

## Hills Zoning Ordinance Creates Political Stir

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Any voter in Bloomfield Hills searching for an issue in the April 1 election will not have to look. Electors are choosing up sides on a proposal that has created more political stir in the last few weeks than any issue since Bloomfield Hills received its charter.

The question is what kind of a zoning ordinance will be passed by the city commission which, thus far, has resulted in a 3-2 split among the legislators.

A MEETING of the commission was scheduled for Wednesday night after the regular meeting had been postponed last week in lieu of a public hearing on the ordinance.

Of the three commissioners up for re-election, only Mayor John S. Bugas favors the recommendations of the planning commission to enlarge the commercial area of the city from 27 acres to 77 acres and to relax zoning restrictions to allow three-story structures, with 47 units per acre.

Bugas' stand has been supported by Commissioner James A. Beresford.

An alternate proposal, submitted by the majority of the commission, Lyman J. Craig, Robert A. Frye (both running for re-election) and Henry L. Woolfenden, would leave the commercial district basically unchanged.

EACH SIDE presented its own zoning ordinance to some 600 residents who attended the public hearing in Cranbrook auditorium Thursday night.

Prior to the hearing, Craig, Frye and Woolfenden released a report to the citizens of Bloomfield Hills that charged that the ordinance as proposed by the planning

commission "would fundamentally change the character of this city which throughout its development to the present time has been maintained as an essentially residential rural community."

Woolfenden said he has received over 100 letters supporting the commission majority's stand on the zoning ordinance.

The commission has the alternative of either passing a zoning ordinance now or waiting until after the election when a commission organizational meeting will be held.

## Romney

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He joked about the Democrats' recent civil war.

"Democrats are getting so concerned about the health of their body politics that they are forming antibodies to combat virus that has been eating away at their vital organs—domination by a single interest group," Romney said.

The governor was referring to the formation of the Michigan Association of Independent Democrats (MAID) by three area lawyers.

"I REFER, of course, to the organization headquartered in Birmingham," Romney said. MAID operates out of the law office of Birmingham attorney and 1962 candidate for Congress, George Fulkerson, on Pierce St.

He said he wished the group "all the luck in the world" and was delighted that they "finally decided to agree with something Republican."

Romney urged all Michigan Republicans to join in a program of "the mobilization campaign" and to offer them all of the Republican Party resources.

"We'll do everything in our power to help them learn," Romney said. "That's because we believe there is more than enough room in Michigan for two citizens' parties."

ROMNEY RAPPELLED the Democrats for their opposition to the new constitution. He said he was not sure why they had such an attachment "to a document (the present constitution) that has helped make Michigan the laughing stock of the nation."

He said along with the new constitution he needed the election of the Republicans' candidates. The governor noted that the posts they were seeking are now held by Democrats and said they were holding up his program.

The governor insisted that adoption of the proposed constitution would be a "major step" for the government as well as local governments.

THE BLOOMFIELD Hills resident called the April 1 election the most "important issue voted on in Michigan in this century."

He said the approval of the new constitution was more important than the election of the Republican slate but quickly added his job would be made easier if they were elected.

"Give me a few team members," Romney said, "who are on the same team as I am."

Romney said he was sure the new document would be adopted if the Republicans avoid three things—overconfidence, apathy and the large Detroit vote.

IN ONE last jibe at the Democrats, Romney said that some people might know what he meant when he referred to a "citizens' party."

"Well, I'm not going to bore you with any long and tedious definitions," Romney smiled, "because I just thought of a new and short one the other day."

"It would define a citizens' party as one whose leaders can eat a meal together without having to sit at opposite ends of the table."

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Robber stood at this counter and watched the teller's window.

## Ready or Not, Spring's Here

Spring, at last.

But the chances are you will sleep through the first moments of spring this year. The new season is scheduled to begin at 3:20 a.m. today. This means that the sun will reach the vernal equinox or cross the equator on its way north. "It will rise and set almost exactly at the east and west points with the day and night said to be of equal length," explains University of Michigan astronomer Hazel M. Losh.

However, contrary to what many believe, the day and night will not be "exactly" equal on the day of the equinox.

"BECAUSE OF the refraction or bending of the sun's rays by the earth's atmosphere, the sun may be seen a few minutes before it actually comes over the horizon, and also be still visible by a similar length of time after it drops below."

