



RESIDENTS PROTEST PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE B'ham commissioners rejected business petition.

Hills to Pay 36 1/2% of Cost Of Sewers

By DAVE PHILIPPO Township Editor The Bloomfield Hills City Commission has tentatively agreed to pay 36 1/2 per cent of the cost of future sewers based on present estimates by engineers.

Reject Adams-Maple Gas Station Zoning

A petition by the Sun Oil Co. to rezone the northeast corner of Adams and Maple from a single-family residential classification to a business category was rejected by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

THE MATTER of how the 36 1/2 per cent will be paid is still open to question.

Commissioner John Blanchard suggested that each developer he paid when he is ready to install sewers.

Robert Frye contends the City should contact each owner of undeveloped property and negotiate a contract with him before any of the funds are allocated.

The Shuttle Is Scuttled; Too Costly

Birmingham's rail-less railway is going out of business—at least temporarily.

Although public acceptance of the four-car train was favorable, Smith said that operational costs of the vehicle made it almost impossible for the chamber to continue the service at this time.

Officials have estimated the operational cost of the train at \$1,300 to \$1,800 per month. The train has a price tag of about \$2,200.

A SURVEY conducted by the Eccentric showed that 217 of the 362 riders termed the vehicle a "convenience," but only 42 went on record as thinking it a "necessity."

LEADING the opposition to the petition was the Birmingham Estates Association Board of Directors.

In a letter to the commission, Thad E. Hasdoun, secretary of the association, cited six reasons why his group felt the land should not be rezoned.

It would downgrade property values. It would create additional traffic hazards at a busy intersection used as a school crossing three times a day.

It would destroy the residential character of the area. It would be an unnecessary addition since there are four gasoline stations within one block.

It would create additional noise resulting from automobile maintenance and repair. It would cause considerable litter to the adjoining properties.

Property owners on Adams, Maple, Forsyth and Dorchester and Buckingham all filed written objections with the commission and a standing-room only audience filled the commission room.

The group applauded the commission's action.

GEORGE TALBURTT, planning board chairman, said his group

felt the rezoning would create a "wedge into a good residential district."

Talburtt added that according to the City's comprehensive plan the property should be retained as it is presently zoned.

It would be compounded a traffic hazard, creating a serious pedestrian hazard, extending commercial into a residential area, permitting strip commercial development and would be contrary to the planned development of the community," Talburtt said.

Representatives of Sun Oil did not appear at Monday's public hearing to state the firm's case for the rezoning of the two lots. City officials have indicated that the matter might end up in Oakland County Circuit Court.

School Development Project, 'The B'ham Plan,' Unveiled

By LARRY EVOE City Editor A \$1,256,500-system-wide project to improve and update the educational program has been launched by the Birmingham Public Schools.

Dr. Smith referred to the five-year program, geared to improving the quality of the district's educational plan, as a "research and development" project.

"The Birmingham school system is unique in the fact that two per cent of the budget has been set aside for improvement of the product."

"A weakness of the American educational system has been that no funds are set for future development," Smith said.

MONEY FOR the plan was allocated last June when school district voters approved a 5-6-mill increase in operating revenue.

Smith said 7 mills of the increase has been earmarked for carrying out the Birmingham Plan.

Another 7 mills is expected to cover salary improvement and the remaining 4 1/2 mills, plus a 1.9-mill levy voters renewed, will take care of the increase in enrollment, Smith said.

"In addition to improving and updating the program, the Birmingham Plan will seek to develop and utilize more productive ways of teaching," Smith said.

Among the system-wide proposals currently under study are:

- The creation and development of a special program for the academically able student.
• Preparation and implementation of a study skills program.
• Flexible or modular scheduling.
• At the elementary level two programs—a remedial and enrichment reading program and a foreign language program—have already gotten started," Smith said.

He added that school officials are exploring the establishment of an elementary guidance program and the expansion of the library program.

Possible changes in school programs at the junior high level include:

- A revision and realignment of all social studies programs.
• Provision for a well-planned and organized developmental reading program.
• Expansion of acceleration opportunities in the areas of mathematics and science.
• Under study in the senior high program are:

- A study of the needs of the "marginal" student and potential dropout with consideration of programs other than the vocational type.
• Extension of honors or advanced placement courses in all areas.
• Development and extension of courses in the humanities.
• A restudy of the scheduling processes for the development of more extensive opportunities in the arts.

A number of the program improvements will involve using a variety of teaching methods.

The completion of the new Evergreen School at the corner of 13 Mile and Evergreen is expected to play a key role in the expansion of the team teaching program.

"The nongraded program will move along on the basis of the accomplishments of the team teaching," Smith said. He indicated that both parents and teachers may be skeptical of ungraded programs.

