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POOL COMMITTEE SUBMITS REPORT

(Editor's note: Due to limited space, the Pool Study Committee Report can not be published verbatim. The following is a condensed version.)

The Scotch Plains Municipal Pool Study Committee Report has been presented to the Township Committee. Those participating on this committee were William D. Mason, Chairman; Milton Sevak, Raymond Schnitzer, Mrs. Mary Fusco, Robert Haug, Mrs. Virginia Dekle, Albert Jackson, Mrs. Mary Cirioli, and Donald Clapp.

Some of the concepts and facts affecting the findings were a 20% figure of 5,500 family units, or 1,000 could be expected to join such a pool, and pool financing should not be part of normal property tax. The Municipality would provide the necessary land and financing should be repaid over 10 years.

Four land sites were considered and Brookside

Park was deemed the best site because of terrain, park-potential, noise level control, accessibility, size of property, central location and a water drainage. This would require a new ball field.

Other considerations studied were pool construction methods, i.e. Gunite, Sylvan Method and Steel. Seamless construction was considered best. The report stated that there are 224 private pools in Scotch Plains, including 41 new pools in 1964, and an estimated 300 families belong to private swim clubs.

Costs of construction was given as:

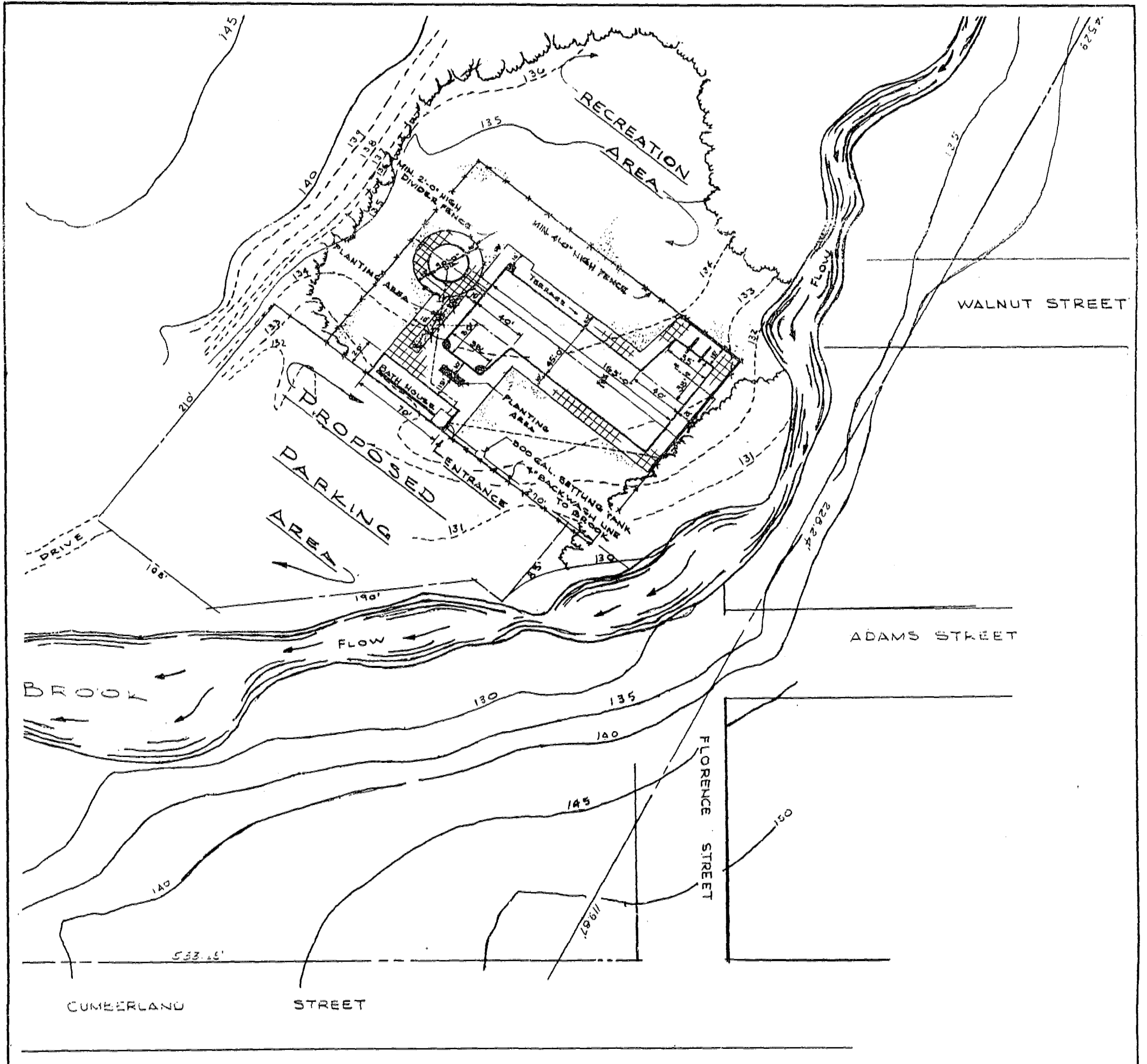
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| Attorney Fees - Review all contracts 3-4% | \$ 6,000 |
| Engineer and architect fees 7-8% | 14,000 |
| Pool Contractor - 11,000 Sq. Ft. for 1,000 families | 99,000 |
| Bath house facility and snack bar | 47,000 |
| Plumbing Contractor | 8,500 |
| Electrical Contractor | 4,000 |

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| Landscaping | 4,800 |
| Fencing (6' high) | 5,000 |
| Filtration and pump house | 2,500 |
| Picnic tables and furniture and games area | 3,000 |
| Enlarged and resurfaced parking area | 15,000 |
| TOTAL: | \$225,000 |

Anticipated annual revenues, dues for 1,000 families, \$60,000; guest fees, \$1,000; snack bar \$5,000, or \$66,000 annually. Cost of annual operation, figured at \$2.00 per square foot of pool area include staff salaries, water, electricity, chemicals, maintenance and insurance, total \$22,000, leaving an estimated annual surplus for Debt Retirement of \$44,000.

The pros and cons of fund raising by floating municipal bonds for total construction cost vs. individual bond subscription is outlined in the report.

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DRAWING OF THE PROPOSED POOL AT BROOKSIDE PARK