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Court Acts To Assure Completion Of Beltway Plaza Slope Work

by Al and Elaine Skolnik

Specifying that the court will keep a close eye on the Beltway Plaza embankment corrective work now in progress, Circuit Court Judge Ernest A. Loveless yesterday directed Sidney A. Brown, president of First National Realty Corporation, developer of the shopping center, to comply with the State's wishes. He also levied a fine of \$1,000 on Brown's company for polluting Indian Creek with sediment eroding from the slope on the east side of S. Klein.

Brown pleaded guilty to the charge brought by the State of Maryland and Prince Georges County after opposing lawyers reached an agreement on disposition of the case. Judge Loveless approved the agreement by issuing an order directing that the corrective work now being undertaken by Brown (the Balter plan) be completed by November 15, 1972. The Balter plan calls for structural and initial vegetative stabilization of the entire east slope of the Beltway Plaza shopping center.

The order further stipulates that the work will be subject to on-site evaluation in January 1973 and July 1973 by the State Water Resources Administration (SWRA). As a result of such inspection, Brown will be required to take any corrective action needed to conform with the Balter plan and modifications thereof and submit written reports detailing the actions taken to SWRA.

The court also ordered that First National shall maintain the slope as long as it or any corporation controlled by Brown has possession of the critical area. Brown was also required to personally guarantee the performance.

Decision Hailed as Precedent

Warren Rich, attorney for the State, hailed the decision as a precedent which will make it much easier in the future to enforce Maryland anti-pollution laws. He implied that there may be other court action pending against other violators.

Judge Loveless stressed that the court will retain jurisdiction over the case "as it would with a probation sentence in order that the work specified above is completed." He said that he accepted the "generous" recommendations of the State in this case because of special considerations.

Rich had earlier told the court that the State had agreed to negotiate with the developer because Brown was spending a substantial amount of money in a serious effort to comply with the State's wishes. He noted that Brown was working hard and long to correct the situation.

History

Rich summarized the history of the slope problem since S. Klein was first built in 1963 — a slope with more than a 2-1 grade composed of unstabilized and unvegetated sand and clay which produced sediment running off the slope and into the waters of the State. He cited the SWRA inspection of July 29, 1971, among others, which found that the slope was causing a "virulent form of pollution which suffocated fish, cut off the photosynthesis process, and had other devastating effects."

Rich said that Brown was asked to take corrective action at that time and when no progress was made by the corporation, the State sued.

Both Karl Feissner, Brown's attorney, and Rich agreed that Brown had initiated the Balter plan long before July 1971. Feissner said that part of the recent delay in completing the work was caused by an administrative misunderstanding between county and State officials over the granting of grading permits. He also cited the difficulties in getting an easement from the

school board for the top of the slope.

Rich maintained that the corrective work going on, which he acknowledged was meeting the basic recommendations of SWRA, only began after a strong effort by the State.

Recreation Review

Free Children's Activities

Sign up or show up for class. Boys' Model Building, Ridge Road Center, Thursdays 4-5:30 p.m.; Greenbelt Chucks, Youth Center and Springhill Lake School, Saturdays 9-11 a.m.; Arts and Crafts, Springhill Lake School, Saturdays 9-10:30 a.m.; Youth Center, 4-5:30 p.m. Mondays, 6 and 7 year olds; Wednesdays, 8 years and over; Fridays, 10 years and over; Storytime, Youth Center Tuesdays 4-5 p.m. for 1st and 2nd graders.

Creating with Fiber

Weaving, crocheting, hooking, applique, knitting, experiment with dyeing and spinning with an emphasis on color and texture. Tuesdays, 8-10 p.m. at the Ridge Road Center. Call the Youth Center.

Sketching

Train your eye to "see" pure form, record your visual experiences, keep a notebook for future paintings, prints, and drawings. Field trips will be arranged. Babysitting available. Weds. 10-12 noon. Register.

Candlemaking

Classes held Mondays, 7:30-9:30 p.m., in the Youth Center, beginning the 25th. Call 474-6878.

Parent Discussion Group

The Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group will meet Tuesday, September 26, 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at 123 Lastner Lane. Coffee will be served and babysitting services provided. The topic for discussion will be "How to Listen to Your Child". Bring a friend. For further information call Betty Hughes, 474-8458.

