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State-County Park Plans May Ease Park Play Problems

By Lynn Nelson

With no residents turning out for the 7 p.m. public hearing called for review of the proposed 1976 village operating budget, council moved swiftly into routine committee reports at its meeting on Tuesday evening, June 10. These were interrupted at 7:30, council's regular meeting hour, when comments were heard from arriving visitors.

First to speak was an invited guest, James Lowry,

Hamilton County Director of Development. Lowry displayed the latest conceptual plan for development of the river edge of the proposed Kroger Hills Park. He said the park will definitely "go" since approval has been received from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Still needed is approval from the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation which Lowry anticipates within the next 30-60 days.

A total of \$566,000 will be available for the Park's

development, with major responsibility for administration going to the Hamilton County Park Board. Lowry stressed, however, that all government agencies involved will work on a coordinating, cooperative basis.

Once approval from the BOR has been received, acquisition of the land will begin and Lowry acknowledged it is here that plans could hit a snag, causing delay. The land to be purchased is presently owned by Walter Kuntz and Tex Clennin. After the land is acquired, some twenty families, now living along this river stretch, will have to be relocated.

FIELDS FOR PLAY?

The plan displayed by Lowry designates 8-10 acres, adjacent to the Swim Club, for active recreation and specifically includes two combination baseball/soccer fields. Again Lowry stressed that this design is only a concept, though his group feels the active sports, plus adequate parking, logically belong near the Swim Club.

Two concerns council addressed to Lowry were (1) the number of people the Park will probably attract, and (2) access roads. He acknowledged that "there will be some traffic - although Terrace Park residents, particularly youngsters, will probably benefit most from the additional recreation fields." Of the two access roads now under consideration, one is Stumps Road that currently serves the Swim Club, and the other road which leads to Tex Cafe, off Wooster, no connecting drive-through road is planned. The Swim Club has an easement to use the narrow road leading to Stumps.

Carl Lindell raised the point of keeping this road private and undedicated as this factor figures in the road's maintenance costs. Lowry noted that Stumps is also concerned with traffic, possible security-vandalism-litter problems, and green belt buffer areas.

Dick Bowman inquired into a reasonable time schedule for "fields readied for active play." Lowry answered it is conceivable the soccer fields could be

in use this fall if no land acquisition snags arise. At the same time, under questioning by Recreation Chairman Ed Tigner, Lowry said acquisition could get bogged down and be tied up in court litigation for several years. If this occurs, Tigner pursued, where do we go to meet the immediate need for additional recreation fields for

Leming re-drafted on-the-spot phrases which were acceptable to all.

This resulted in the ordinance being passed, via emergency reading, and all village residents should soon be receiving a letter outlining the new rules covering trash collection and disposal. Meanwhile, several complaints have been re-

The latest concept for the new state/county park to be created just west of Terrace Park is presented on the last page of this month's Village Views.

While the plan outlined here is not final, James Lowry, Hamilton County director of development, said the park as a whole can be expected to much as it is pictured here, with most of the area devoted to what he called "passive recreation" instead of organized sports.

Terrace Park teams, and "to what involvement will council commit?"

SCHEDULE SOUGHT

These questions triggered review of all that has occurred over recent months in exploring village land sites for additional playfields. Dottie Vickers reputed she has had to resort to fields located outside Terrace Park to accommodate soccer practices set to begin in July.

After considerable discussion, Mayor Corbin requested Solicitor Bob Leming to immediately explore a realistic time schedule for Kroger Hills development, and also approach Walt Kuntz on the possibility of leasing several of Kuntz's acres located next to the Swim Club. Leming is to report his findings at the July council meeting.

Lastly it was noted that the "upper" section of the new park (formerly the Kroger Hills area) will remain as wilderness with perhaps a few trails for special educational purposes.

NEW TRASH RULES

A second long-standing issue, the revised trash collection and disposal ordinance, also elicited much debate. Some council members insisted on a wording change in those sections covering the time trash may be placed at the curb, the time set for emptied containers to be removed from the curb, and the use of alleys for container storage. Since first reading approval was voted at last month's meeting, this approval was retracted, and

ceived regarding rough handling of garbage cans by the collectors and Public Works chairman Ferd Critchell said he would speak to M & D Collectors about this.

In response to last month's lengthy examination of parking and storage of recreational vehicles throughout the village and horse ownership/riding problems, Planning and Zoning chairman Bill Ryan recommended no legislation be enacted on either topic.

Ryan's investigation uncovered that seven horses are kept in Terrace Park, and since his committee does not foresee the horse population causing serious problems, sees no reason for a specific ordinance. Instead, it recommended that all riders employ common sense while riding, and said that should any property damage result, the rider should be held financially responsible for making amends.

As for the recreational vehicle parking situation, Ryan's group views this as primarily an esthetic and private matter and again, not requiring legislation unless the village is prepared to provide some type of community storage. Instead it recommended that owners, particularly of larger motor homes and boats, park their vehicles as unobtrusively as possible, out of respect for their neighbors.

