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Franklin School to Get Portable Traffic Signal

By NITA HARD
Staff Writer

FRANKLIN—A portable safety blinker, the type used by many schools in the area, was agreed upon Monday night when the village council held its monthly meeting.

Suggested by the PTA safety committee, headed by Ted Kelter, the village and partly by the county village and partly by the county or PTA. The blinker will be used to assist Franklin School children to cross Franklin Road at school crossings.

The action was the only positive step taken during a long and full agenda which covered many items. The council learned indirectly that Southfield is planning to foot a \$20,000 bill to keep the size of the Evergreen sewer big enough to include Franklin in the event the need becomes acute.

Franklin has turned down the sewer proposition three times, but

Southfield feels the time will come when the village will need the service. Capacity is assured.

JAMES GILLEN and Charles Peterson have been appointed to replace retiring board of appeals members Ellis Premo and Ted Brehm.

A status report on the proposed franchise for the Consumers Power Co.—the issue has been dealected for several years—indicated a suggestion by Councilman Robert Mitchell that Ordinance No. 8 should be amended to cover such negotiations. Councilman Edmore Webb recommended a charter amendment for a more direct solution.

Franklin School Principal Marjorie Tait wrote the council asking for several safety measures. These included a stop sign at Carol, white lines to be painted at the Franklin and Carol roads intersection and the addition of "No Parking" signs to the north side of the road. The request will be studied.

THE COUNCIL denied a request of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. to install a "drive-up" phone in front of Goffdale Market. They countered with a suggestion that such a public phone might be placed either at the post office or off the street in a parking lot or at the Cider Mill. Traffic is less congested at these alternate locations.

The council tabled an anti-litter ordinance proposed by Councilman George Howard and heard a report from street commissioner Richard Oberschulte.

A final grading of roads is scheduled for next week. Oberschulte also suggested that a reduction of the eight-mill road tax might be possible in 1963, the final year of the five-year program. He felt there ought to be a review of the general objectives for continuing the program after 1963.

OBERSCHULTE reported favorably on the test strip of Brandingham, saying it appears to be stabilizing existing gravel and might provide an answer for local roads at one-third the cost of regular black-top.

Another questionnaire may be sent residents to develop a clearer concept of current thinking relative to black-topping village roads.

The problem is in the hands of the planning commission and the council awaits its recommendation as to whether consideration should be given a specific major road paving program, taking one road at a time without cost to the village.

B'field Hills Commission Studies Zoning Request

Bloomfield Hills city commissioners discussed, but took no action Tuesday night on a request to amend the zoning ordinance to allow for the construction of three-story apartments.

The planning commission recommended a favorable recommendation last week on the request by J. Robert F. Swanson, of Swanson Associates Inc., Bloomfield Hills architect.

SWANSON PRESENTED the commission with a scale-model of six three-story luxury apartments which he wants to build on 30 acres of land north of E. Long Lake Road.

The zoning ordinance now restricts apartment building to two stories with three families per acre.

Commissioner Henry L. Woolfenden asked:

"If you were given permission, would you consider a restrictive covenant to the project you have in mind?"

"I WOULD BE agreeable to that," Swanson said.

Mayor Pro Tem Lyman J. Craig expressed the fear that approval of the three-story structures would lead to requests for taller ones.

"You've done a beautiful job on your project," said Craig. "But the commission has to protect the whole city."

SWANSON SAID the apartment buildings would include about 20 units each and a unit would be in the \$50,000 range.

Also included in the co-operative-type project would be a lake running through the property, a swimming pool, cabanas and a sub-ground level parking area in each of the buildings.

The project would be surrounded by a green belt, Swanson said.

"WE FEEL THAT the quality

here will establish some kind of precedent," he said. "We're getting close to what we feel is a first-rate project."

The land in question is bounded on the west by the Village Woman's Club and on the east by the Grand Trunk Railroad. It adjoins Frowbridge Farms subdivision to the south.

Vilcan-Leman & Associates, planning consultants, have been working on a master plan for Bloomfield Hills for two years. The zoning ordinance is tied closely to among commissioners was expressed by Woolfenden: "I think if the whole commission here we could resolve the question. I would be reluctant to decide anything without the mayor here since he's very interested in it."

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The new building, at 2351 W. 12 Mile, Berkley, will be open from 3 to 6 p.m.

Although distinct in operation, both services are dedicated to helping financially or through counseling persons in need.

The new building will allow the merging of the Royal Oak and Birmingham offices of Family Service according to Robert J. Janes, director.

Optimists Honor Area Teen-Agers

Appreciation was shown the youth of Birmingham yesterday as Mayor Florence H. Willett and several outstanding teen-age citizens chosen from area high schools had breakfast at Greenfield's as a part of the Birmingham Optimist Club's "Youth Appreciation Week," Nov. 12-18.

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