



Project Approved, Another Is Fought

Approving plans for a new subdivision, village council girded at its February meeting for a court fight over rejection of a condominium project.

The new project concerns development by George Porter of 10 acres in the rear of his property at 8081 Wooster Pike. The fight involves the overturning by village voters of an ordinance to allow BBS Co. construction of condominiums at Wooster and Elm at the west edge of the community. A referendum last November repealed the ordinance by a 2-1 margin.

Although finance chairman Edward Harness voiced concern as to where the money was to come from, council approved an ordinance proposed by Councilman Chuck Rockel to appropriate \$15,000 to engage former Supreme Court justice Louis J. Schneider as special counsel in a BBS suit contesting village zoning.

Village Solicitor Bob Leming reported the case is set for hearing February 21 before Judge Klusemeyer.

Members of council agreed that they had "a moral obligation" to contest the action.

A major issue in the condominium controversy had been BBS plans to use a mechanical sewage disposal system. Council approval was given after BBS agreed to put the system outside the village limits.

Council since has approved use of mechanical systems, but only for individual homes and under rigid conditions. That allows development of the porter property where, engineers reported, poor drainage does not permit use of septic tanks on seven of the proposed 10 one-acre lots.

Council agreed to waive the requirement for sidewalks along a dedicated street in the subdivision in which, it was told, lot prices would be \$25,000.

Parker Quits, Lindell New Inspector

Jim Parker has resigned as village building inspector and former mayor Carl Lindell has been appointed to the post, continuing to serve also as village engineer.

Parker resigned after village council, at the January meeting, voted to set the salaries of the inspector, village solicitor and village engineer at \$1,500 a year each. The building inspector formerly received the permit fees.

Mayor Ray Cadwallader announced, and council confirmed, appointment of former council member Pat Henley as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission, to replace former mayor Frank Corbin.

Corbin said he was resigning because "my interests increasingly are in other areas, and it is quite clear that my viewpoint is not in harmony with the views of the majority of the village."

Village Seeking New Fire Chief

Because of plans to leave the village, F. Lee Stegemeyer has resigned as chief of the village volunteer fire department, effective March 31, and the safety committee of village council has begun screening applicants for the post.

Stegemeyer is only the fourth chief in the history of the fire department, which grew out of civil defense activities in World War II days. His predecessors were Everett Stephens, Walter Gingrich, and Ellis Rawsley, who is the last remaining of the 20 men who formed the first village fire-fighting force. The community earlier had depended on Milford for fire protection.

Appoint — for life — of the new chief is the prerogative of Mayor Ray Cadwallader. In the past, members of the department have recommended a nominee. This time, because of what Cadwallader noted was the growing importance and complexity of the job, the safety committee will consider the application of any one feeling qualified. The fire chief is paid \$600 a year.

To Honor Lee

A reception honoring Lee Stegemeyer on his retirement as village fire chief will be held at the Community House on Saturday, March 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. All residents are invited to attend. Entertainment and a program will take place at 7 p.m.

Engineers KO Erosion Job

There will be no Corps of Engineers erosion control project along the Little Miami River in Terrace Park.

Councilman Bill Howard reported that the army engineers concluded that the \$33,000 cost was not justified on the basis of overall public benefit.

The corps is required to show that any flood or erosion control or similar project yield annual benefits equal to 1½ times the projected cost. The Terrace Park proposal fell far below that requirement.

Stegemeyer called his nine years as chief "interesting, rewarding, frustrating," but said he had achieved his goal of a better insurance rate classification for the village.

Because of the new pumper, a task unit, and intensified training, inspections and record-keeping, commercial insurance rates in the village have been lowered, and the chief said still lower residential rates are within reach. Major items to effect that reduction, though, are improved water pressure throughout the village and reinforcement of the day-time fire force.

Now THAT'S Politics

Village councilmen got an inside on government while discussing a \$150 bill for repairs to the Wooster-Elm traffic light.

