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Public hearings were held last Thursday evening by the Fanwood Board of Adjustment on five new applications including one that was postponed midway until further information could be presented next month. A resolution acknowledging the board's verdict in a February 15 case was also memorialized during the meeting.

The one controversial application, which was ultimately approved with a 4-3 vote following nearly an hour-long hearing, concerned a petition by David W. DePaul of 72 Forest Road to build a two-car detached garage on his property. Mr. DePaul faced opposition from several neighbors who felt the proposed structure would block sunlight and compromise general quality of life.

Mr. DePaul required a variance because the initially proposed height of 22 feet was in violation of the 15-foot minimum permitted under local ordinance, and because the proposed five-foot, side-yard distance conflicted with the permitted 10 feet. He explained he hoped to convert his existing garage into additional living space.

The applicant, who later voluntarily reduced the proposed height of the garage back to 15 feet, stated the planned location of the structure would provide the

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easiest access in and out of his driveway, the most functional use of his backyard and uniform design to the overall property. Mr. DePaul said he planned to landscape the areas with evergreen to complement an existing row of hedges.

"We will do everything we can to make things more amenable on the other side of the fence," he remarked.

Architect Michael D. Giambalvo of 79 Pleasant Avenue, who designed the proposed structure, testified this client planned to put gutters on the roof of the garage to cause storm water to run off into the driveway. The applicant also received support from Christopher Monahan of 81 Madison Avenue, whom he has known for 30 years, who said Mr. DePaul "had always maintained his property nicely" and predicts the new structure "would be visually appealing from the street."

Opposing neighbors, however, were not convinced the 20-foot by 24-foot structure would be a positive addition to the vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. David Devlin of 76 Forest Road each testified against the application. Mr. Devlin argued that Mr. DePaul had other options for expanding the living quarters of his home other than "shoehorning this garage into his backyard."

Mr. Devlin further maintained the proposed side-yard

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FARMERS MARKET TO BEGIN SATURDAY, JUNE 1 Scotch Plains Council Retains Attorney to Defend Zoning Unit In Parker Greenhouses Lawsuit

Freddie Spencer Bicycle Race Set for May 19; John Shippen Golf Event Is Slated for May 28

By GLENN R. KAPLINSKY
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The Scotch Plains Council was conducted by DECA students, an association of marketing students from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

The students are part of the high school's "Youth in Government Program." Donald Cababe, the students' advisor, was also in attendance. Mr. Cababe is a marketing teacher at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. The students and the roles of their adult counterparts which they played are as follows:

Jeffrey Gander, Mayor Alan M. Augustine; Sean McEneely, Councilwoman Mrs. Joan Papen; Anthony

Adinolfi, Councilwoman Mrs. Irene T. Schmidt; Kris Kurek, Councilman William F. McClintock; Courtney Pearson, Councilman Robert E. Johnston; Ted Gicas, Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins; Hope Valera, Township Clerk Mrs. Barbara Riepe, and Marc Jacobs, Township Attorney Donald T. DiFrancesco. The students also attended last Tuesday's council conference meeting.

Mayor Augustine called the annual meeting with the DECA students, "One of the highlights of the year."

Mayor Augustine termed this group of DECA students "one of the best groups we have ever had, if not the best."

The meeting started with each student telling the audience a little about him or herself. All have part-time jobs which they obtained by way of the DECA program.

In council business, an ordinance was adopted pertaining to vicious dogs. If anyone is found to be harboring a dog classified as "vicious," that person will be subject to a \$700 licensing fee. Violators will be subject to fines of between \$25 to \$500.

Among the resolutions introduced was one to retain the services of Elizabeth attorney Anthony Rinaldo to defend the Board of Adjustment in the matter of Parker Greenhouses versus the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment. Mr. Rinaldo will be paid a sum not to exceed \$1,000.

Two additional resolutions were passed honoring newly minted Eagle Scouts Joshua Grisi and Anthony Granda. The scouts were present along with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grisi and Mr. and Mrs. William Granda.

The Mayor said that both were "fine young men." Councilman William F. McClintock, Jr., noted the 30 merit badges on Anthony's shirt and pointed out it requires "a lot of work and many hours to obtain just one merit badge."

Joshua's Eagle Scout project, which was completed in June of last year, consisted of organizing and supervising a men's recreation program at the former Meridian Nursing Home in Westfield, now called the Westfield Center, Genesis Elder Care Network.

