

Planner asks rec input

Recreation input is sought now on new developments. Plans of subdivision circulate to the recreation advisory committee, and Halton Hills planner Mario Venditti stressed he wants their input. Plans also go the school board, fire chief, family services department and regional planning department. He suggests a letter back stating the conditions on which the committee would approve that particular subdivision. Mr. Venditti attended the meeting of Acton recreation advisory committee Thursday.

He pointed out the great changes that can be made from original plans.

For instance, there is a 49-home subdivision on the drawing boards for the former dragstrip property east of Acton. Original plan called only for the required amount of parkland. Revised plans now include a soccer field, baseball diamond, two tennis courts and a swimming pool, provided by the developer, all to be run for the whole district by the Halton Hills recreation department.

To expect the people in this new subdivision to come into Acton for recreation would only strain the present facilities here even more, he said.

Requirement Original plans for the huge subdivision on the McCullough and Sprawl farms showed only a small park beside each of the two

schools. Although the subdivisions cannot be approved due to lack of sewage capacity, the planning department would have insisted on post office, churches, tennis courts and probably a new million dollar arena, Mr. Venditti explained.

He recalled that Acton never took a stand to try to "hit the developer" for a lot. Committee members agreed with him this had been a mistake. The whole town paid for the sewage plant, Mr. Papillon observed. "Sir Donald Mann park in Glenora is next to useless. There's a well-known need for parkland at that end of town," Mrs. Spielvogel commented.

Mr. Venditti is looking well into the future for Acton planning. He referred to the hoped-for purchase of land from Rigby Construction, between Elizabeth Dr. and the arena, for parkland. The house at the corner can be removed to straighten the road. Five stores have also been proposed for this corner but Mr. Venditti said indications show they are not needed.

Lake precious "Fairy Lake is a precious resource," he said. He predicted one day the Credit authority might purchase the lake, leaving Beardmore the water rights, but he realized this would take much time. As Mr. Aherne reminded him of the previous board's hopes for a continuous walkway around the park, the planner completely agreed.



GETTING HIS mouth just right, Tom Rosenbersky throws a rock in the junior bonspiel Saturday. Participants were mostly high school students.

Pool committee will meet soon

Concern that girl life guards cannot control young boys in the boys' change room at the pool was expressed at recreation advisory committee Thursday by member Peter Papillon. Some lads linger longer in the showers "fooling around," he had heard.

Diane Spielvogel also reported hearing of unsuitable behavior of boys at the pool. Mothers were concerned, she relayed.

Recreation co-ordinator recalled the problem of trained lifeguards in Acton. There are only two males on the staff and they can't be there all the time. He pointed out high school students are proceeding in a training program now and more males will be qualified before long.

Costly Mr. Papillon suggested a male supervisor.

Mr. Cooper felt the problem arose with the design of the pool itself and the use of coin operated clothes containers. He thought it unlikely council would look favorable on more expense for supervisors. The pool costs \$50,000 to run now, he said.

He also reported the manufacturers are being asked to replace the diving board, which is not right.

Committee A pool advisory committee, which had been recommended, had never been set up. Representatives are being named now and the first meeting is this Thursday at the high school. Mrs. Spielvogel and Brendan Aherne were named advisory committee reps. There are also to be two Lions, two from the Board of Education, two from recreation staff and one from pool staff.

Equal hydro billing, matter up in air

The Acton Hydro Commission is not in favor of equal billing, and is forced to leave the matter up in the air until a decision has been made on whether or not the commission will be taken over by the regional government.

Equal Billing, or Budget Billing, is when you pay the same amount for your hydro each month. During the summer, when you would not be using as much electricity

you can get a credit for the winter months when you might go over the specified amount.

The monthly payment is balanced out from what you have been paying in previous years. Bills would also be paid every month instead of the present system of every two months.

Sheridan College journalism student Peter McCusker spent a work-week at The Champion last week.

Circus, dances chamber plans

Instead of a newsletter, Chamber of Commerce president Mike Worthington called a general meeting of the membership to discuss what's going on. It was Monday evening in the Legion board room.

Of a membership of 44, 15 attended the meeting to talk over current projects and plans.

Mr. Worthington told the members that new committee chairmen have been

selected, David Swetman for the retail section, Bill Anderson for social, Mike Ho Jong for civic and municipal affairs, David Whitaker for membership. No one has headed up the industrial committee as yet.

Events Mr. Anderson reported on the circus coming May 20 and plans for advertising and promotion. He also said there will be the Citizen of the Year dinner and dance April 20 and

another dance with the Playboys November 1. He reported the Citizen of the Year will be selected next Monday.

A letter of thanks will be sent to Betty and Allyn Eastwood for their many hours of work for the Chamber while Betty was president.

Kevin Conroy indicated the execution of the program method of appointing a meeting to be held later two weeks in advance. This is on the Chamber's

books. He referred to the future of the evening 20th Halton Hills council which was brought had been used to be held at the Legion. At the time it was used.

Mr. Worthington reported the Christmas lighting bill had been paid off, a sum of \$1,000 plus.

"We'd like to do something this year to put the Chamber on the map in Acton," Mr. Worthington told the membership.

Top speakers in contest

Laura Taras of Stewarttown School, and Jim Saxon of Robert Little School, Acton, took first place in the Georgetown Optimist oratorical contest held last week at Fong's banquet room, Georgetown.

Second and third spots in the girls' competition went to Debbie Ruppert, of Robert Little School, and Marlan Peeters of Holy Cross School, Georgetown.

In the boys' section, Steve Leonard and Geoff McAloon both of Stewarttown School, took second and third place respectively.

The topic for all contestants was "Give Me Your Hand," with each interpreting the theme in a different way.

The speeches, with a

minimum time limit of four minutes and a maximum of five minutes, were judged by Mrs. Barbara Rankin, Principal of Kibrida School, Rev. Walter Hildey, of Norval and Bill Robinson, Vice principal of Georgetown district high school.

The six winners will compete in a zone championship April 8, in Georgetown, with the winners proceeding to the provincial championship, where top prize is a \$200 scholarship.

The public speaking contest was initiated by Optimist International in 1928, with the aim of building the self confidence in youngsters under 16.

It's up to them

The recreation advisory committee has learned it is up to them to select a recipient and award the Charlie Thomson sports award. The award was instituted by the Legion but it has been given only once, to Alan Hall and Howard Dwyer for their organization of lacrosse.

Enclosed mail in Georgetown?

An enclosed mail could be built on the 1200 foot frontage on Guelph Street, Georgetown between Masson Motors and Beaver Lumber Company. Joe Harley of Cherrytree Developments told Halton Hills Planning Board Tuesday night.

He said a Shoprite Store was already scheduled on the lot closest to Beaver Lumber Co. This lot is being considered for separation by the committee of adjustment. He said if the enclosed mail is built, the Shoprite Store would be tied in it.

He explained Cherrytree Developments bought the industrially zoned land four years ago, and now was asking for a commercial rezoning.

He said the lack of sewers had held up development, but now the Region had installed the sewers, which were paid for by the company.

Councillor Ric Morrow said opinions seemed to be split on the necessity of commercial land in town. He pointed out council have had requests to rezone industrial land to commercial, and had other requests to rezone commercial land to residential.

Morrow contended if the mall is not built and individual stores were erected instead, there would be too many entrances on Highway 7.

At the suggestion of Councillor Joe Hurst, planning board decided the application was premature.

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