Professor Losh says. The day and night are more nearly equal about four days before the equinox date.

Spring comes nearly six hours later than last year—but not because of the unusual severity of this winter. Rather, the delay comes from the difference between our calendar (365 days) and the time used by the sun to travel in its apparent path around the earth (365.2422 days).

"After the equinox, not only will the days be longer, but they will also be warmer with the sun shining more directly over the northern hemisphere," Professor Losh says.

## Court Test Planned for DPW Act

Another court test is in sight for the state DPW act that allows Oakland County to build projects such as the multi-million dollar Farmington and Evergreen Sanitary Incinerators.

Suit has been filed against the City of Southfield and Oakland County by a group of Southfield residents, who challenge the constitutionality of the act and its effect on the city charter.

Construction of an arm of the Evergreen Interceptor in the River Rouge valley to serve western Southfield is the project in question in the suit.

The DPW act does not require voter approval. It was designed to permit water, sewer and drain lines to be built on a user-charge basis.

## GOP Names Nine To Research Group

Appointments to the research committee for the Republican party in Oakland County were announced today by Charles L. Lyle, GOP county chairman.

Committee members are Alvin Balden, Huntington Woods; chairman; Richard James, Lake Orion; J. E. Demlow, Royal Oak; Douglas Laurie, Berkeley; William C. Beal, 27421 Spring Arbor Drive, Southfield; Mrs. C. J. Thomas, 680 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills; Robert Bazzell, Clawson; Donald Gehrig, 21360 Andover, Southfield; and Loren G. Keenan, 2694 Brady, Bloomfield Hills. Keenan is the son-in-law of Gov. George Romney.

The research committee will concern itself with legislation, analyzing the legislation, opinion polls, surveys and other work assigned them by the organization.

Nearly 50 persons were forced to stand outside the packed commission room to hear the CBDQ report.

## Residents

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streets except for one small part," Brownfield said.

He pointed out that the city is responsible for the health, safety and of its citizens and when it comes to remodeling the downtown area the "merchants will have to do much of the work themselves."

"As the heart of the city maintains itself, so will the residential areas," Brownfield concluded.

A QUESTION was raised from the audience that the plan made two projected population estimates for the area, 50,000 and 98,000 and which figure did the plan board use in determining the scope of the CBDQ plan?

"Generally, it was based on the larger figure," Brownfield said. This, he noted, was because Birmingham was the only city with a large shopping center area and no other nearby community had plans to construct one.

Breck asked Brownfield about the prospect of the residential area in the central business district being "snapped up by speculators?"

It was hoped, Brownfield said, that some of the area within the CBD would remain residential, but he could not say whether speculators might buy property or not.

MRS. IRENE E. Murphy of 444 Bonnie Briar asked the commission who paid for the CBDQ plan?

Commissioners Ralph A. Main and William E. Roberts answered the query.

Main said, "The businessmen and the Federal Government paid for all but \$9,000 of it. Uncle Sam paid for 78 per cent of it." Main noted, "Roberts said that the businessmen had volunteered to raise money if it would speed up the study and to his knowledge no one contributed over five per cent of the total \$16,000 cost of the CBDQ phase."

Mrs. Murphy had asked if any single person paid for more than 50 per cent of the plan.

"No large commercial interest is contributing it," Roberts said, "it is still part of the total plan."

COMMISSIONER Robert W. Page urged the residents to remember the Comprehensive CBDQ proposals "are still a plan."

"We (the commission) are approaching it in a businesslike manner," Page said. "We are not going to start closing Maple Avenue next week or even next month; in fact, probably not in my lifetime and I expect to live for a long time."

A sketch of the proposed central business district shows a main along W. Maple through the center of Birmingham.

He again proposed that the citizens committee be appointed to work on the plan.

"If anyone is interested, we would be glad to sit down with them," Ouradnik said.

Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham generally echoed the feeling of the entire commission when he told the residents "don't align against us, we're all in the same boat."

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## CORRECTION

The Grand Opening Dates

on The Bar-B-Q Kitchens ad in

Sec. B, Page 8 should read

Thurs., Fri. & Sat. (March 21, 22 & 23).

## Board County Seeks \$2.4 Million For Projects

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and to Groves for grades nine through 12.