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Sept. 21, 7:45 p.m. GHI Continuation Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Monday, Sept. 25, 8 p.m. Special City Council Meeting, Municipal Building.

Wed., Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m. Home-makers Workshop, Greenbelt Library.

Bremerman Exhibit At Greenbelt Library

B. J. Bremerman is exhibiting his paintings on the walls of the Greenbelt Library during September. A Greenbelt resident, now retired, he has devoted his life to painting, using different mediums—oils, watercolor, pastels, as well as experimenting with different styles and techniques.

Bremerman and his wife share the hobby of collecting old frames, restoring, refinishing and repairing them when necessary. Some of the frames were found in excellent condition needing only to be cleaned, others were carefully repaired and refinished. Most of the paintings in the exhibit are framed with these beautiful and unusual antique frames.

Swim Team Parents Meeting

There will be an important meeting of the Greenbelt Aquatics Boosters at 8 p.m. Tuesday, September 26, in the City Council room. The agenda includes election of officers, proposed Princesmont League rule changes, a review of last summer, and planning for next year. Parents of swim team members and those interested are invited.

CITY NOTES

The city staff is presently making a feasibility study of a proposed scheduling change in the city's trash collections. The change would reduce regular trash collections to twice a week for all residences, with a special collection on Wednesdays for paper only. The study, which includes a cost analysis, is not yet completed.

The city crew removed the outfield fence from Braden Field in preparation for the football season. They also built asphalt steps and a handrail from a point on Green-tree Place leading to a county-owned buffer strip between Boxwood and Lakewood subdivisions.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, September 25, 1972
8:00 P.M.

The City Council of Greenbelt will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, September 25, 1972 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland to consider the following:

1. An Ordinance to Appropriate the Sum of One Thousand, Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,075) from the Unappropriated Surplus Monies in the Replacement Fund - Second Reading
2. An Ordinance to Authorize and Empower the City of Greenbelt to Issue a Tax Anticipation Note in the Amount of \$172,000 in Anticipation of the Receipt of Payment of Special Assessments, the Issue of Certificates of Indebtedness or Other Obligations or the Receipt of General Taxes and Other Revenues, Directing that the Proceeds of the Sale of Said Note Shall be Used for Capital Improvements Heretofore Authorized; and Providing for the Sale of Said Note by Private Negotiation to the Suburban Trust Company 6495 New Hampshire Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland.
3. Amendment to Position Classification Plan
4. Proposal for Indoor-Outdoor Tennis Complex - Lancer Corporation

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

BATTLE OF PETITIONS

Foes of Another GHI Audit Win Out At Stormy Meeting

by Miriam Cornelius

Insult, farce, and innuendo formed a somewhat lurid backdrop to the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14. The scene was played to a full house; extra chairs had to be found for the members who crowded in. And, in spite of all, quite a bit of business got done.

324 vs. 453

The major item to draw fireworks was the report of the Finance Committee which was prepared in response to a petition signed by 324 members calling for a financial audit "in depth" covering the past 10 years by an outside, independent, responsible firm of auditors. The report, which did not approve of another audit at this time, had been held over from the August 24 board meeting.

Opponents of the audit came up at last Thursday's meeting with a petition of their own signed by 453 persons. This petition listed the reasons why another audit was not necessary and suggested that its cost should be borne by those demanding the audit.

Directors Voice Diverse Opinions

Director Howard Brooks (who at the previous meeting had repudiated the report of the Finance Committee, of which he is a member) said the board had "jumped on" him because he favored the financial audit. "There seems to be a concerted effort by some board members, former board members, and others associated with them to prevent the audit. Are they afraid of what the auditors might find? Deathly afraid of what might be uncovered? Something is fishy." He concluded that in his opinion an in-depth financial audit is really necessary — in spite of the cost — and called efforts to prevent it "reprehensible and absurd."

On the other hand, Director Dave Lange brought out that the Finance Committee has agreed to pull together all available material; also that the budget provides no funds for enlarging the annual audit this year.