He and several other Boy Scouts from Troop No. 111 met with male patients of the nursing home several

times a week from January through June, 1995, setting up arts and crafts, games, "thought talks" and other socialization activities.

Andrew's project, which expended a total of 298 hours of work by adults and other scouts, was the restoration of the trail which leads to a Revolutionary War period cemetery in the Deserter Village of Feltville in the Watchung Reservation.

The project included filling in and leveling the badly eroded trail and covering it with gravel topping so that it may welcome its many visitors with pride.

Mayor Augustine encouraged both Eagle Scouts "to continue to set an example for youth and adults throughout their lives."

Sean delivered a special report on the Easter Egg Hunt which will take place this Saturday, March 30, on the Village Green commencing at 10 a.m. The event is being sponsored by the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Alliance.

The Alliance will also oversee the installation of 65 oak barrel planters along Park Avenue, Westfield Avenue and East Second Street.

Sean went on to say the annual Freddie Spencer Memorial Bike Race will be held on Sunday, May 19. This year's race will see the start of a new race classification, that of "women's elite."

Anthony Adinolfi mentioned this year's John Shippen Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, May 28, at Shackamaxon Country Club. This year will mark the 100 anniversary of Mr. Shippen's 1896 United States Open appearance. Mr. Shippen was the first black golf professional. He was the professional golfer at the then Shady Rest Country Club, now Scotch Hills Country Club, for 30 years.

Courtney Pearson announced the dedication of the recently completed Senior Citizens Housing project at Old Lake Avenue and the Martine Avenue extension will occur on Saturday, April 20, the project has been 10 years in the planning.

All 110 one- and two-bedroom units were fully occupied as of December. Residents began moving in September, officials said.

Two special use permits were ap-

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YMCA Officials Reviewing Options to Reduce Noise From Heating, Air Conditioning Unit

Neighbor's Attorney Indicates Cyclone Fencing, Perforated Panels Are Unacceptable

By AUDREY KAPLINSKY
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The Scotch Plains Zoning Board of Adjustment dealt with the application of Mobil Oil Corporation, located on Route No. 22 and Park Avenue, as well as the application of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, located at 1340 Martine Avenue, at its March 21 meeting.

Attorney David S. Hodulik of Moorestown, representing Mobil, explained a revised site plan would show a diesel dispenser with a 25-foot setback. He noted the original site plan shows the dispenser listed as 21.1 feet from the property line.

Stanley J. Werchinsky, Jr., the planner for the applicant, explained a kiosk will be installed at the Mobil station. The dimensions of this structure will be four feet by seven feet.

Its purpose is to be a shelter for gasoline attendants. The location of the kiosk would be the southerly center of the existing pump area, the planner explained.

In addition, the revised plan will include a stop sign as well as a do not enter sign by the exit. The revised plan is subject to the township engineer Dennis Harrington's conditions as well as construction official Robert LaCosta's approval.

In the next application, attorneys for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and its rear yard neighbors, Keith Douglas and Miss Lori

Kaufman of 5 Brandywine Court, informed the board they are trying to work out a mutually-acceptable plan regarding the noise from the YMCA's heating, ventilation and air conditioning units.

Robert H. Kraus, attorney for the YMCA, indicated a variety of options were reviewed and several were unacceptable.

A proposed suggestion that fencing material be placed on posts at the top of the YMCA building's roof. Smaller panels would cover the roof. The material would be of a solid nature and would blend with the existing materials of the building. In order to protect the roof, walk pads would be installed.

The covering structure would be high enough so the cones from the roof-mounted heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment would be shielded from view.

Mr. Kraus anticipated a design sketch would be available for Mr. Douglas' attorney, Miss Michele R. Donato, by Monday, April 15.

Mr. Kraus indicated if the plan was acceptable, it would be incorporated into the site plan. He further noted if no design sketch was available by April 15, the applicant would return to the board in May to get the situation resolved.

Miss Donato explained her client's property is directly behind the YMCA's heating, ventilating and air conditioning units. She noted the proposed structure, that would cover the unit, would have to have visual as well as acoustical benefits. Miss Donato indicated cyclone fencing or any metal material with holes or perforated panels was "not acceptable."

Miss Donato noted the structure covering the air conditioning, heating and ventilation unit must "blend in nicely."

