

Boyne Planners approve site for Little Caesars

With at least seven other restaurants selling and serving pizza, Boyne City Planners approved a request for a building that will house a new Little Caesars franchise that hopes to be open by ski season.

The planners, in a special meeting Monday night, went through a site plan review for John DiMartino, the owner of a piece of property between the Sportsfisherman and the Lake Street Plaza.

Plans call for the construction of three stores, each 25 feet by 75

feet on the lot. One of the stores will be rented to Little Caesars.

The stores will be constructed in phases, DiMartino told the planners, with the first to start immediately after all approvals are in hand. He said the other two stores will be constructed as they can find leasees.

In reviewing the plans, the board heard of no objections from other pizza restaurant owners, but did make the developer add several restrictions to the site plan before making their approval.

They heard a report on the

variance granted to the project by the Zoning Board of Appeals last Thursday, which will allow the building to be constructed with side and front setbacks of only eight and 12 feet. The ZBA also suggested the planners look at seven criteria before they were to make a decision.

The seven dealt with the position of the dumpster, only because of complaints about another nearby dumpster, the addition of a sidewalk in front of the stores, the snow removal area, having a loading area designated,

the addition of a green belt, driveway turn radiuses and signage for the project.

In each case, the planners were given answers to all the questions raised by DiMartino and by Roger Skiba, the holder of the Little Caesars franchise.

The plan showed 18 parking spaces, one more than what was required, but new parking lot plans are being redrawn to show additional parking.

DiMartino said he was willing to comply with all requests of the planners. He told board members

where the snow would be put in the winter, how the nearby duck pond would be protected from snow piling, where a free standing sign would be installed and agreed to remove trash at a sufficient frequency so as not to cause a nuisance in the area.

Specific details on signage for the first building will come before the planners at their third Monday meeting in September.

DiMartino was told he would have to direct any outside lighting away from the mobile home park behind the proposed project, and

have the entire building completed before 1994.

When asked about the amount of competition for another pizza restaurant, franchise owner Skiba said, "We want to come into an area where we know people are eating pizza." He didn't think the additional competition would create problems for any of the other businesses noting that several have come to his town, Petoskey, recently.

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City officials prefer joining Charlevoix County plan, object to intrusion

Commissioners say no to Antrim County 9-1-1

Boyne City is going to tell the Antrim County Commissioners they do not want to participate in the Antrim County 9-1-1 plan after discussing the possibility after learning the plan included those who live within the 582 phone system.

Antrim County wanted to include those numbers, as well as the 536 and 549 exchanges from East Jordan and Boyne Falls, so they could provide the emergency service coverage for their whole county. Some of the exchanges goes into the Antrim County due to the way the phone exchanges franchises were set up years ago.

At the same time, Charlevoix County is also considering a 9-1-1

service for county residents and has been working on a plan that would include Emmet County residents also.

Part of the problems for the setting up of an emergency service like 9-1-1 phone system is that the company offering the service said that it is not cost effective if only a small number of phone lines are considered. If that is the case, the county would have to fund a larger portion of the costs which usually is spread throughout the service area by being added to resident and business phone bills.

While Charlevoix County is exploring the development of a 9-1-1 plan, officials said it is too soon to know what costs would be in-

involved. If the plan were enacted today, it would cost about 46 cents per month added to the phone bill. If the city opted to join the Antrim County 9-1-1 officials said it would cost area 582 exchange residents about three to five cents on top of the 46 cent cost.

According to Boyne City Fire Chief Nord Schroeder, joining the Antrim County plan would do the city residents little good. He also said the plan probably would not help those who live in the township which are covered by the Boyne City Fire Department.

Boyne Police Chief Randy Howard agreed and asked the commissioners to not join in with

the Antrim plan as there would be no participating agency that could field the phone calls within the county. He also said that while Boyne City has a 24 hour manning of a dispatch office, he did not want to see the city become a participating agency because of the additional costs that would be involved.