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AS AN example, Smith cited the use of team teaching and the non-graded elementary schools to utilize independent study, seminars and small and large group instruction. Smith said that some ungraded program may be started within "a couple of years" if the team teaching project is fully developed.

park was approved by the commission. Boley said the Birmingham schools were also expected to provide musical groups during the Christmas season but that they had been thinking in terms of performing within the business district.

Make Christmas Plans for B'ham

Santa Claus is going to have a workshop in Birmingham's Shain Park.

City commissioners Monday night approved of the workshop along with several other programs presented by the chamber of commerce of the Birmingham Council of Churches.

Knowles Smith, executive director of the chamber, said Santa's Workshop was part of the chamber's plan to center noncommercial community Christmas activities in Shain Park.

He said the business area's observance of the Christmas season would, as in the past, begin on Men's Night, which has been set for Monday, Dec. 7.

He added that the lighting program has been expanded and green-rope lighting will be in the parking lots for the first time.

A program termed "instant credit" for shoppers will be continued this year, Smith said, but the facilities will be moved from a mobile trailer to the Birmingham Credit Bureau in the Briggs Bldg. at Maple and Woodward.

Instant credit allows shoppers, if accepted, to open charge accounts at a number of stores in one operation.

Balmy Weather Due for a Fall

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William C. Newberg of Bloomfield Hills, former president of Chrysler Corp., filed a two million dollar libel suit in federal court Monday against the Curtis Publishing Co. of Philadelphia, publishers of the Saturday Evening Post.

Ex-Chrysler Head Is Suing Magazine

Newberg charged a Sept. 19 article, "The Automakers and Their Mighty Works," accused him of making a personal fortune through an interest in Chrysler supplier companies.

The former Chrysler president held office from April 28, 1960, to June 30 of that same year when he resigned (Newberg claims he was fired) from the corporation.

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Optimists Cite Top Students At Breakfast

By ART STAWECKI Special Writer

"Be somebody" was the advice given by James M. Brown, retired dean of men at Eastern Michigan University, to 50 outstanding area students at the first youth appreciation breakfast sponsored by the Birmingham Optimist Club.

"To belong to today's society, you must contribute to that society. The youth of today must believe in their country and in themselves in order to secure our own future," said Brown at the Wednesday morning meeting at Greenfield's Restaurant.

He told the children to keep in mind three rules of success which never fail. "If you go to school everyday, pay attention everyday and do today's work today, then you will have fulfilled your obligations to your parents and to yourselves."

THE STUDENTS were selected for their awards as typical representatives of the Birmingham majority of youth in the community.

Dr. John Blackhall Smith, superintendent of the Birmingham Public Schools, thanked the students "normal, average people who are generally unheard of, but represent 95 per cent of the young people in our area."

Conducting an election is an expensive proposition. Birmingham city officials have estimated that last week's presidential election cost the taxpayers about \$4,300.

City finance director James H. Purkiss said this includes about \$1,700 in salary for the election workers.

Also included is the cost for moving, installation and repair of the City's 38 voting machines. The original \$1,500 cost of each machine is also borne by Birmingham taxpayers who pay for three elections during the 1964-65 fiscal year. The September primary, the November general election and the spring city election.

A TOTAL of \$15,000 was allocated for election expense in the budget adopted by the commission last June. For an election such as last week's, where there are candidates for county and state offices, Oakland County pays for the printing of ballots.

Until recently the City charged the schools for the use of the machines and in return the schools charged the City for the use of school buildings for polling places.

Elections Cost Money

An agreement has now been worked out by the two groups that does not involve the exchange of money.

AN ADDITIONAL major expense for the November election was the postage required to mail out absentee ballots, according to City Clerk Irene Hanley.

Miss Hanley said the City spent \$242 to send the ballots to residents who were going to be out of town last Tuesday.

Applications were received from as far away as London, Hawaii, Thailand, Pakistan, India and South Africa.

Two ballots were sent to local young people serving abroad with the Peace Corps. Another dozen or so were sent to Birmingham men in service that only gave an APO number on the east or west coast, Miss Hanley said.

One ballot went to a resident vacillating in Carefree, Ariz.

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Warn Stores To Clean Up The Alleys

Birmingham merchants who do not keep the alleys in back of their stores clean will soon be receiving warning notices from the City.

Commissioners authorized Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley to draw up such notices Monday night.

The purpose of the program is to let merchants know that if alleys are not maintained properly the store owner is in violation of anti-litter ordinances.

BEIER SAID his office seriously questioned the right of the City to enact an ordinance which would punish abutting property owners for failing to clean up litter created by someone other than themselves.

City Manager L. R. Gare said that many times one merchant will clean in back of his business but the store owner next door won't and litter is blown into the clean area.

"We must appeal to the individual," Gare said.

He added, however, that while the merchant cannot be held responsible for the area in the public right-of-way he is required to maintain his own property under present ordinances.

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