Board member Thomas Perrucci suggested the structure be constructed in such a way that the materials were

overlapping, as opposed to "board on board." He further noted wood was a good sound absorber.

Another adjacent property owner to the YMCA, George Tomkin of 3 Brandywine Court, emphasized the need for an adequate buffer. He stated he also hoped the roof structure barrier covering the heating and air conditioning units blends in with the surrounding area, so he doesn't see it.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gilman of 1 Brandywine Court stated they have been fighting the proposal for the past three years.

In the past, there have been objections because the buffer was "inadequate" between the YMCA and adjacent property owners' lots, the couple explained.

Miss Donato concluded she was unable to come up with a suggestion of an appropriate material on such short notice.

She emphasized she would support the design of the structure covering the heating and air conditioning unit with the most benefit to the YMCA's neighbors. Miss Donato stated a "board on board" construction would be her last choice.

She also said the structure must have acoustical benefits as well as visually shielding the unit from her client's view.

Mr. Douglas noted his property is directly behind the unit and there is no buffer between his property and the YMCA. He stated there is constant noise from the heating and air conditioning unit.

Mr. Kraus indicated the objective is to use materials that provide acoustical benefits.

The hearing has tentatively been set to continue on Thursday, May 2.

Newly-appointed member Thurman Simmons officially attended his second board meeting. He has been a Scotch Plains resident for approximately 28 years.

He is the Republican Committeeman of the Scotch Plains Republican Committee. He is an active member of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission and is the Chairman of the John Shippen Golf Tournament Committee.

In previous years, he participated in the YMCA Fundraising Committee as well as the Memorial Day Parade Committee.

Mr. Simmons noted his two children, Thurman Simmons, Jr. and Miss Karen Simmons, were educated in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District.

Mr. Simmons said he felt it was important to get involved in the town-

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Future Business Leaders of America Chapter Cited as 'Outstanding' at State Conference

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Group Chosen Out of 171 Chapters at Annual Event

For the third year in a row, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America was named the Outstanding Chapter in New Jersey at the state group's annual conference held recently in Cherry Hill.

The group's advisor, Miss Fran DeSalvo was enthusiastic in her praise of her students and their accomplishments as she stated, "Previous chapter members have worked to set a very high standard for us, but this year's group was determined to

'three-peat' in the competition."

"This is a remarkable achievement, especially when you consider that 171 chapters participated in the conference and over 1,500 statewide members were in attendance," said Miss DeSalvo. Miss DeSalvo herself earned top honors as the Outstanding Chapter Advisor in New Jersey. She will join Scotch Plains-Fanwood student David Gewirtz, installed as the New Jersey North Central Vice President, on the Business Leaders Executive Board which will formulate plans for the group's statewide activities during the 1996-1997 school year.

The annual Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference is "designed to promote competent, aggressive business leadership, features workshops and competitive events for individuals, teams and chapters that are judged by business people and educators," a spokeswoman for the school district said. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood chapter was successful again this year.

In addition to the top chapter honors, the group received second-place honors for its Local Chapter Annual Business Report, a review of all chapter activities for this year, and first-place honors for local recruitment of new chapters.

David Lauro received a third-place award in the Impromptu Speaking event, a first-time achievement for a Scotch Plains-Fanwood student.

The Partnership with Business Project team of John Flynn, Paul Kobliska and David Lauro achieved third-place honors for their oral presentation prepared with the assistance of Chubb and Son employees, Mrs. Kathy Marvel and Miss Patty Shields.

The group's American Enterprise project, a career day featuring more than 20 local business and professional people visiting the local high school to discuss their work with

students, received a fourth-place award.

In the March of Dimes Award category, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School received third place for raising \$1,800 for that charity.

Individual awards were given to John Flynn, one of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Co-Presidents, named to *Who's Who in Future Business Leaders of America*; to Paul Kobliska, another Co-President, named "Gold Officer," and Peter Triplet, named "Gold Member."

Mrs. Marvel, coordinator for the Chubb business partnership program with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood business leaders chapter and a resident of Fanwood, was named the statewide Businesswoman of the Year. In addition, Major Eugene Pearson, advisor to the high school's Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps units, was named Local Professional of the Year.

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TIME TO SPRING AHEAD ON SUNDAY

"Know thou yesterday, its aim and reason?"

Work thou well today for worthier things?"

