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Council Denies Speed Trap Operation - To Appeal It

By ELLIS RAWNSLEY

Hotly denying that Terrace Park has been operating a speed trap, village council plans to seek state intervention against a court-ordered 50 mph speed limit on Wooster Pike between Wrenwood Lane and the western corporation limit.

Common Pleas Judge William S. Mathews gave the order in granting an injunction to Dale Forney, of Williamsburg, Ohio, who had sued both Terrace Park and Newtown charging imposition of illegal speed limits. The judge acted after inspecting the Terrace Park area and two streets in Newtown.

AN ODDITY in the situation is that, according to police records, Forney has never been arrested for speeding in Terrace Park.

The speed trap charge came from Edward K. Halaby, a Cincinnati attorney representing Forney, who said there are probably 20 such areas in Hamilton County where, he contended, "officials are violating the

law, not the motorists."

Although doubtful as to whether any action might be taken, council planned to appeal to the state director of highways after checking state law which puts the determination of speed limits in the hands of that official.

In general, state law permits communities to set speed limits on state highways within corporation limits, provided they are not less than 25 mph in residential areas and 35 mph in industrial areas. Terrace Park has set a 35 mph limit along Wooster Pike within its limits.

But Judge Mathews noted in his inspection that there is neither residential nor industrial occupancy along that stretch of the pike, and based his ruling on that.

Terrace Park officials contend he obviously did not consider the hazard to motorists entering or leaving Elm Road, Chris Lane or Wrenwood, and did not consider pedestrian traffic along a section of road lacking curbs or other pro-

tection. It is those considerations on which the appeal to the state is to be based.

IF THE APPEAL fails, Mayor Frank Corbin said Terrace Park would "have to live with" the injunction, although it was suggested that a "35 mph limit ahead" sign might reduce the hazard.

In Other Actions, council:

-- Gave second reading to an ordinance seeking to set up Terrace Park as an independent township.

-- Instructed village engineer Carl Lindell to proceed at once with installation of chain link fencing and other improvement of the walkway over the Elm Road bridge, at an estimated cost of \$749, but delayed action on recommended guard rail replacement to cost \$2000.

-- Agreed to the \$2200 purchase of a used truck, including a snow plow, salt spreader and power takeoff, from Indian Hill for \$2200.

-- Heard a report that help shortages lay behind some complaints against the garbage collection service

and that the situation has been improved.

-- Received a report that work will resume on dealing with storm damage to street trees.

-- Was told that installation of a dry well in front of the post office seemingly has cleared up a storm water situation there.

-- Referred to the solicitor the question of possible local control of motor-assisted bicycles, now exempt from state licensing, after hearing a complaint of abuse.

-- Set the next meeting for August 12.

-- Heard, with indications of approval, a suggestion that notices of pending council meetings, and the agenda of each, be conspicuously posted at the Community House.

-- Delayed, pending further information, a proposal to voice opposition to Ohio Senate Bill 70, concerning binding arbitration of municipal and school pay disputes.

Not Seeking Re-Election Corbin Says

Mayor Frank Corbin publicly declared at July's council meeting that he does not plan to run for re-election, and other councilmen at once voiced concern at apparent public apathy.

No resident of the village has as yet declared his/her candidacy, although the deadline for filing nominating petitions and so getting on the ballot is August 6.

Dispelling rumors to the contrary, Councilman Gene Desvernine said he planned to run. Councilman Ferd Critchell said he was still undecided.

Village Clerk Don Franke already has filed his nominating petition.

Council planned to discuss this and some other matters at a private committee-of-the-whole meeting this week.

Officials To Ponder Purchasing 20 Acres

Terrace Park's village council intends to explore the possibility of village purchase of property between the Swim Club and Stumps Boat Club.

The area, estimated at some 20 acres, would provide area for expanded recreation facilities, and serve as a buffer between Terrace Park and the Kroger Hills state-county park soon to be developed.