The residents felt it was unfair to send their youngsters across the school district, where there were schools closer to their homes. The Harlan people had preferred to have the youngsters continue attending Derby and Seaholm where they were now enrolled.

PREVIOUSLY, the board had established as top priority removing the seventh and eighth grades from Groves since it believed the program for those grades had suffered and because of overcrowding.

The board had also decided that Harlan was to be shifted from Seaholm to Groves at the senior high level to solve the long-range high school housing problem.

Many possible solutions were considered by the board to solve the relatively temporary junior high problem. The board presently expects a fourth junior high will be necessary about 1967 or 1968.

BRIEFLY, elements of the proposal upon which the board has reached informal consensus are as follows:

(1) Westchester, Bloomfield Village and Valley Woods (north of 14 Mile Road) youngsters would go to Berkshire for grades 7 and 8, to Groves for grades 9, then to Seaholm for grades 10 through 12. Students from these areas currently enrolled at Derby and Valley Woods areas would be first in line for these areas to attend Berkshire.

(2) Harlan area students would attend Derby for grades 7-9, then move to Groves for 10-12. Harlan students currently attending Seaholm and the present Derby 9th grade would attend Derby.

(3) All 6th grade students from a single elementary school would move together to a single junior high school beginning with the 7th grade in the fall of 1963. Students from the Quanton area (outside the Birmingham city limits) and Valley Woods area (north of 14 Mile Road) would be allowed to finish at Derby where they are currently enrolled.

IN SPEAKING for the board, Trustee Phil Hollingshead pointed out that the board felt that by extending downward into the junior high school the phasing principle, which is already board policy at the senior high level, the redistricting would affect the fewest number of students and for the shortest period of time.

"This modification also gradually eliminates the transportation city-cross and permits all students

Application for grants totaling \$2.4 million will be made by the county public works department. The projects for which the money will be used are water and sewer programs in Troy, Bloomfield Township and Novi.

The board of supervisors last week authorized DPW Director R. J. Alexander to file the applications with the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. The grants are made to create jobs here and in other distressed areas.

TROY WOULD GET \$1.5 million toward construction of sanitary sewer trunk lines which would cost about \$3.3 million. The lines would interconnect lateral sewers from buildings and homes to the Dequindre Interceptor Sewer.

The construction is scheduled for completion by April of next year. The over-all system would be built in three phases. The Dequindre main to bring Detroit water into Troy for treatment.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP would benefit from a grant of \$400,000, if the funds are allowed, which would be used for building a \$1.40 million water transmission main to bring Detroit water into the township by the latter part of 1963. Novi's grant of \$470,000 would be used toward construction of a \$1.4 million interceptor sewer.

Psychiatrist Talks On Mental Health At Church Supper

Dr. J. Van Zoeren, a Birmingham psychiatrist, will speak on the church's concern for the emotionally disturbed when the University Presbyterian Church of Rochester holds its second Lenten service.

A potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. in the Rochester Senior High School lounge Sunday.

Dr. Van Zoeren, who is an elder at Northminster Presbyterian Church, will speak at 7 p.m. and will also show a film on mental health.

who can walk to school to do so," Hollingshead pointed out.

"In addition, no additional students need be bused. The overall plan will not increase transportation costs now and will result in an eventual saving when the phasing process is ended."

## Bandit

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inter-city radio and road blocks were set up in a 12-mile radius of the bank within a matter of minutes. Birmingham police were stationed at Cranbrook and Maple almost immediately.

By late Tuesday afternoon 32 FBI agents had moved into the area, tracking down every possible lead. Wednesday, they planned to talk to every customer who was at the bank Tuesday.

"He definitely knew what he was doing," Dehneke said of the armed robber.

THE CHIEF recalled that this was the first bank robbery in the township since 1955.

Ironically, it was the same Manufacturers Bank, which was then located across the street in an old real estate office that was robbed.

Dehneke said that the bandit was captured by township police within an hour.

Manufacturers moved into the office on the south side of Maple in 1960.

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## Springdale Park Area Approved for Two Gatherings

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night approved the use of the Springdale Park picnic area for two large gatherings this spring.

The annual Masonic picnic will be held on Sun., June 2 for about 400 persons. The following Sat., June 8, about 200 area girls scouts and their fathers will take over the area.

Permission of the commission to use the park was needed because of the large number of people and automobiles involved in the two picnics.

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