County Planner Larry Sullivan said the costs for labor are the most expensive part of a 9-1-1 system. He figured out for the County Commissioners studying such a system the labor alone may run as much as \$500,000 per year.

Boyne City Commissioner Sandra Stanley read a prepared statement to the rest of the Commissioners saying that while almost everyone agrees with the idea of having a 9-1-1 plan, she objected to another county trying to "grab" our phone exchanges which would reflect about one-half of the county phone lines. Phone lines

that could be used if and when the county decides to go into a 9-1-1 system.

Hearing all of the objections, the Commissioners then approved a resolution which would hopefully keep the 582 exchange from participating in the Antrim County plan.

Officials said that the resolution may just become a political statement according to the telephone company, but other officials have refused that idea.

In the meantime, county officials are continuing to work on plans of their own and are meeting with Antrim County officials on Thursday.

In other business, the city was informed that the lamprey study has been completed and residents are asked to stay out of the Boyne River until Thursday as the federal authorities intend on spraying chemicals into the river to kill off lamprey which have hat-

ched. It will take about 24 hours for the chemicals to move through the water down river to the mouth. They are also planning on spraying in the lake near the river mouth where silt has built up over the past few years.

The city moved one step closer to banning open burning of leaves, shrubs and trash or any outside burning after a public hearing about a new ordinance the city intends on creating.

The ban on burning would not affect those with campfires or fire pits that are used on an infrequent basis.

Some burning will be permitted and must have a burning permit from the City as well as meet several criteria.

The ordinance would take effect immediately after the second reading which will be held at the monthly Tuesday evening meeting since it deals with the public health and welfare.

News Briefs

Because of Labor Day next Monday, offices of the Charlevoix County Press will be closed in order to allow our employees to have a vacation day. That means that deadlines for advertising and news articles must be submitted by Friday, August 30th at 5 p.m. in order to be placed in the following weeks' publication. If you have any questions or desire assistance on placing an advertising message, please call 582-6761.

With schools opening up for the fall next Tuesday, drivers should be aware there may be little children gathering along roadsides while they wait for school busses to take them to classes. Drive cautiously on major roads and highways, and watch out for school busses.

Governor John Engler is making good on a promise he made last spring when he visited County Republicans at the Lincoln Day Dinner. He was invited to visit beautiful Beaver Island by islanders and he accepted the invitation. Engler was told he could even drive his Oldsmobile over to the island but on this trip, the Governor will be flying in to spend most of the day Thursday visiting. Engler is the first governor since Soapy Williams to visit the island according to John Haggard.

This weekend marks the first hot rod and custom car show in Boyne City. Several of cars shown or on display will be one-of-a-kind creations. The show will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Park in downtown Boyne City. Also coming to visit for the weekend will be the annual Red Fox Regatta. The boats participating, depending on the wind, should start arriving in Boyne City from Charlevoix about 4 p.m. Then on Sunday they will race back to Charlevoix with crews setting sails shortly after 9 a.m.

If you are looking for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, go to the Van Dam Harborage Marina where members of the Boyne City Ski Team will be providing pancakes sausage and juice, all for the price of a donation into an old ski boot. The fundraiser in the past has provided racing suits and coats for the team as they continue their quest for a state trophy. The breakfast starts at 7 a.m. and continues until about 11:00 a.m. rain or shine.

Area school busses ready to roll

School Busses throughout Charlevoix County have had their final tune-ups, the drivers trained and will be ready to roll next Tuesday as area schools get underway for the fall.

In Boyne City, students will find a slightly earlier school day as they head into their first day of school. Starting with a full day of learning, the district will be starting off at 8:25 a.m. instead of 8:30 as it had in the past. Students will be dismissed at 2:55 p.m. for the high school, and at 3:05 for the Elementary students.

School busses for the district will be running their regular schedule which was posted in the school newsletter that went out to homeowners last week.