No opposition to these recommendations was voiced.

In other matters, council - Voted emergency passage of the 1976 operating budget which totals \$211,000.

- Approved first reading of an ordinance authorizing application be made for Terrace Park to become its own township, utilizing the newly-established village boundaries.

- Heard Ferd Critchell report that exploration continues into village road

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A Bicycle Trail Someday



The railroad first came to Terrace Park over 130 years ago, and this weed-grown, rusty length of track near the Elm Avenue overpass once was the busy main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad from Cincinnati to the east. Now Sen. Vance Hartke, Indiana Democrat, wants Congress to put up \$25 million to buy this and other abandoned or virtually-abandoned stretches of right-of-way for use as public hiking and bicycling trails. His proposal would convert the right-of-way to such use from Clare Yards in Mariemont to near Xenia, via Terrace Park, Milford, Loveland, South Lebanon and Morrow.

Women's Club Plans B-Centennial Studies

The nation's Bi-Centennial will be the theme of provocative and interesting programs the members of the Terrace Park Women's Club plan for the coming

year. They will delve into numerous angles of our country's heritage.

The following officers will serve for the ensuing year. President, Marietta R. Dean; vice-president, Shirley Rohlfing; secretary, Marguerite Munro, and treasurer, Cynthia Fjord.

They will be assisted by the following committees: Good Works, Frances Lindell, chairman, Kebbie Blum and Betsy Gale; Membership, Marie Tombaugh, chairman, Georgiana Hebble, Marie Bechtel and Grace Siegel; Program, Rita Leming, chairman, Agnes Fay, Eleanor Gallagher, Ginny Troy and Sandy Caswell.

Prospective members will be welcome to attend the opening meeting which will be held October 20 at the Waldschmidt House.

Wanted: Candidates

A reminder for those who may be interested in running for office in the village government:

To get a place on Terrace Park's non-partisan ballot, a candidate must file a nominating petition with the Hamilton County Board of Elections by August 10.

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Letter About Recycling Program Project

By BILL SCHMIDT

The recycling program is thriving, but it is also on the verge of dying.

Paradoxical on the surface - the opening line reflects a real situation. The community is supporting the Mariemont High School Environment Group's Recycling Program enthusiastically, while Mariemont High School student support of the program is at lowebb.

The Group collects five to ten tons of paper on each recycling day, as well as two tons of glass and a ton of tin. The work involved in collecting and processing this material is hard. A month ago, for instance, we finished at 9:30 p.m. Two weeks ago the recyclers quit at 6:30. We were able to do so by not completing nearly half of the pick-up run.

The reasons for the growth of the program aren't too difficult to detect. The persistence of the program, the regular pick-up service, the constant flow of favorable and informative publicity, the demise of several other nearby collecting programs, and the public-mindedness of local citizens have produced a deluge of materials.

Causes of student disinterest aren't quite as clear, but several reasons seem plausible. The novelty has worn off. The recycling program is in its fourth year. We were told at the beginning that the average life of a recycling group is six months. Perhaps a loss of interest is to be expected.

Other factors seem to be at work, though. The group that initiated the program was strongly committed to social action, was somewhat anti-establishment, and was certainly optimistic about collective initiative. Students have changed. The events of the past two or three years have modified student concerns and interests considerably. In addition, the success of the high school athletic program may have lessened enthusiasm for non-athletic extra-curriculars. Mariemont High School is not a large school. Students are pulled in many directions. Athletic success and community support for it have certainly shifted enthusiasm to that area. Dramatics and school publications are feeling the same pinch. Students can only do so much. If athletics confer status, the majority of students will opt for athletics.

This is not to cast blame - it is only to point out a fact of life. The size of the school allows students to participate in several sports.

Sports today are highly time-consuming. Students involved in sports have little time or energy for another time and energy consuming activity such as recycling, especially if the rewards are much less tangible than they are in athletics. Add to that the growth and popularity of the girls' athletic program, and the number of available recyclers is small.

In the past there were also several students who were available to do mechanical work on the truck, to drive the truck during the week in order to haul in the collected materials, and to assist with loading and hauling the materials. Now most of those students are at the Live Oaks Career Center and are not available to help.

The problem created is an increasing inability of the the recyclers to handle the growing amounts of materials. Typically, the past two recycling days were concluded with two students and an adviser struggling to handle the overflow. One student has maintained the Terrace Park satellite station with very little assistance. The situation is that of having too few to do too much. If the program is to continue at all, it must be altered in format.

After much discussion and thought, we have decided to try an altered format beginning on June 14, the first regular recycling day after school is out for the summer:

1. Elimination of the satellite station in Terrace Park. We are asking recyclers there to bring their materials to the station at the high school stadium - at the regular time - from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2. Elimination of the pick-up rote. We will pick up only at those stops where bulk or lack of transportation makes it impossible for the recycler to bring the materials to the high school recycling station. To arrange a pick-up you must contact Mr. Schmidt at the high school 271-8310. Preference will be given to apartment pick-ups and to elderly recyclers who lack transportation.