GHI treasurer Tom White stated that the corporation is in good shape financially and deplored efforts at "rabble rousing." "I wish Mr. Brooks would begin to serve all the membership," he said.

Director Nat Shinderman pointed out that the corporation has been audited twice a year without exception since 1953 by an outside, independent, responsible firm of auditors. "We have had a cash audit for 18 years continuously," he stated, "and another audit now would be needlessly repetitive. However," he added, "if the audit can be enlarged to provide the additional information desired, this could be done in a form that interested members can understand. Interested members who are qualified will be invited to cooperate with the committee."

Visitors Express Views

The first visitor to be recognized was Bill Hoff. He opposed another audit as a "fishing expedition," but he favored the Finance Committee's proposal to expand the regular audit and make the data more easily understood. Others speaking in opposition to another audit were Nan Furioso, who presented the rival petition; Joseph Loftus, Dr. Theodore Byerly, Alexander Barnes, Katherine Keene, Bob McGee, Charles Schwan, and Stephen Polaschik.

Loftus saw no benefits to be gained from a financial audit and considered it an unnecessary expense. Dr. Byerly said that GHI does indeed face problems, but an audit cannot solve them. "There is very little value in going back in time, he said, to determine what should be done in the future. "What we need to do is to supplement the CMP survey with an evaluation of our financial resources," he added. Alexander Barnes noted that the CMP management survey was undertaken to allay the fears of members, and now "here we are at the same place again."

Former GHI president Charles Schwan pleaded with GHI to get on with its business — namely, con-

sideration of the TAA structural survey recommendations "so that we may know the condition of our houses and the relative cost of various alternative courses." He made the point that the decision to carry out the TAA recommendations must be made by the membership; the board's power does not extend to such action.

Physically Defends Record

Rising to a point of personal privilege, Katherine Keene, a former board member, asked Brooks how he knew that she was "deathly afraid" of what an audit would show. "You have never talked with me," she said. "I am amazed that you — a lawyer — would charge me with stealing corporation funds." Brooks was not given the floor to reply (the president ruled that he must wait for his turn) but flung out a remark: "If the shoe fits, let her wear it."

Ms. Keene said that she had to leave, and started for the door, pursued by a woman's voice saying "And don't come back." "I just want you — didn't you know?" retorted Ms. Keene, who was scheduled for major surgery within a few days. Then, pausing in front of Brooks, she reached across the table to slap his face. And went.

Brooks also left the room briefly, but returned, holding a handkerchief over his nose and mouth, and requested that the meeting be recessed. His request was put to a vote and denied by the board. So Brooks remained at the table, calling at intervals for water — for coffee — for another handkerchief.

Audit Petition Rejected

When the meeting resumed, Brooks made a motion, seconded by Tony Lynch, that the board accept the petition (for an independent financial audit) "and do what the petition says before doing anything under the TAA report; and that the board appoint to the committee the members who brought the petition." The motion failed (5 to 2). Director Donald Volk was absent.

Shinderman then offered a motion, which was seconded by Janet James and carried (5 to 2), to adopt the five-point recommendations of the Finance Committee:

- a. That the Board invite from the petitioners a more detailed or precise statement of information or financial data desired, so that the Board could appropriately respond to their request.
- b. That the Board consider expanding the present audit to obtain data that is not readily available, if such information is deemed necessary or desirable to obtain.
- c. From existing records, basic information could be supplied which would satisfy many of the concerns expressed in the petition. We recommend a method of obtaining and completing this analysis which would have the confidence of the members and suggest a committee consisting of Finance Committee members and interested members, especially those who were among the petitioners.
- d. An immediate emphasis on membership communication and participation in any upcoming consideration of TAA or CMP recommendations.
- e. Special budget consideration for Fiscal Year 1973 in the area of audit information."

Trim Painting Program

After a brief recess the board went on to consider the trim painting program. Manager Roy Breashears reported that there is not enough money to do a complete cycle (one-fifth of the homes) this year without drawing on reserve maintenance funds. He recommen-

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Get On With The Job

Many people came away from last Thursday's Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board meeting with deep concern about the apparent inability of the corporation to get on with the business of facing its problems. This is a serious situation with implications that extend beyond GHI into the wider community; for GHI represents a sizeable segment of Greenbelt, and wields a significant influence for good or ill in our town.