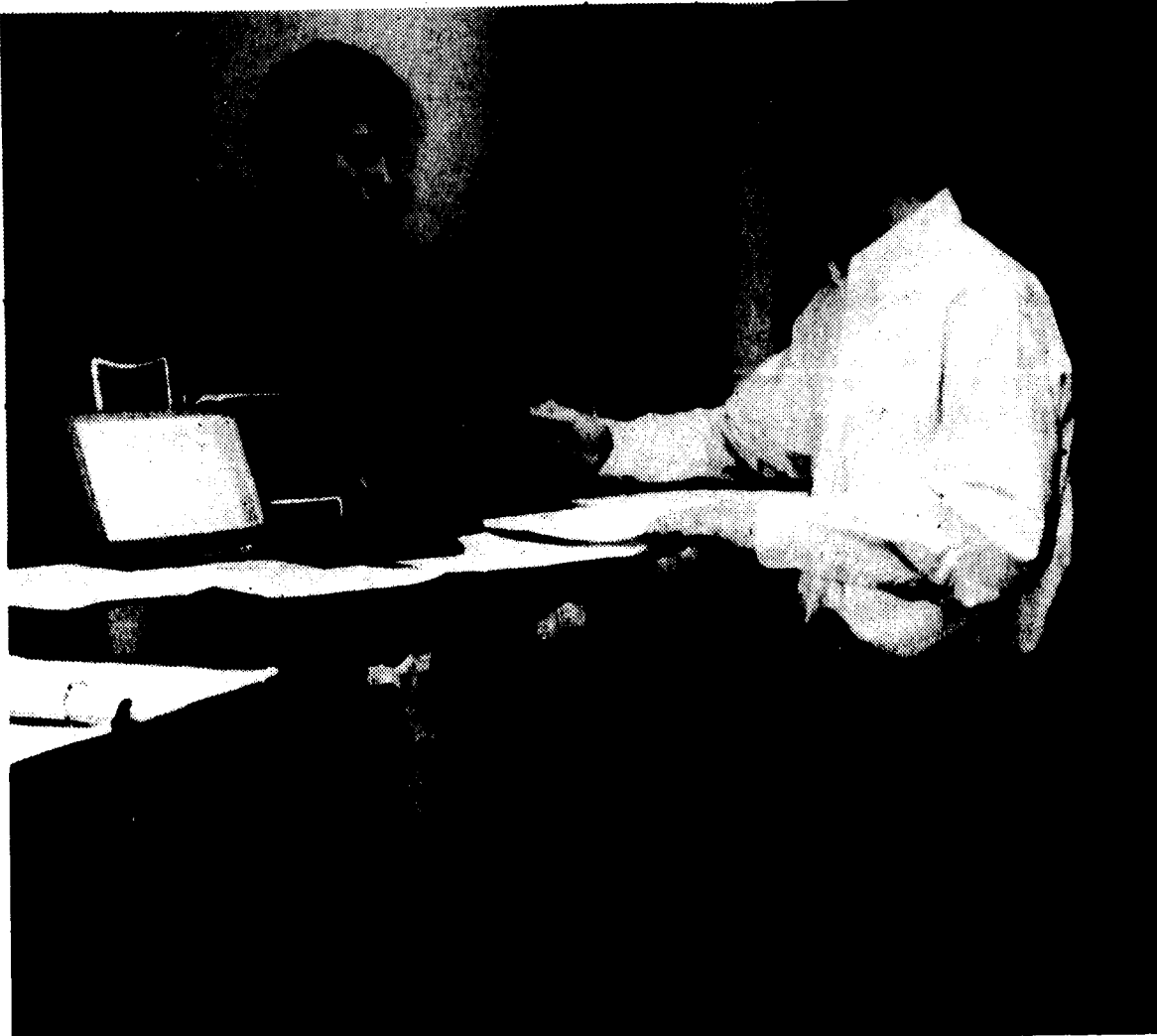
Then calmly wait the morrow's hidden season,

And fear thou not what hap so'er it brings."

—Zahme Xenien

The spring season, which has seemed hidden beneath the snowy winter of 1995-1996, will continue on its path this weekend as Daylight Savings Time makes its annual entrance.

Clocks should be set ahead by one hour before going to sleep on Saturday, March 30, to prepare for Sunday morning's arrival of the time change.



OUTSTANDING JOB... Co-Presidents of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America, John Flynn, left, and Paul Kobliska, arrange a display of awards won by their group at the recent state conference in Cherry Hill.

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