

Septic Field OK Prompts Query Into Health Dept.

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The Bloomfield Township Board has passed a resolution asking the Oakland County Board of Supervisors to examine the policies of its health committee in approving septic-field installations that have been previously denied by the Oakland County Health Dept.

The resolution also asks for a specific review of a recent decision by the health committee involving property in the township.

The township board passed the resolution last week after Supervisor Homer Case told the board that in 90 per cent of the cases in which the health committee had overruled the health department's denial of a septic-field installation on specific township properties, the ensuing installations had proved unsatisfactory.

partments' decision to deny was made by H. N. Goldman, a graduate sanitary engineer with years of experience. He said that the seven-man health committee of the board of supervisors was simply made up of seven members of the board and were not qualified to render engineering opinions.

"We had asked the committee to notify us whenever they were reviewing a health department decision involving township property, but they did not," Case charged.

Two percolation tests on the property had revealed unsatisfactory results, before the health department denied the installation, it was testified.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE Robert Sinclair, who proposed the resolution asking for review of the case said, that health of township residents required that the township take action in the case.

The township has issued a building permit on the lot, as it had no legal grounds for denying it after the health committee's approval.

Thomas Dillon To Represent S'field in Suits

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP — Township Attorney Thomas J. Dillon was authorized to represent the township in two suits, in which they have been named, at the regular meeting last week.

But one, by Mr. and Mrs. Emory Davis, concerns the toboggan run in Southfield Park, and the other, brought by Sheldon Luvin and others in Franklin, concerns taxes.

In other business, the Clark Aerial Survey Corp. of Pontiac was commissioned to make a mosaic aerial map of the township.

Payment of \$900 was made to William N. Gilmore for tapping in to the water main he constructed at 18 Mile and Southfield.

County to Hire Vocations Teacher

A specialist charged with setting up a county-wide vocational education program was voted into the Oakland County Schools board for next year by the Board of Education Thursday.

The board reduced its operating balance by \$12,500 to provide for the new position without changing the face of their \$460,000 budget.

Superintendent William Emerson said that strong interest had been shown in vocational education by delegates from local school boards at a budget meeting.

County College Has Petitions For Trusteeships

Nominating petitions for the board of trustees of the proposed Oakland County Community College are now available at the offices of Oakland Schools at the County Service Center.

Supt. William J. Emerson said that the deadline for submitting petitions is May 8.

LECTION OF a six-member board of trustees and balloting on establishment of a local two-year college is scheduled for June 8.

Only qualified and registered electors residing in the area of the proposed school can sign petitions. Signatures on each petition must be electors of the same city or township. No less than 50 nor more than 200 signatures can be submitted for each candidate.

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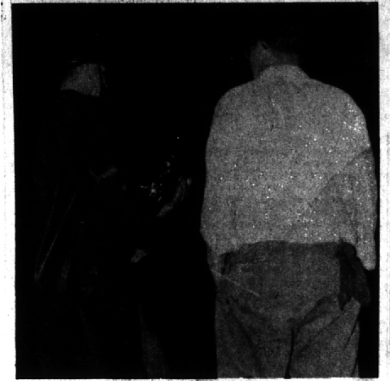
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County Civil Rights Conference Draws 500

Segregation and discrimination is the major issue confronting the communities of South Oakland County, according to a statement approved by 500 participants in the first race and religion conference to be held in this area. The conference was held last week at Marian Catholic High School in Birmingham.

Arthur Johnson, executive director in the Detroit branch of the NAACP, in a keynote address stressed that "finding a solution to achieving racial justice is the most crucial issue facing the religious community. This can be a great force in the struggle for Negro rights, but first there must be an end to so-called Sunday morning segregation in our churches."

Following a two hour work session under the chairmanship of local civic and religious leaders. The following resolutions were recommended by the conference:

- THAT EVERY church and synagogue accept, teach, and practice human relations as being "Holy Ground" upon which people may relate to God and their neighbors even as they now do in prayer, worship and Scripture reading; such as sponsoring a letter writing campaign or a petition drive in support of the civil rights bill.
- That every church and synagogue become a generating center for the forces of inter-group understanding and welcome; that, where non-existent, each create a committee of human relations or its equivalent which will educate the congregation on the problems of intergroup injustice, involve them in cooperative actions to solve the problem, and cooperate with such committees of other congregations and with community agencies and groups.
- That the constituency of churches and synagogues take such action as is appropriate and necessary to insure the passage of adequate civil rights legislation on the federal level and that churches and synagogues support the State Civil Rights Commission to strive at goals of full equality of rights and opportunities for all citizens of our state as provided for in the recently adopted State Constitution. We recognize the need to endorse the budget requested by the Commission.
- THAT EVERY community seek to establish an effective governmental relations agency to supplement the work of the State Civil Rights Commission as well as Citizens' Human Relations Committee. These agencies and committees are as important to the life of a community as the police and fire departments.
- That churches and synagogues use all their moral and economic power to bring an end to discrimination. Specific illustrative instances would be the sponsoring of fair housing covenant card campaigns and in building and investment programs. Compelled by our religious heritages, we commit ourselves to engage in education, persuasion, negotiation, reconciliation and in responsible demonstrations to achieve racial justice in housing, education, employment and all other aspects of our suburban community life.

THREE FAMILIES adjacent to the lot also appeared at the township board meeting to protest the proposed installation. They charged that the lot in question drained onto lower-lying properties and that should the septic-field not function properly, it would contaminate the area.

The lot owner, Gust Norman, told the board that he had not completed purchase of the lot until the health committee had given consent to the engineering plans for the septic field which calls for 300 more feet of drainage tile than minimum requirements.

Case pointed out that its overturning the county health's rejection of a septic permit for the lot, the health committee had washed its hand of any responsibility if the field failed to function.

NORMAN considered that he was willing to take the responsibility on his own shoulders.

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JA Ad Man

William D. McMaster, 25, of 31450 Bellvue Trail, Birmingham, has been named public relations director of southeastern Junior Achievement. McMaster, an advertising and psychology major at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan, is a former advertising manager of a weekly newspaper.

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