The disharmony which has increasingly marked the conduct of GHI affairs in recent weeks serves no useful purpose to anyone and is unseemly, to say the least. It must surely be evident to all that the corporation's affairs are bound to suffer as a result, and that the 1500-odd families in the cooperative will be the losers.

The board has serious business to undertake; it will take all the energy that can be mustered to deal with the two surveys already completed. We urge all those involved in the decision-making processes of Greenbelt Homes, both on and off the board, to remember that in a very real sense the health of the cooperative is in their hands.

It is time to put the welfare of GHI above what sometimes seems to be a desire to indulge in endless controversy, for its own sake.

Aqua-Spa Benefits

To the Editor:

The letter written by "Name Withheld," opposing the Aqua-Spa is both unfounded and unjustified. The Aqua-Spa is not promoted by "a very small special interest group (primarily parents of swim team members)" but by a large number of elderly Greenbelt citizens who would greatly benefit from an Aqua-Spa.

The undersigned who are not parents of swim members have found that swimming regularly has markedly alleviated their back and leg ailments.

As so well demonstrated and documented by Mrs. M. Bergemann R.N., in her article published in the Greenbelt News Review on Thursday, September 14, 1972 on page 3, swimming appears to be the most healthful activity which Greenbelt citizens can engage in, and they should be afforded the opportunity to preserve and protect their well-being. Hence, let us all vote on October 3, 1972 in support of the Aqua-Spa.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Mayer

'Super' Note

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Editor: Your 'Ed. Note' to Mr. Fitzgerald's letter in last week's paper, criticizing your publishing Mr. Agnew's letter the week before, was super excellent.

If Mr. Shriver is interested in the affairs of Greenbelt, let him show it.

Carlton Tatum

Robena E. Mathers

Robena E. Mathers, 75, a retired employee of the U.S. Patent Office and one of the original residents of Greenbelt died September 13 at Washington Sanitarium Hospital.

Mrs. Mathers, born in Fluvanna County, Virginia, was among the first women to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War I. She taught school in Virginia then joined the Patent Office from which she retired in 1961 as a supervisory law clerk in 1961.

She and her late husband Earl Leighton Mathers with their two children moved to Greenbelt and resided at 2B Westway until the Government bought the town and then lived at 18-E Ridge Road. She was a charter member of the Community Church.

She was buried with an honor guard September 15, in Arlington Cemetery beside her husband Earl L. Mathers and her son Douglas E. Mathers. She is survived by a daughter, Dorothy Burel, of Greenbelt, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Swimming for Handicapped
To the Editor:

More than any other recreational facility the swimming pool can be said to offer something for everyone, for it includes the handicapped whose participation in other sports is usually more limited. A well designed and constructed swimming pool can reach a wide range of handicapped persons from the youngest to the oldest, from the physically handicapped to the most hyperactive, from the mildly to the profoundly retarded, and from the emotionally disturbed to the blind.

More and more within the last ten years, the parents and teachers of the handicapped have come to appreciate the full potential of the swimming pool in helping to bring a greater degree of stability into the lives of these persons, especially children. The water becomes more than fun for them. In addition it becomes "therapy". We know that aquatic success whether it be achievement of swimming skills or simply adjustment to water may motivate a child to "try harder" in other learning activities. We know also that parents and teachers of the handicapped are so convinced of the merits of water therapy they are willing to expend their personal energies to raise funds to cover the cost of such activity in the absence of school funds for this purpose.

Eight Special Education Centers are located within a short driving distance of Greenbelt, Greenbelt children in need of specialized training attend these centers and they along with their several hundred classmates could benefit from a winter swimming program. Only a limited number of these boys and girls can presently participate in such a program as there is only one indoor pool (and this a small one) available in the area.

A conveniently located, regulation size pool that could be rented on a regular basis throughout the school year would provide the opportunity for getting these handicapped children, including our own Greenbelt children, and their families involved in a highly beneficial aquatic program.

We would welcome the opportunity to rent available time in the Greenbelt Aqua-Spa serving both to advance our own Special Ed. program and at the same time helping the citizens of Greenbelt acquire the new facility for their own enjoyment.

