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Pri In Vote Minimal Communities

Prim on Tuesday, June 4 went virtually unnoticed by the vast majority of Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents. In Fanwood, less than seven percent of the registered voters went to the polls, while in Scotch Plains barely over eight percent straggled in.

There were very few contests on the ballots locally. In Scotch Plains, an Independent Republican, Thomas Joffe, sought the nod, but gathered only 121 votes in contrast to the 500 or more tallied th the three candidates endorsed by the Republican party here.

The Vote

| Fanwood | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--|--|
| HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES | SHERIFF | FREEHOLDERS | BOROUGH COUNCIL | | |
| REPUBLICAN | | | | | |
| Rinaldo 227 | Novello 233 | Nilsen 243 | Coulter 247 | | |
| | | Sinnott 241 | Coronella 246 | | |
| | | Doherty 241 | McCarthy 249 | | |
| DEMOCRAT | | | | | |
| | Oriscello 117 | Mollozzi 103 | Arnold 125 | | |
| | | Boright 106 | Buchwald 121 | | |
| | | McCloud 115 | Ryan 125 | | |
| Scotch Plains | | | | | |
| REPUBLICAN | | | | | |
| Rinaldo 551 | | | Augustine 544 | | |
| | | | Dobyns 514 | | |
| | | | Katims 507 | | |
| | | | Joffe 121 | | |
| DEMOCRAT | | | | | |
| Levin 310 | Mollozzi 291 | Griffin 338 | | | |
| | Boright 307 | Mustal 336 | | | |
| | McCloud 305 | Wodjenski 339 | | | |
| | Pike 63 | | | | |
| | Ladato 55 | | | | |
| | Young 37 | | | | |

Legal Questions Are Listening Post Highlights

Legal questions ranging from the status of the School Budget dispute to Board of Adjustment procedures to discounts on tax payments highlighted the June Listening Post last Saturday at Scotch Plains Town Hall.

With all the legal points being raised happily Listening Post regulars Councilmen Alan Augustine and Lawrence Newcomb were assisted by Township Attorney James Walsh and Mrs. Shirley Capone from the Managers Office. Besides the legal points, other questions raised at the session involved flooding and storm drainage, parking of construction equipment, and safety of vacant buildings.

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Council Votes Change In Zoning Ordinance

New Chairman



DR. FRANK BESSON

Dr. Frank Besson of Highlander Drive was unanimously elected Chairman of the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission at Monday's public meeting held at the Towne House at Green Forest Park. Dr. Besson has chaired the Greens Committee of the Scotch Hills Golf Course and has also chaired the Personnel Committee. Dr. Besson is a former All State Basketball player from Seton Hall and his undergraduate studies at Seton Hall University and his graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry and the Division of Advanced Dental Education for his certification in Orthodontics.

In addition to being a member of the Recreation Commission, Dr. Besson is Vice President of the Plainfield Dental Society. He resides in Scotch Plains with his wife, Mary Ann, and three children, Frank age 7, Lisa age 4 and Lorissa age 3. Mrs. Mary Cirilli was unanimously elected Vice Chairman and appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee. David L. Johnson will be the Facilities Committee Chairman. Michael Mastaglio is the New Recreation Personnel. New Recreation Commissioners, Dominick Lawrence and Andrew Meadows, were named to the Finance, Program and Equity Committees.

Deadline Nears For Bicycle Inspections

Fanwood cyclists of all ages and sizes have but two chances left to get their bikes inspected and licensed before the June 30 deadline. After that date, any resident operating a bike with a 20-inch or larger wheel frame must have a license tag or be subject to fines under the new Fanwood bicycle ordinance.

To date, the Police Department, assisted by PTA, Optimists, police reserves, and the new Borough Safety Council, have spent three Saturdays on inspections at various locations in the borough. The last was held on May 28 at LaGrande School and behind Borough Hall. A total of 1,098 bikes have been registered here to date - 71 at the recent LaGrande School inspection site

Would Return Section Of South Ave. To Residential

The Fanwood Borough Council has voted unanimously to amend the pending zoning ordinance to return a portion of South Avenue to the residential zone. The action was taken during a special meeting of the Council called for the purpose of further public input on the zoning ordinance. The lengthy ordinance, which has been under preparation by the Planning Board for several years, still awaits final action. Public hearing will continue during the next public meeting of the Council on Wednesday, June 5.

Under the amendment, the section of South Avenue from the corner of First Street to LaGrande School would return to residential zoning. Under Planning Board recommendations, that area would have been rezoned General Commercial. The short distance of South Avenue brought forth the only extensive public reaction to the ordinance as it now stands. Residents of First Street have been vocal in their concern that rezoning the portion of South for commercial would eventually threaten the residential character of adjacent residential neighborhoods.

At other public hearings, a few citizens have reacted negatively to any further commercial development in Fanwood. Although restoring the residential character of the Council to status, he feels there are additional businesses Fanwood residents would want. Swindlehurst was asked by Mayor Ted Trumpp for his knowledge of cases before the Board of Adjustment in recent years which would indicate a need for more commercial zoning.

Swindlehurst cited a rumor of a desire to convert a home next to the Post Office to an office building, conversion of a plumbing store at Central Crossing to Charles Clark realtors, a request for a nursery school, and a request for residential development in the commercially zoned property next to the Walker building, a large office building.

As amended, the zoning ordinance would now not fully reflect the Master Plan, adopted two years ago, since the Master Plan had provided for commercial development in the five-home area of South Avenue under discussion.

The question of the future of LaGrande School was introduced during the hearing, with Councilmen questioning whether there was any truth to suggestions that the school's future might be short-lived. During a recent Board of Education meeting when it was announced that 30 teachers had been alerted that their jobs could be endangered due to a budget cut, one board member had raised the possibility that the closing of one elementary school could be the simplest way to reflect 30 less teaching jobs. Superintendent of Schools Fred Laberge had acknowledged that the situation could be one possibility, but he did not forecast the closing of the school. Therefore, the Borough Council members decided to conduct their discussions of the LaGrande - South Avenue area with the school considered as a present and positive force in the neighborhood.

However, several Councilmen saw it differently. Councilman Charles Coronella foresees some adverse results to change. Not only would First Street and eventually LaGrande Avenue no longer retain their neighborhood character, but there would be increasing risk to children passing the commercial area going to school daily, he felt.

Councilman Robert McCarthy said the homes now existing in

According to Lt. Anthony Parenti of the Police Department, this total is disappointing in light of the number of bikes in the community. The cyclists are still way behind in getting to the bike checks. The next two dates are June 8 at LaGrande School parking lot and June 15 at Borough Hall - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days.