The possibility of such a purchase was touched on at the July council meeting, but councilmen agreed to go into it further at a closed committee-of-the-whole meeting.

An earlier view had been that creation of the new park would provide space for soccer fields and such that could be used by Terrace Park residents. But Jack Richardson, member of the Recreation Committee, noted in a letter to Mayor Frank Corbin that Terrace Park would have no control over use of the facilities, so that the benefit to the village would be more apparent than real. The letter is printed elsewhere in the Village Views.)

CONSIDERATION of the new proposal came quickly in the heels of two developments concerning the Little Miami River area between Terrace Park and Newtown. The Hamilton County

Board of Park Commissioners announced early in the month that they had arranged to purchase the Little Miami Golf Center on Church Street, Newtown, bordering the river.

Little Miami, Inc. announced plans to use funds provided by Charles Sawyer, Cincinnati philanthropist and former U.S. Secretary of Commerce, to buy the Bass Island area south of the Newtown bridge.

Development of both acquisitions will be co-ordinated with development of the Kroger Hills area adjoining. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources has made a grant of \$300,000 to Hamilton County to acquire parklands, matching a gift to the state of the Kroger Hills camp site negotiated by the Cincinnati Park Board and Little Miami Inc. The Hamilton County Community Development Department will add a \$266,000 federal grant to the project.

A Reminder

It is against the policy of Village Views to publish any letters unsigned by the writer, which includes letters that are signed only "Anonymous," etc. There have been several received recently. . . . Dave Evans, editor.

Fire Dept. - Council Friction Flares

Friction between the village volunteer fire department and village council flared into the open at the July council meeting.

Representing Fire Chief Lee Stegemeyer, who was absent, Pierce Matthews read a statement from the chief charging members of council with ignoring his recommendations concerning a new fire truck, a new fire house, and firemen's pay.

Councilman Dick Griffith, head of the Safety Committee charged with overseeing fire and police department operations, said he was "shocked" by the statement, acknowledged "some disagreement" on firehouse costs, countered that the committee had received no pay recommendations, and said that "we are doing our best."

Mayor Frank Corbin said the tape-recorded statement would be studied and discussed "to find the points of friction and work things out," adding that council was "trying to co-operate."

Stegemeyer currently receives \$120 a year as head of the Fire Department and Life Squad. Firemen and Life Squad members received nominal pay for drills attended, but no pay for emergency service at fires or on life squad runs.

STEGEMEYER'S MAJOR complaint, however, concerned plans for an addition to the present fire station

behind the Community House to house a new pumper for which bids have been received but which will not be delivered for more than a year. Griffith told council bids on the addition are expected within 30 days.

But the fire chief said the present station is overcrowded and hazardous for fire and Life Squad personnel to work in, and that his information concerning the proposed changes to house a bigger fire truck not only would not improve the situation but would also cut down the space available for training sessions.

The expansion plans call for razing the frame building which now contains the department's meeting room, and putting up the new addition on that site. Matthews told council that members of the department had volunteered to help raze the building.

Stegemeyer's statement said that while council delayed in acting on recommendations concerning a new fire truck, costs have risen to the extent that the village will be paying as much for a less fully-equipped truck as it would for the equipment originally suggested.

Life Squad Newcomers



Newcomers to the Terrace Park Life Squad, father-and-son combination Jack Richardson and son John, of 124 Winding Brook, find that cleaning equipment is a constant but important chore. However, John has found squad work so fascinating he's thinking of going into pre-med studies at Xavier this fall.

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Letters

Mr. Frank Corbin, Mayor Terrace Park, Ohio
 Dear Frank:

Your June 26 letter to Terrace Park residents causes me to express in writing what I have been mulling over for weeks. I believe that council should go back to page one in the consideration of future recreational needs. Specifically, I believe the proposed village tie-in to the development of Kroger Park is ill-advised.

1. Outside money means outside control.
2. As it stands, our children know who is on the playfield with them. Should outsiders appear and start trouble, I assume Chief Hiatt and his men have the appropriate backing to sort and escort according to Terrace Park rules.