Village Engineer Carl Lindell recalled how, when he was mayor, the village repeatedly tried to get State Highway Department permission for a light. The state ruled there wasn't enough cross-traffic to justify it.

Then it developed that the secretary to Mrs. Frank Lausche, wife of the governor, was to have a baby and was being attended by Dr. Harold Wiley of Terrace Park. Word passed from the doctor to the secretary to the governor's wife to the governor to the Highway Department. Terrace Park got its permit.

Terrace Park paid for the light and has to pay for its maintenance.

New Secretary

Mrs. Barbara Warman has been named village secretary and Community House custodian replacing Dorothy L. Kinney, whose husband is taking a new post in Indianapolis.

A resident of Mt. Repose, Mrs. Warman is the mother of two daughters and a graduate of Milford High School.



Under the eye of Carmon DeLeone, a Terrace Park youngster takes a hand at conducting members of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra at a "lollipop concert" at the school February 4. The picture was taken by Allan Kain in the course of a project for *The Enquirer*. The children, from four to eight years old, not only heard the orchestra but got a chance to lead it

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How To Foil Burglars

With burglary an ever-present threat, Police Chief Ron Pottorf urges these steps on residents of the village:

1. When going out of town, leave a vacation report with the police department, stop mail and newspaper deliveries and arrange for lawn-mowing or snow or leaf removal.

2. Arrange for throwaways to be collected by friends or the police.

3. Use lights only on timers. Lights left on continuously are a give-away sign.

4. Make neighbors aware of shades that will be up or down, or lights on or off, and who is authorized to enter. Have them call the police at sign of something irregular.

5. Make especially secure all doors and windows hidden from plain view. Use dead-bolts that can't be reached by breaking glass and reaching in. (Ask the police to check your security system.)

6. If something seems amiss when you return, don't enter the house but call the police at once. They'll check the house for your protection.

Oops — Twice

Jack Van Wye can be a village councilman and volunteer fireman after all.

Told at the January council meeting that dual membership constituted an illegal conflict of interest, Van Wye chose the council seat to which he was elected in November. Subsequently, it was found that the law applies only to full-time, paid firemen, not volunteers.

His name, incidentally, was inadvertently omitted from the village government directory printed in last month's *Village Views*.

Aid Sought For New Ambulance

Village council is considering a plea from the fire association — the social and money-raising arm of the fire department — for village assistance in purchase of a new ambulance.

The association has bought, and turned over to the village, three ambulances in the past and has raised \$16,000 towards purchase of a new one. However, rising costs and strict new federal and state regulations make it likely that a new ambulance will cost about \$25,000.

Snow Removal Job Praised

Village Council at its February meeting commended the village street crew for "an outstanding job" in snow removal, and moved to consider a fee system for dealing with private, non-dedicated streets.

Councilman Rodger Miller reported that the street crew twice stayed overnight at the Community House to be ready to meet new storm threats, and that the village has run out of salt and now is using sand.

PTA Planning Sweatshirt Sale

Navy blue or lemon sweat-shirts bearing the village logo are available from the Terrace Park PTA. Prices are \$5 for youth sizes and \$6 for adult sizes.

Order blanks will be sent home from school. Orders also will be taken at the PTA open house on Wednesday, February 22, or thereafter until March 23 by Shirley Mittendorf, 831-9276, or Beverly Hudson, 931-7780.

It's Cookie Time

It's Girl Scout cookie time again and girls from the two village troops will be knocking on doors beginning February 18. Cookies again will sell for \$1.25 a box.

Orders will be taken also by Sandy Robinson, 248-0244, or Shirley Mittendorf, 831-9276.

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Police Praised

Terrace Park Police Sgt. Fred DeMarks and Officer Frank Fede have received commendations from Mariemont and Milford.

DeMarks was commended for his capture of two men in a car stolen in Milford, the prisoners later being held responsible for a Milford burglary. Fede was praised for development of information which led to the arrest of a person sought for a sex offense in Mariemont.

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