

Town Continues Sewage Plans

Guilderland officials are involved in sewage system planning for various areas of the Town, Supervisor Carl Walters said at the April 11 Town Board meeting.

Mr. Walters in engaged in negotiations with State, County and Albany city officials on the sewage disposal system which parts of Mc Kownville must have by January 1, 1970 according to a State mandate.

At this time "we are indecisive as to what way we're going" Mr. Walters said. One of the possibilities is to join a McKownville collection system with City of Albany and Town of Colonie trunk sewers in the Fuller Road - Washington Avenue area. This sewage would go to a plant on the banks of the Hudson in Albany for processing.

Recommendations for solving Mc Kownville's sewage problems were made as a result of a New York State funded study published a little over a year ago. A similar study is now taking place for a portion of the Fort Hunter area. Guilderland officials join representatives of the Town of Rotterdam and the Syracuse engineering firm of O'Brien and Gere in this comprehensive sewerage study which will take 13 or 14 months.

Plans for the same type of study are also being made for the western areas of Albany County. The Town Board voted to join Rensselaerville, Westerlo, Knox, Berne, Coeymans and New Scotland in a sewer planning study which will consider Altamont village and some of the surrounding area. The study will be paid for entirely by the State of New York. Benjamin Smith is the engineer for the project.

Pine Bush League Comes Out In Favor Of A Town Park

Pine Bush League, composed of twenty-one baseball teams of boys between 8 and 15 years of age, has gone on record "fully endorsing" the Guilderland Town Board's program for acquiring a Town Park.

The League's president, John De Palma, said the committee recognizes the need for facilities which will make possible participation by the youngsters of the Town in outdoor athletic activities.

"The League's leaders look forward to the time when provisions for playing fields for Little League baseball

Office Building OK'd For McKownville Plot

A special use permit and height variance to allow the construction of a four story glass and curtain wall office building, with limestone trim, on the property between the Tom Sawyer Motor Inn and Aunt Jemima's Pancake House, was granted to Western Avenue Associates by the Guilderland Zoning Board of Appeals last Friday.

The building, designed by Lewis and O'Connor, architects, will be surrounded by parking places for 500 cars.

Lewis A. Swyer presented the case for the height variance to the Zoning Board. The motion to allow construction of the building was made by Zoning Board member Francis Roberts. Mr. Roberts, George Camino, chairman Paul Empie, Fred Crapser, Mr. Cross and Henry Domery voted in favor of the motion. Albert Brevetti voted "no." He said he was in favor of the project but could not see the "hardship" which must be proved to justify granting a variance.

Mr. Swyer had cited the soil conditions, which necessitated a reinforced mat foundation, as the hardship which made a low-rise building economically unfeasible.

Hugh Prytherch, president of the McKownville Improvement Association, and Joseph Finn of Highland Drive, spoke in favor of the building.

and Pop Warner football are not a matter of continuing anxiety."

"As the Town of Guilderland grows and land values increase, public spirited property owners like Dominick Ferraioli and Andrew Chaiyk, who have made their lands available in the past, cannot be expected to tie up such valuable assets for a mere \$1 a year."

The type of growth now evident in the Town (an increase mainly in families with young children) means that recreational facilities are needed badly and as soon as possible, the League president said. "Tawasentha Park might not be everyone's idea of the ideal solution to the problem" he added, "but, it is the best one at hand."

"The time has come" he continued "for the voting population to become civic minded in regard to the physical and spiritual needs of the youngsters."

The committee also feels that community spirit will be enhanced if there is a place where townspeople can congregate and participate in the picnics, father-and-son games, and other family activities of the League, Mr. DePalma reported.

Residents Ask Annexation To Guilderland Water

Residents of Tower Street, Pine-wood Road, Hillview Terrace and parts of Willow Street, whose properties are served by but not included in the Guilderland Water District, have petitioned the Guilderland Town Board to make their lands part of the Guilderland Water District.

The Town Board referred the petition to the Guilderland Water District Advisory Board and the Town-Wide Water Advisory Board so that they might, in Councilman Harold Hughes' words, "work something out together."

The water boards may recommend that the matter be put to a vote of Guilderland Water District residents.