3. I believe we are kidding ourselves about the great benefit of additional ball fields. Assuming that I am correct on point 1 regarding outside money and control, look for adult softball games to the exclusion of other usage. My experience in Cincinnati is basis for this statement. Our knothole team was able to schedule (one) after 6 p.m. game in ten years. We were put off the fields at 6 p.m. game finished or not.
4. Reflecting again on my Cincinnati experience, and in an area of more importance, my children were not allowed in Ault Park day or night without strict adult supervision. That is a well kept park in a good neighborhood. The problem is that the people in the neighborhood don't control the park anymore than we will control Kroger Park.

The existence of the proposed Kroger Park will be an attraction for more old white cars and other undesirable problems.

The bird watchers and ball players should sit down together and discuss their common interests - Terrace Park. Kroger Park is not the answer to the recreational needs of our children or adults. The nature preserve advocates will lose control of their fields.

Thanks to you and to the other council members for your efforts to keep Terrace Park a good place in which to live.

Sincerely yours,
 Jack Richardson

Suggestion: I.D. Stickers For T.P. Cars

Terrace Park may follow the lead of Amberley Village in issuing identification stickers for the cars of village residents.

Pete Smith, 244 Rugby Avenue, suggested the idea as a quick way for both police and residents to check on whether a suspicious car is legitimately in the area. His proposal was referred to the Safety Committee of village council to investigate the Amberley Village experience.

The suggestion was made in a letter to Mayor Frank Corbin commending his recent message to residents reporting on an attempted rape and seeking public cooperation in alerting the police department to any suspicious circumstances. The mayor said he had received no negative reaction to his letter.

Police Chief Bob Hiatt meantime reported no arrest in the reported rape attempt. He said several suspects had been questioned but all had been able to clear themselves.

A Reminder:

Four Injuries

Power-Related

By Dennis Elliott

The Terrace Park Fire Department Life Squad has made four runs this summer involving power-related injuries. The people injured were adults, not children.

So, please observe these power mower rules:

-- Never refuel when mower is running.

-- Never put your hands or feet under the mower deck or into the discharge port while it's running. Turn off the mower to empty grass bag, if used.

-- Never remove the blade to sharpen it without first disconnecting the spark plug. This is also true while changing oil.

-- Never mow in tennis shoes, sandals or no shoes at all. Steel-toe shoes are recommended. They are available for women.

-- Never mow a steep slope from the bottom. Do it from the top -- use a rope, if necessary -- or from side to side on a gentle slope.

-- Never mow over debris; small stones and sticks become a deadly missile upon being struck and can injure you or someone else.

REMEMBER: A rib is the only bone in our body that grows back, fingers and toes do not, and there are no replacements for eyes.

(We can always use more people, particularly Life Squad. We have positions open now. . .P.S. We need a refrigerator.)

Terrace Park Planning To Eye River Dredging

Conceding that Milford "has a real problem," Terrace Park council plans to keep a close watch on proposals that could set up a gravel dredging operation in the Little Miami River in the stretch a short distance below the Milford bridge.

Residents of the Michigan-Miami Avenue area voiced fear at the July council meeting that the plans would speed the flow of the stream and cause washing problems in Terrace Park.

Under concern is a low island in the river, privately-owned but leased to Walter Kuntz for dredging, although actual work has been held up by legal action.

The island has caused serious washing of the bank on the Milford side of the river, threatening homes and a sewer line on Mound Street. Council was told that a 75-foot strip of bank had fallen into the river so far this year.

THE ISLAND IS wholly within the corporate limits of Milford, and so is outside the jurisdiction of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and its control over scenic river provisions

of the law. However, Village Clerk Don Franke, active in the organization seeking to preserve the river, said that group was "strongly opposed" to any dredging plans and would take court action if need be.

Mayor Frank Corbin and Councilman Dick Griffith noted the seriousness of the erosion problem to Milford residents, but said they were anxious that anything done "not cause any problems for us."

