the subdivision roads.

By court order several years ago, they were allowed to block off the three subdivision roads — Bradford, W. Breckenridge and Windham — which ran into the Lincoln section between Lahser and Windham Lane.

By forcing the vacating of Lincoln between Windham and E. Breckenridge, they could forestall Lincoln traffic from connecting with other subdivision roads.

WHEN RESIDENTS appeared before the township board asking for the vacating of this section of Lincoln, they said it would forestall subdivision roads being used as a short cut to avoid the Maple-Lahser intersection.

Lomerson said that "normally we don't have traffic signs where one local residential street intersects another, as is the case here."

"When we signed the plat, it became a part of the county system of local roads."

He stressed that the roads involved were "local," not "primary," and that "hundreds of conditions like it exist throughout the county. Each one must be considered individually," Lomerson said.

Termining the accident "very regrettable," he said he didn't know "how in the world we can stop this kind of accident unless we get in back of every car. Any number of traffic signs can be put up but they don't help a situation unless people pay attention to them."

# Beverly Hills Boy Struck by Auto

BEVERLY HILLS — A 14-year-old boy was injured last week when he was struck by a car on 13 Mile Road at Vernon.

In satisfactory condition Wednesday morning at William Beaumont Hospital, Bruce A. Grubba, 30875 Vernon, suffered head injuries.

The driver, William D. Franklin, 51, of Highland Park told police the boy ran in front of his car at about 8 a. m. Nov. 29. Franklin said he was unable to avoid hitting the child.

Franklin was not held by police.

# Road Precautions Taken by Village

WOOD CREEK FARMS — Barrels of sand and salt mix have been placed at all strategic points along village roads, the council was told Tuesday night.

The barrels, painted yellow are on wooden bases and will be kept full throughout the winter to assist drivers on a "help-yourself" basis in bad weather.

The home of Vernon P. Fisher, 28393 Wellington Road, will once again serve as a polling place in the March 11 village election.

Applications for election inspection are also available now from the village clerk, Mrs. Everett Billitt.

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