Upon arrival, class lists will be posted at the elementary school on doors to the classrooms by the teachers. Parents may want to ride the school bus to help teach the children which bus to ride each day.

In East Jordan, the first day of school, next Tuesday, will see the students arriving at their schools for a half day of afternoon session. Busses will start picking up students between 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Routes for the busses are in the school newsletter.

Afternoon kindergarten students should report Sept. 3 and morning students Sept. 4. Again lists for each class will be posted at the elementary school for incoming students on the doors facing Garfield Street.

At Boyne Falls, students will also have a half day of classes Tuesday. Students should report to their homeroom when they arrive at school. Classes will begin at 8:50 a.m. and will be dismissed at 12:20 p.m. No lunch will be served on the first day.

East Jordan adds computers to Voc-Ed program, offices

East Jordan is continuing to add to their computer collection as they want to bring students into the real world. They approved two bids last week in a special meeting held last Wednesday.

The first bid, from Entre Computers of Lansing for \$21,000 will be used to upgrade the entire Business Administration's computer system. It will add a file server at the high school and five additional terminals/workstations. Entre was the original system supplier and the board based their acceptance of the bid on the outstanding service the district has gotten from the company.

The other computer bid went to NuWay Computers of Gaylord in the amount of \$5,033 to provide two computers, printers and CD Rom support for use in the Vocational Welding and Auto Mechanics programs. Students will be utilizing the computers to locate service information, develop work orders, conduct inventory exercises and more in order to train students in that career area.

Board members then decided to change the phone systems to a Centrex type of system within the school district. It was determined the district would be saving about \$120 a month after the changeover as the phone calls between buildings and the monthly charges would be more than that amount. The district figures the new system will pay for itself in less than a year.

They appointed Gwen Catt to

the position of Elementary Exploratory teacher. She was selected from a field of 110 applicants for the four hour daily position.

They position will allow the regular opportunity through the schools' "Special Rotation of Art, Music and Physical Education," to get children to practice upper level thinking skills in a variety of sub-

ject areas.

Also appointed was Linda Spence to the position of Clerk-Typist in the K-8 building.

The board approved changes in the student manuals for the school year following the recommendations of the school principals, handbook, committees, teachers and others in the administration.

Boyne River clean-up very successful

Just by looking at the Boyne River, you may not notice that the water is flowing a little faster, a little cleaner and looks a whole lot better after the Boyne Area Jaycees and other volunteers spent last Saturday morning working to clean up some of the trash and junk that has been thrown into the river over the years.

According to Brian Smith, one of the coordinators of the cleanup, the volunteers removed several large items, like a refrigerator, a couple of gas ranges, a grocery cart, dozens of old tires, bottles and other trash. They even removed a former snowmobile frame from one part of the river.

About 80 people were involved including help from Cub Scouts and their parents.

"We had a lot of fun, got wet but that was all part of it," said Smith. City Manager Randy Frykberg

drove a city truck back and forth to the dumpster provided by Waste Management.

The volunteers filled a ten yard dumpster.

This could become an ongoing project of the Jaycees, Smith added. Although the amount of materials to be taken from the river may be less than the first years take.

The volunteers broke into two groups after meeting at the Station House Restaurant Saturday morning, one went to the area around the Dam Road to float down the river picking up trash, while the others started at the mouth and worked up river. The two teams met at the former mill pond.

Some volunteers are going to complete the project by removing some fish line that was left in the river near the dam in the next few days.

Opinions

More study needed

First, almost everyone agrees that having a 9-1-1 emergency system would be a nice addition to local and county services.

But while Charlevoix County is exploring a 9-1-1 emergency phone service, and Antrim County has almost agreed to a 9-1-1 plan, certain questions arise that should be answered by all parties before it is foisted on the general public hopefully, with a vote of the people.

