

Southfield Promotes Recreation Director

Peter J. Christiano has been promoted from superintendent of parks and recreation in Southfield to deputy city administrator. The city council approved Monday night the promotion which was requested by city administrator Donald V. Smith.

Christiano's starting salary will be \$10,100, a \$2,000 increase over his scheduled pay as head of the Parks and Recreation Department. In 1961, shortly after Smith became administrator, Christiano joined the city.

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Scouts Expanding in B'ham Area

A concerted program to expand scouting in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Southfield area of Oakland County has been announced by J. M. Tenney, 2931 Wellington Road, Farmington, chairman of the Organization and Extension Committee.

Aim of the O&E Committee is to establish 15 new scouting units in the North Trails District of the Detroit Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, Tenney said.

The North Trails District is bounded by Inkster Road on the west, Eight Mile Road on the south, Coolidge Road on the east and South Blvd. on the north. It includes Bloomfield, Birmingham, Southfield, Lathrup Village, Berkeley, Oak Park and Huntington Woods.

"It is through such dedicated citizens as Mr. Adams that we will be able to bring scouting to more boys in the North Trails District."

Petition

They contended that the 80 employees at the proposed office building would add to the traffic problem on Long Lake. They also expressed concern that the employees might use their residential roads as shortcuts, creating a safety hazard for children and add to the deterioration of the streets.

HENRY GUTHAID, representing the Yamasaki firm, said there were plans for deceleration lanes in front of the building and added that employees would be warned not to use the side streets.

After the commission had denied the rezoning, Mayor Louis J. Colombo, Jr., said the petitioner could ask to be rezoned in the future.

The commission also denied a request by the Wajim Corp. to rezone a small odd-shaped parcel of property from residential to multiple. The property is Lot 12 of Longwood Hills subdivision, located west of McManus, John & Adams.

The final plat of Lorimer's Hidden Valley subdivision was rejected upon recommendation of the planning commission.

THE PROPOSED sub of 12 homes was opposed by residents of Glen Thorn Estates, north of Long Lake and west of Woodward, because of the additional traffic they felt it would place on Rathmor, the only means of ingress and egress to their subdivision.

The planning commission based its denial two weeks ago on the beliefs that a 50-foot easement had been abandoned and that Rathmor is a dead-end street and on the additional traffic on Rathmor and West Valley roads.

Both commissions also feel that other means of ingress and egress can be obtained for the proposed subdivision.

The commission also:

- Awarded a contract for \$8,091.41 to Ann Arbor Construction Co. for erecting a line on Westbury, Cranbrook, from Quanton to Dunstan; Orchard Ridge, from Lone Pine to Vaughan; Linda Lane and Linda Court.
- Passed ordinances regulating signs and hotels within the city and approved a dog ordinance.

Lane; and Philip N. Skillman, 1289 Stanley.

Farmington members include O. H. Henry, William E. Grumiaux, Jr., and Robert J. Gougeon.

Other members are Robert H. Jackson, Huntington Woods; William J. Malley, 2232 Woodwell Drive, Southfield; and Norman Duncan, Berkeley.

County Dems Rally For Mass. Ballot Vote-Getting Drive

The final drive for 250,000 signatures in the state to put the Massachusetts Ballot before the voters in November is now underway by Oakland County Democrats.

As of Aug. 4, the total number of signatures obtained in the county was 14,500, or 72 per cent of the county quota. The Birmingham and Southfield clubs have gone over their quotas.

Local drive chairmen handling petitions are Dun Culver of Southfield, Al Meyers of West Bloomfield and Pete Elliott of Birmingham.

"We are very fortunate to have such a prominent citizen of the community and interested Scouter as our Together Dinner chairman," Tenney said.

"We are hopeful that many citizens in the Oakland County area will not only be receptive to calls from our committee members, but will also assume the civic responsibility for expanding the valuable work of the scouting program."

"Scouting takes advantage of the natural desires of boys to band together for fun, experience and learning—all of which help to form excellent character, high morals and dedication to God and country. We believe the pride and civic spirit that stamp this area of Oakland County as a great place to live and work will respond to this scouting expansion program being spearheaded by our O&E committee members," Tenney said.

VICE CHAIRMAN of the North Trails O&E Committee is Ernest Jackson, 625 Wimbeldon, Birmingham, who is with LaBelle's Book and Stationery, 137 W. Maple.

Other Birmingham members include Ellis B. Hayden, 1387 Sheffield; Kanellos J. Aster, 1407 Stanley; Ken Kittle, 32600 Westlady; Duane K. Sanford, 5535 Wild Ridge

Underground parking might be the answer (to our problems) if the cost is not so much more than we had planned," Break said.

"If we are going 40 eventually, talk about decking, I think underground structures should also be considered at the same time," he said.

Mayor Charles W. Renfrew said he thought the costs would be too high for the City to construct such structures.

"I understand that the operating costs for maintenance and ventilation are also quite high," Renfrew added.

patrons should be penalized in this respect," Johnson said.

The school board considered an alternate site on the southeast corner of Lahser and Hickory Grove but rejected it due to the cost—\$5,500 an acre—and poor soil conditions.

If the restraining order is lifted, construction will begin on the new high school during the winter or early spring, Johnson said.

Funds for the school were approved by voters in a \$7 million bond on June 8 and architects for the building program are being interviewed.

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B'ham Executive Named Head of Historical Board

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