Robert J. Janus
Asst. in Motor Dev. for Spec. Ed.
P. G. County Public Schools

School Night for Scouting

Be a part of the new look in Scouting. Improvements of many kinds have been made in the Scouting program as of this year. The old principles and purpose of helping boys become citizens and leaders of the future are still there, with new ways of achieving these goals.

All boys eight years old or in third grade or older can join one of the three Scout units of Greenbelt on Thursday, September 28, at 7:30 p.m. by going to North End School (202), Center School (746) or St. Hugh's Catholic School (1746) to register.

Flyers with information will go out from each school on September 25.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church



6905 Greenbelt Rd.

Worship Services

8:30 and 11:15 A.M.

Sunday School 9:50 A.M.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5171

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9:45 A.M.	Sunday School	6:00 P.M.	Training Union
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship	7:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
7:30 P.M. Wednesday		Midweek Service	

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Crescent & Greenhill Rds. S. Jasper Morris, Jr., Pastor - 474-4040

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md. Telephone 474-9410

Rev. Clifton Cunningham, Pastor - Tel. 474-3381

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(Nursery through Kindergarten at 11:00)

Church School (Kindergarten through adults) 9:30 A.M.

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ATTENTION

Demonstrations Exhibits Movies Refreshments

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Will be holding its annual Open House on Sunday, October 8, 1972 and Saturday, October 14, 1972 between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

All are invited to attend

This is your Fire Department - come down and see what it is all about.

ABSENTEE VOTING - October 3, 1972 Referendum

Section 7-5 of the Greenbelt City Code provides that citizens of the city who are qualified electors shall have the privilege of voting in municipal elections of the city by absentee ballot, subject to the following regulations:

"Application shall be made in writing to the city clerk for an absentee ballot not earlier than twenty days preceding a municipal election nor later than three days preceding such election.

All such ballots returned shall reach the office of the city clerk before the closing of the polls on the day of the election."

Any qualified elector of the city who would be prevented from voting in the October 3, 1972 Referendum because of absence from the city on the day of the Referendum, or because of illness or incapacity, or because of religious precepts or the laws governing the church or religious order of which he or she may be a member or follower, shall be entitled to vote by absentee ballot.

Applications for absentee ballots for the October 3, 1972 Referendum shall be made in writing to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, so as to reach that office no later than Friday, September 29, 1972. Ballots returned shall reach the City Clerk before the closing of the polls on Tuesday, October 3, 1972 at 7:00 p.m.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

GREENBELT CITY POLICE DEPT.

sponsors

"The Child Molester" (adults only)

Oct. 5, 7 and 8 p.m.

Discussion to Follow

City Council Room

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ANOTHER MCGOVERN AUCTION, Sat. afternoon, Sept. 30; 135 Northway Rd; the fabulous Charlie Brown, Auctioneer. Clear your house of "white elephants" and get yourself fantastic deals at the same time. All proceeds to the McGovern for President campaign. For details, call Marge Feeney (474-6051) or Bernie McGee (474-1861).

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PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW! Big, big yard sale coming on Lakecrest Drive the 30th... watch for details next week!

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Greenbelt Shopping Center
133 CENTERWAY

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by
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Sunday, September 24
(rain date - October 8)
11 - 4
Greenbelt Shopping Mall
Greenbelt, Maryland


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Auto - Life - Homeowners
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(on U. S. 1 at the Beltway)

CARPORT SALE - Sat. morning, 24 Lakeside, toys, books, records & clothes.

YARD SALE - "Rain or Shine", 45 "S" Ridge Rd., Sat., Sept. 23-11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

YARD SALE - Sat. Sept. 23, 10 B Plateau, housewares, toys, misc.

YARD SALE - 4 Gardenway, Sept. 23, 10:30-6: - Rain date Sept. 24. Court participation. Crafts & misc. items.

RIDE WANTED, weekdays to Bethesda before 10 a.m. or to Beltway Plaza before 9 a.m., share expenses. Call 474-2982.

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FOR SALE: 1968 Dodge Coronet R/T 440 Cu. in., 365 H.P., Auto., P.S., new tires, shocks, battery, trailer hitch, \$1100 or best offer, call 345-6330.