Corbin said that Milford officials were being "extremely co-operative" and reported that Bob Vogt of Terrace Park, a civil engineer, had been called on to make a study and to report his findings next month.

One question, council was told, was whether the river-bank collapse in Milford is in fact the result of river action, or of water seepage through the bank itself, causing the undermining.



For 52 Years

As of June 15, 1975, Terrace Park has had a Planning and Zoning Ordinance for 52 years. It outlined four pages of powers and duties. There was no Board of Appeals at first, that came a year or two later. The only recourse then was to the courts.

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Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. This price includes heat sheets.

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Log Cabin Workers Tell It As It Is



BETH GILCHRIST AND CINDY KAIN, left to right, are furthering their education by working with T.P. children this summer. . . .

This summer the Arts and Crafts leader at the Log Cabin is Cindy Kain.

She says, "I believe I have as much fun making the crafts as the kids do. I've found that the kids really enjoy working with a variety of materials. Some enjoy being able to create a project, while others enjoy having a model to work from.

As I write this, half the summer is gone and I haven't seen anyone who really didn't want to do crafts. The youngsters like making something whether for their Mothers or themselves. Being Crafts Director this summer has taught me that patience is important not only to the kids but also to myself.

"Any donations of yarn, egg cartons, milk cartons, juice cans or plastic containers would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the Log Cabin any afternoon Monday through Friday."

Cindy Kain

Arts and Crafts Director
Beth Gilchrist says:

"The Log Cabin has been put to great use this summer.

"I am the Outside Sports and Games Director. When

the children first arrive at 1 p.m., I play with them outside until Cindy Kain can take some into the cabin to make a craft.

"The games that we play a lot are kickball, whiffleball, tetherball and ping-pong. This year we have added a new addition to the games: two tire swings that the kids just love.

"Also, I have thought up some new ideas. One is to have a Surprise Day once a week. Our first surprise was a candy hunt. On July third we spent the whole afternoon decorating our bikes. Then they were judged and ribbons awarded. On another day we had a magic show combined with a pinata breaking and a summer birthday party. On July 18 the children packed their lunches and we supplied the drinks and dessert. After our picnic we all played games.

"I really have learned a lot from the Log Cabin program. You see, I am seriously thinking of becoming an elementary school teacher, so this job is just what I wanted. I have learned there are many types of people and that you can't please all of them all of the time. I have found that with a

little adjusting I can become really good friends with all of the kids. I love them and I really enjoy working with them.

"I wouldn't trade jobs with anyone else for anything."

Beth Gilchrist
Sports and Games Director

The Log Cabin Recreation and Crafts Summer Schedule will be in effect until Friday, August 15. This summer's volunteer Mothers who register the children each afternoon at the Log Cabin are: Mondays: Joanne Kennedy; Tuesdays: Susan Payne; Wednesdays: Karen Roberts and Betsy Schwinn; Thursdays: Sue Abernethy and Sandy Robinson; Fridays: Elinor Winchester.

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This annual extravaganza is the one fund-raising activity staged by your Terrace Park Recreation Committee to support its nine programs of healthful activities for the youth of our community throughout the year.

The Raffle

Tall Paul Kennedy is in charge of this summer's Raffle. His workers are distributing two strips of raffle tickets to all families in Terrace Park at this time.

Last year's prices are still in effect: \$1 per ticket or \$5 for the strip of 6. We urge families to join the 6-4-5 plan (6 tickets for \$5) and buy the second strip, too, or sell it to a friend outside Terrace Park.

Chairman Kennedy announces that this summer's Raffle prizes are: First Prize - \$500 cash; Second Prize - \$250 merchandise order at our friendly Terrace Park Market operated by those fine folks, Lou and Carol Fahrnbach; Third Prize - Two season tickets to the Cincinnati Bengals football games; Fourth Prize - Boy's or Girl's Ten-speed bicycle.