The issue of having a 9-1-1 phone system is fine, if we were part of a large enough area like a metropolitan city, with a higher density of housing so that the costs could be absorbed easier by the residents who will be forced to pay for the system.

Right now, Boyne City maintains a full time dispatching center for police, fire and ambulance. They are doing a great job already.

East Jordan may be another matter as they connect up with the County Sheriff after hours, but the reality of the plan is that someone is going to have to pay for extra services Boyne City and East Jordan residents may not need or want.

Part of the problem comes from Boyne City, East Jordan and Boyne Falls phone numbers which overlap county lines. Certain residents don't like the idea that an emergency phone call would go to Antrim County and then have to be returned back to Boyne City so an ambulance could be dispatched. Others think it would be a great help.

In all cases, residents from an area like Bay Township with a 582 exchange phone number would get their emergency call answered in Bellaire. It is an all or nothing type of service based on the exchange code.

Still others say that the extra charge on the phone bill is just another way to make the phone company richer, or it is a hidden tax.

Phone company officials estimate the cost to be about 46 cents a month that would be added to phone bills, or \$5.52 per year.

Perhaps we are still in rural an area to be able to afford a "big city" system like a 9-1-1.

In a few years perhaps, if the growth of the area meets or exceeds the forecasts, then we could move in the direction of a 9-1-1 system, but not today.

There are too many questions that have to be answered yet, and perhaps it is too soon to even worry about the added load on the phone bills or on county taxes that help pay for such a system.

We do feel the matter should be thoroughly studied so we all can determine the additional costs.

Letters

Poem for former educator

Editor,
This poem ran in last week's paper and there are a few corrections. Originally this poem was published back in the early 40s in the Random Shot column of the Detroit News. I thought it was applicable as a Memoriam for Jim Sturdevant. This poem is part of a collection and I didn't want it to be miss quoted.

Connie Fraley

April Fiddler
There he stands the beggar
where the white light glows in the lane,
and I bow me down to his shining
eyes as he fiddles to me in the rain.
He's taken the aspen's shiver,
and slivered it down to the bone
to the very core of its silver ore
and polished it on a stone.

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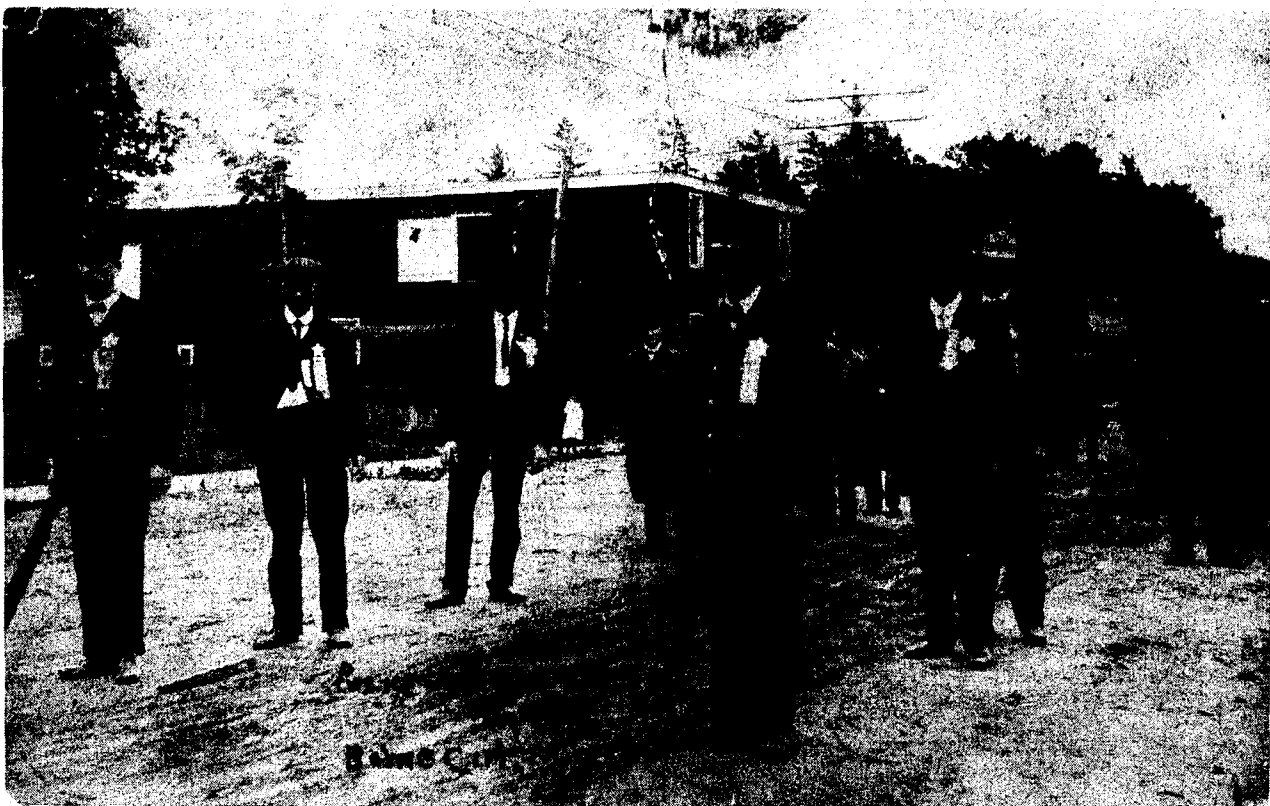
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Remembrances