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WANTED: Dresser suitable for child's room. Also interested in buying storage shelves. 474-5310.

Homemakers Sponsor Creative Arts Wkshp.
The Greenbelt Extension Homemakers Club is having its first Creative Arts Workshop on September 27, in the Greenbelt Library, at 7:30 p.m. Egg carton Christmas trees will be demonstrated. Any person living in Greenbelt is invited to attend the workshop. For further information on future meetings or activities, please contact Sandra Barnes, 474-5310.

GHI MEMBERS ONLY!
TOWNHOUSE - 4 b.r. corner location, 2 1/2 baths; full basement; central air cond., nice improvements including range, refrig., dishwasher.
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ded painting a full cycle this year on a one-coat basis, supplementing budgeted funds with maintenance reserves. If homeowners request a color change requiring two coats of paint, they would be billed for the difference in costs.

Shinderman reiterated the board's policy not to draw on reserve funds for painting except where deterioration has reached a critical stage. He wanted to see painting resumed - but only to the extent of budgeted funds.

Director Lynch questioned the requirement in the specifications for bids that Benjamin Moore paint be used, this being the highest priced paint on the market. Cathy Foster suggested Sherwin-Williams paint as an alternative. A member, Mrs. Farmer, said her husband, a painter, had used both and regarded both as excellent. Maintenance superintendent Dave Kane said GHI has always found Benjamin Moore paints highly satisfactory; no other brand carries exactly the colors GHI uses, and he saw no reason to change. Lynch conceded Kane's experience in buying paints; Benjamin Moore paints, added Lynch, have the reputation of being priced high enough to allow reimbursement to those who patronize them. Several directors rose angrily to the defense of Kane, asking Lynch if he was casting innuendos on the honesty of anyone on the staff? Lynch said no, of course not, it was just a general comment.

Gordon Allen urged that GHI proceed with the trim painting program without further delay, as some units are already almost two years behind schedule. Director James made a motion, seconded by Norman Weyel, to adopt the manager's recommendations for a trim painting program. The vote was 3 for (James, Weyel, Lange) and 3 against (Shinderman, White, Lynch.) Brooks abstained on the ground that he was physically unable to follow the discussion. GHI President Jim Smith broke the tie by voting in favor, so the trim painting program was adopted. A second motion by Ms. James, that a research study be made of paints suitable for GHI use, was passed without opposition.

Other Items

The board adopted a motion by director James, seconded by Weyel, that a request from Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association in regard to its efforts to obtain state insurance be referred to the Finance Committee and management, jointly, and that advice of counsel be sought.

At 11:15 p.m. the meeting was recessed for one week, to be continued at 7:45 p.m. Thursday, September 21.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland will hold a special election on Tuesday, October 3, 1972, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., to submit to the voters for approval the question of authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) for the purpose of providing for the construction of a recreation facility consisting of an indoor swimming pool and related and complementary facilities. Council has designated the following polling precincts:

- 3rd Precinct - Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road
- 6th Precinct - North End Elementary School, Ridge Road
- 8th Precinct - Springhill Lake Community Center, 6220 Springhill Drive

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AQUA-SPA INFORMATION

(This is the third in a series of articles prepared by the City Staff to provide information about the city bond issue referendum to be held on Tuesday, October 3, 1972. Bonds in the amount of \$650,000 would be issued, if authorized by the referendum, for the purpose of funding the construction of an indoor swimming pool, health and exercise facility, frequently called an aqua-spa. If you have any questions concerning this proposal, please call the City Office at 474-8000. We shall attempt to answer in these articles those questions of general interest. If you have opinions or comments of your own, we urge you to submit them in writing to this newspaper with a copy to the City Offices.)

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

This question, of great interest to residents, is difficult to answer. We can estimate fairly accurately how much the city will pay each year for the repayment of bond principal and interest, and operating costs can be estimated based upon the experience of other facilities. Other costs, however, can vary considerably. For example, when open recreational swimming is scheduled the City will have to pay salary costs for lifeguards. On many pool rentals, the groups using the pool facility will have their own qualified personnel and there will be no special salary costs to the City.