Please try to buy and/or sell these Raffle tickets which will be picked up at

your house during August by the Recreation Committee's ticket crew. Kennedy believes that records are made to be broken, so he has his eye on last year's Raffle Record. The Raffle drawing for the prizes will occur at FIESTA '75 at 5 p.m. All proceeds go to support Terrace Park recreation.

So, come on Terrace Park, let's back Tall Paul, yo'all!

Garage Sale

For the second consecutive year the Terrace Park Recreation Committee will conduct a garage sale on the Community Green during FIESTA '75.

To make this project a success, we are asking each citizen of Terrace Park to rummage around your house for disposable but dispensable items: from remnants to refrigerators, from toys to TVs, from wallets to washers and dryers - no clothing please.

Phone one of the Garage Sale chairwomen when you have rounded up some items: Ann Gilchrist 831-9109 or Edna Stites 831-1944 and your donations will be picked up, pronto.

Bingo

Ron and Cincy Hudson and George and Babs Sheriff are your Bingo Dealers this Labor Day. They need prizes galore for their Bingo Store.

Are you in a position to donate merchandise items or certificates to this year's game? If you are, please contact the Hudsons at 831-2146. Would you like to work at the Bingo game on Labor Day? If you would, please contact the Sheriffs at 831-3710. They will be delighted to hear from you.

Bake Sale

"B" is for Rusty Brendenfoerder and the annual FIESTA '75 Bake Sale. Rusty is rounding up her workers and her pastry products pleasing to the palate and would love to count YOU, dear reader, among her contributors to this tasteful cause. Please phone Rusty to offer your services (831-7008) before she phones you.

Support Our Youth

In the August VILLAGE VIEWS the complete facts and figures on the 35 or so booths and events planned for FIESTA '75 will appear. Meantime, you can start to KEEP SPORTS ALIVE IN '75 by acting upon the information contained above. Please direct your phone calls to a specific Chairman or to the General Chairman of FIESTA '75, Dan Nordloh at 831-0158. And thank you from the Recreation Committee, Ed Tigner, Chairman.

By Any Other Name

By ALEC DAVIDSON

Combes. Watson, why are those helicopters hovering over the bridges?
 Watson. They're reporting traffic conditions on the bridges and approach roads.
 Combes. How can a helicopter report?
 Watson. Now, now, Combes. The helicopters aren't saying anything but a policeman in each of them is broadcasting over a local radio station. I heard one a few minutes ago.
 Combes. And what did he report?
 Watson. He advised motorists to leave their cars on the bridges overnight, and to find local accommodations. Southbound traffic is backed up to Wapakoneta, and northbound traffic is stalled from Lexington on.
 Combes. Deplorable. How did this state of affairs arise?
 Watson. I really don't know, but I do have a theory.
 Combes. Out with it before you explode.
 Watson. Combes, it is my theory that names are at the root of the trouble. A bridge must have an easily recognizable name -- like the Golden Gate Bridge or the George Washington Bridge. These are comforting names, very re-

assuring to drivers.
 Combes. Our bridges have names, too.
 Watson. Yes, but listen to them. Take the bridge officially known as the Brent Spence Bridge. If you listen closely, the local pronunciation is Bent Sprence. Now, how do you suppose someone from Michigan is going to feel when he is advised to take the Bent Sprence Bridge over the Uhih River.
 Combes. A little leery about going over a bent bridge, I agree. What about the other bridges?
 Watson. Unless you're a Presbyterian, you won't feel comfortable using The Clay Wade Bailey Bridge.
 Combes. What does religion have to do with bridges?
 Watson. Presbyterians are accustomed to triples. Their ministers often go by three names. But, if you're not accustomed to that style--.
 Combes. Yes, I understand. There's still that picturesque-looking relic.
 Watson. That's the Suspension Bridge. Which, if you stare at it, is very aptly named. But, not to a tourist hauling a 30-foot substitute for a motel. He's going to wonder if it'll stay suspended while he and his rig are on it.
 Combes. It's a puzzle to me,