Members of the Boyne City Police Department line up prior to the start of the annual Boyne City Labor Day Parade back about the turn of the century. Notice that Lake Street was not paved and that not all of the officers wore uniforms. It seems that the members of the force back then had a lot more to deal with as the

population of the community was over 10,000 at the time with several lumber mills, a chemical plant, a pig iron plant and a tannery. In between the plants were dozens of bars, saloons and billiard halls.

Jottings

BY JIM SILBAR

Why is Baby's Breath, the flower, called Baby's Breath? Is it because it really does have a smell like a baby's breath? Of course you have to have wild baby's breath and bring it inside to really find out about the smell. To me, it smells like a baby who decided to recycle his food from the front end.

That is what I found out last year after bringing some wild stuff home to allow it to dry out. The only mistake I made was bringing it into the house. It took a couple of days with all the windows and doors open to air the place out.

Or, why do tomatoes only ripen on the bottom half of the fruit today, and make you wait for several more days before you can pick it for good eating?

With summer winding down, these are the type of questions you finally get some time to think about. Not that any answer would be better or worse, just time to think.

"But that is the way it is here in the north country," the retired engineer said last week, "You folks who are working get too busy to wonder about the great things

that require wondering about."

I guess that's what makes me so envious of all those retired folks who are moving and living up in these parts of the world. They get the time to ponder questions like the above and others like it all day long if they want.

But in most cases, those who are retired are telling me they are usually busier than before they retired.

It seems to be a common problem and the answer to it is just like drugs. Learn to say no.

If you want to continue to smell the roses, then you have to make time to do it, they say. That means to me that you just have to say no to all those projects people want you to become involved with since you are "now retired."

Of course I am not referring to the "Honey Do" list that has built up over the years, that will have to get done as a first priority. Especially at my house if I ever retired.

But, like most of us, there is a real problem of saying no. We just don't want to offend anyone by saying we can't do this or that.

All of a sudden, those of us who had all the guts in the world to say no when they were involved with a business, cannot do the same in retirement.

If you know who I am talking about, then you had better slow down yourself. You all know who I mean, and it starts by looking at yourself.

We get too involved with all of the projects we would like to see happen.

I have seen it happen to me, but I always followed the suggestion that if you give a busy person a job, he or she will do it. They can always find the time.