3. Do not bring materials except between 10 and 5 on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. If you cannot come then, consider the following alternatives: Indian Hill High School is operating a station on the first and third Saturdays of each month, Cincinnati Experience operates everyday just off Calhoun Street behind St. George Church near the University of Cincinnati, and Purcell High School operates a station at Hyde Park Plaza on at least two Saturdays a month.

These are the 1945 Terrace Park School Basketball reserves, who after capturing the Eastern League Championship, went to Greenhills and took top honors in the Hamilton County tournament, defeating Colerain, Loveland, Sycamore and Madeira.

The leading scorers were Captain Jack Bickett, Price Daw, and Lloyd Reeve, while Bill McCoy and Galen Kuntz added their excellent ball handling. This starting quintet was backed by Bob Vogt, Jim Stoehr, Jack Caliguri, Dennis McKee, and Arthur Fullen. Others on the team were Philip Sticksel, Ronald Sullivan, Don Stephens and Dick West.

They played 20 scheduled games and lost four - to Xavier, Hughes, Plainville and Anderson.

Council continued resurfacing methods. Critchell asked Engineer Lindell to procure specifications for both Slurry Seal and tar-and-chip surfaces, figured in both unit and yardage terms.

- Learned investigation also continues on whether to sell the retiring fire engine intact or utilize its chassis as the front half of a "new" village dump truck . . . money will be the deciding factor.
 - Approved re-appointment of Mrs. Jan McAllister to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with her term expiring June 1, 1980.
- Council will next meet July 15 at 7:30 p.m.



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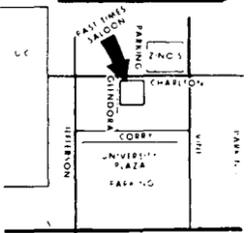
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tee is a volunteer group. The rewards are instead the satisfactions of seeing and helping the children's growth.

The undertaking is truly an impressive one, whether measured by the number of programs offered or by the number of children participating. There are presently nine programs available including both individual and team activities, with over 650 children on 36 different teams in 1974 alone.

The Committee consists of twelve men and women who have the multiple responsibilities of securing coaches, scheduling games, equipment procurement and field maintenance. In addition it has rebuilt the baseball field bleachers, restored the log cabin and the log cabin area and most recently sponsored the teen dance, held by some sophomore students, this past winter.

The entire program is self supporting - no village funds are involved. There is only one method of fund raising used to support all the programs -- the annual Labor Day Festival.

The Committee has actively sought the participation of all those in the community who have an interest in any of the programs - as committee members, coaches, part-time assistants or spectators.

"Hey Mom, did you see me kick that goal today?"

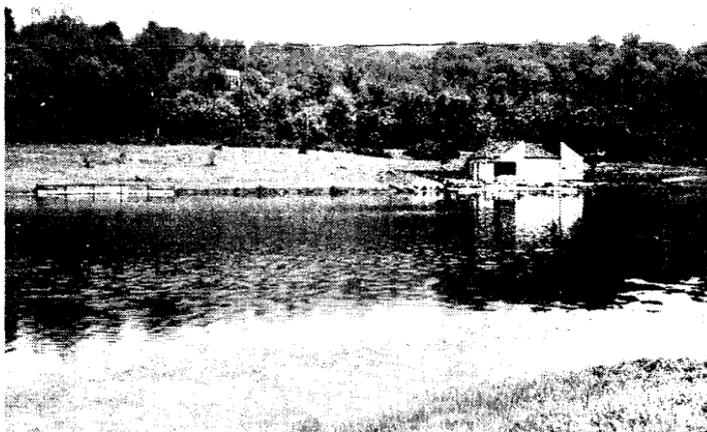
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Rest Spot



Have you ever thought of Red Bird Lake as a rest stop? This spring a large variety of migrating water birds found it convenient to rest there overnight, or for a few days. Species that have been "spotted" include Canada geese, great blue heron, green heron, coot and the following ducks: goldeneye, blue-winged teal, scaup, bufflehead and wood ducks. Previously, sightings include ringnecked ducks, mallard, green-winged teal and piedbilled grebes. Killdeer, spotted sandpipers, kingfishers and osprey are regular visitors as are barn and tree swallows, rough-legged swallows and purple martins.

Touch of Oriental At Garden Club

An outstanding demonstration of contemporary flower arrangements, "In the Oriental Style," will be given by Mrs. C. Leffler at the Garden Club meeting at the Community House at 10:30 a.m., July 2. Because Mrs. Leffler is one of the area's authorities on arrangement, non-members of the club are invited to attend.

A Garden Grows In School Yard

Terrace Park Garden Club Members Pauline Olson, Ginny Alter, and Vera Dumford supervised this spring's Club "Flower Garden" project in the school courtyard area. White verbena, marigolds and white sultana were planted and watered by fifth graders: Tom Mills and Chad Ott; fourth grade: Joan Ramsdell and Rhonda Dean; third grade: Susan Sauter and Ella Pauley; first grade: Stacy Blevins and Karen Langner.

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