Watson, just how the bridges were named.
 Watson. Kentucky did it. Kentucky owns the river.
 Combes. Kentucky owns our river? the Uhi--, the Ohio?
 Watson. A legacy to the Commonwealth from early settlers on that side. Some of them were distillers who thought big. They staked a claim to the whole river to assure themselves of an adequate water supply.
 Combes. Something must be done. Ah, you have another theory. I can tell.
 Watson. Not a theory this time but a plan. We need another bridge with a better name. Now, do you remember the sausages we had at a restaurant the other day?
 Combes. Do I remember! We had to borrow a double-bitted ax from the proprietor to cut through the skin.
 Watson. Then listen to this. My scheme will work, and it'll work quickly. We'll throw a floating bridge, a pontoon bridge, across the river at the Public Landing. For pontoons, we'll use the very best: those sausages.
 Combes. Genius at work, Watson. Well done. Wait, though. What will the bridge be called?
 Watson. That's the best part. The bridge will have two names. On our side, a sign will say The Cin-

cinnati Floating Esplanade. The sign on the Kentucky side will say The T. Grits Eggernew Bridge. With a name like that, it will be years before anyone over there finds out that it isn't one of their bridges.
 Combes. And even the northbound Presbyterians will drive over it. They'll think that it is named for one of their clergy who is working up to three-name status. Capital, Watson, capital. Please, let me help. I'll telephone for the pontoons.
 Hello, is this the Wurst Is Yet To Come Packing Co.? I'd like to order twelve 1000-yard long metts. Yes, that's right--twelve.

Pigeon Problem

Mention was made at the May council meeting that Terrace Park is experiencing one of its worst pigeon roosting problems in history.
 Apparently the birds are roosting only at certain locations, and if your home is near one of these chosen spots, you're probably annoyed.
 Councilman Dick Griffith said that he has it on good authority that an effective way of getting rid of the pigeons is to plant an owl decoy near the roosting place. Meanwhile, the Hamilton County game warden's counsel is being sought.

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A Gas Shortage?

History repeats itself (and everytime it does the price goes up). The great American gasoline crisis happened in 1920. There seemed to be a manufactured gasoline shortage-gasoline shot up a shocking 40% - 38¢ per gallon, the equivalent to a dollar today, and motorists were allotted only two gallons at a time or each stop. Trucks were allowed to fill their tanks and some of those scalywags would then peddle it to the desperate for \$1 per gallon.

Oil companies were accused of plotting together to keep production down to a minimum until consumer demands increased the price, while government officials were blamed for foot dragging and mismanagement.

Bible School Slated

On August 18th - 22nd, 1 to 3 p.m., St. Thomas Church will again offer a Vacation Bible School to the children of the community.

Eligible are those entering Kindergarten in the fall -- up through those who have just completed the fifth grade. Older young persons will be welcome as helpers.

The varied program will include singing, prayer, Bible stories, creative activities, games, etc. all offered in the context of christian community.

Charge to cover supplies will be \$3 for the first child in a family and \$1 for each additional child.

On Dean's List

Steven Binkley, a Ripon, (Wis.) College junior from Terrace Park, has been named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 1974-75 academic year.

To qualify, a student must have earned a 3.40 grade point average or better, of a possible 4.0.

Steven, a psychology major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Binkley, 724 Stanton Avenue.

Youngsters Helped

Some smiles may be generated the recollections of an event of May 3, 1946. The Young Peoples' Fellowship group of St. Thomas Church presented a play entitled "Saved by the Bell." It was a comedy in three acts directed by Mrs. John (Laura) Douglas, action of the entire play takes in the living room of the Aurora Sorority House given to help raise funds for enlargement of the church.

In the cast were: Nancy Lynch, Mary Kahle, June Sommer, Nancy Rose, Laura Jean Ferguson, Jerusha Buskin, Ann Rathkamp, Evelyn Dixon, Mary Radcliffe, Ronnie Sullivan, Garth Semple, Stanley Miller, and Jack Jordon.

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