Me, I ran out of time a couple of

years ago, so now I am real careful what I let myself get involved with.

The only real charitable job I am forced to do is pick the beans, and in a few years, I don't think my back will allow me to bend over too much. I will probably have to hire some youngster to pick the beans.

Or else tell the person who planted them that two rows are enough, we really don't need six.

It seems like this year the beans were almost as numerous as zucchini. Thank God I only have one or two plants of those.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Thursday, September 19, 1991 - 5:05 p.m.
COMMISSION CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

Pursuant to rules and regulations as set by the Boyne City Zoning Ordinance concerning the granting of variances the Boyne City Zoning Board of Appeals has scheduled two Public Hearings for Thursday, September 19, 1991 at 5:05 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 319 N. Lake Street, to consider the following variance requests:

1. Mr. Ronald Wright, 700 E. Shadow Trails Road, Boyne City, is requesting a front yard variance of 7 feet rather than the required 20 feet because of the configuration of his lake front property at 549 Bay Street. This was the Bickus home which burned down a couple of years ago. Mr. Wright will remove the old foundation and completely construct a new home. The 7 foot setback is for a two car garage attached to the house. It is located east of the Pollack resident (see memo and survey of property.) Property tax code No. 15-051-171-009-10.

2. Mr. and Mrs. Forest Wortman, 618 S. Lake Street, Boyne City, are requesting several variances.

a. Variance on front yard setback of 17.54 feet instead of the required 20 foot for the purpose of building a garage and deck on S. Lake Street.

b. Variance on rear yard setback of 2.34 feet instead of the required 25 feet for the purpose of building a deck and sunroom on Maple Street.

c. Variance on rear yard setback of 10 feet instead of required 25 foot for the purpose of building a veranda facing both Maple Street and S. Lake Street. Property tax code 15-051-468-245-50.

The pie shaped lot makes it difficult to build anything there and/or make any alterations or additions. The present house has only a setback of 2.34 feet to the property line on Maple Street. See enclosed memo and survey.

More details and a location map of the lot in question is available for review at the City Clerk's Office. Every property owner situated within 300 feet of this area is being notified via the U.S. Mail of the Public Hearings.

All interested persons are invited to attend the Public Hearings and participate in the discussion for or against the granting of these variances. Additional information is available at the City Hall during regular business hours or call (616) 582-6597.

Thomas Garlock, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BOYNE CITY PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1991 - 5:00 P.M.
COMMISSION CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

A Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Public Hearing will be held at the Boyne City Planning Advisory Board Meeting of Monday, September 16, 1991 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712 to consider the following request:

1. A request from Mr. J. Darrel Blackburn, owner of Unit No. 3 on Maple Shore Condominium Association property, located in North Boyne at the corner of West Michigan Avenue and John Streets, tax codes 15-051-191-001-00 thru 15-051-191-001-99, to expand and build a fireplace of 12 sq. ft. in the common element, making his allowable 250 sq. ft. expansion a total of 204 sq. ft. (A 250 sq. ft. expansion was authorized in 1984.)

Also at this same meeting, Blackburn is petitioning for permission to build a 763 sq. ft. second story to his Unit No. 3 under conditions of Article VIII of the Zoning Ordinance for non-conforming pre-existing uses of structures and Section 8.70 (15.927) which establishes that Public Hearings must be held to grant such approvals. (Conditional Use Hearing.)

2. The first Public Hearing shall be held Monday, September 16, 1991 at 5:00 p.m. by the Planning Advisory Board in the Commission Chambers. If approved...

3. The second Public Hearing shall be held Tuesday, September 17, 1991 at 12:00 Noon by the City Commission in the Office of the City Manager. If approved...

4. The third and final Public Hearing shall be held Monday, October 21, 1991 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

For further information on both the Site Plan and Conditional Use request for Mr. Blackburn, contact the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Phone (616) 582-6597.

Thomas Garlock, City Clerk