Revenues, too, are difficult to estimate because they are subject to so many variables. Some of the variables are as follows:

1. **Admission and pass fees set by City Council.** It is desirable to keep the fees low so that most residents can easily afford to use the facility. However, low fees may not raise sufficient revenues to pay the operating costs.
2. **Policy as to non-resident use.** Permitting non-residents to use the pool can provide extra money for paying operating costs, but can limit the use of the pool by residents.
3. **Rental use by organizations.** The pool can be rented to swimming teams, school groups, etc. However, when it is rented, it can not be used by the general public for recreational swimming.
4. **Competition from other pools.** At the present time there are no public indoor pools in Prince George's County. However, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has plans to build in Prince George's County two or three indoor pools which Greenbelters can use. Their location has not been determined as yet, but none will be in Greenbelt.
5. **Growth within the city and surrounding area.** As the area grows, there will be more people available to use the pool and, therefore, a larger tax base and membership to support it.
6. **Increased interest in swimming.** As more leisure time becomes available, there is a corresponding increase in demand for recreational facilities. If a desirable facility becomes conveniently available, it can be expected that more people will become interested in using it.

The cost of repaying the bond principal and interest will amount to about \$50,000 to \$55,000 per year, depending upon interest rates and the amount of principal paid off each year. Operating costs can vary greatly depending upon the types of programs scheduled. Various studies indicate that the annual cost of operation will be approximately \$5,000/month or \$60,000 per year. Thus, the total budget could be as much as \$115,000.

If the City charged no fees for use of the pool, a tax rate of about 19c per \$100 of assessed valuation would be required to pay the costs. But the City plans to charge fees, so it is extremely unlikely that our costs will be that high. Some people think that admission fees and rentals will be sufficient to pay all operating costs including the cost of repaying bond principal and interest. This is the case with the city's outdoor pool. The Staff, however, does not believe that this can be done if the City is to make the pool available principally to residents at moderate fee rates.

There are those who believe that the pool can earn enough to pay for the operating costs of the pool such as salaries, heat, water, pool chemicals, utilities, etc. If the pool was operated in this manner, then taxes would have to be used only to pay for the annual cost of bond principal and interest. At the present time, a tax rate of 8c would be required for this purpose. In future years, if the city tax base grows, the tax rate would be less. While the actual amount of tax subsidy might be different, the 8c tax rate is more realistic than either the 19c maximum if no user fees are charged or 0c minimum if revenues are sufficient to pay all costs.

The following table shows the effect of an 8c tax rate on various dwellings in the city:

	Typical Assessed Valuation	Tax Cost/Year
Springhill Lake Apartments	\$ 5,200	\$ 4.40
GHI Homes	7,000	5.95
Lakewood Homes	14,000	11.90
Boxwood Homes	14,000	14.45
Woodland Hills Homes	17,000	14.45
Lakeside Homes	20,000	17.00

User fees would be established by the City Council and revised from time to time. The Indoor Pool Committee suggested the following fees in its report:

Winter Resident Family Pass (9 months)	\$72.00
Winter Non-Resident Family Pass	108.00
Group Rental Fee (Swimming Teams, School Classes, Special Events)	27.50/hr.

One other aspect of financing this facility should be discussed, that is, what effect will the issuing of \$650,000 in bonds have upon the City's future bonding capabilities? The City Charter prohibits the City from issuing bonds in excess of 10% of its assessed valuation. At present, 10% of the City's assessed valuation is approximately \$6,000,000. By adding this additional \$650,000 to the City's existing obligation the total bonded indebtedness would be approximately \$1,813,000 or 30% of the City's current bonded debt limitation. Of course, future development within the City will expand the City's tax base and thereby increase the permissible amount of bonded debt.

When the City issues bonds, it must, of course, pay interest for the use of the money. Therefore, if these bonds are approved, the City will have to pay back both principal and interest. What the total cost for this bond issue will be is dependent upon how quickly we pay off the bonds and the interest rate at which the bonds are sold. Based upon the current condition of the bond market we estimate the total interest cost over a 20-year period to be about \$350,000. Thus, the City will be obliged to pay back over a 20-year period about \$1,000,000 for the privilege of borrowing \$650,000.

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