

St. Ignace Approves 26-Acre Clear Cut To Determine Expansion Options of Golf Course

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by American Power Boat Association's Midwest Watercross Tour, is scheduled for Saturday, July 8 at the American Legion Park on North State Street. The area, said Mrs. Huskey, will be away from any ferry traffic. The event would only be delayed or canceled by lightning.

"Otherwise, wind or rain won't be a problem," she said. "Actually, they would love the wind because it creates waves, and they love waves. And so will the fans."

The race is a three-part series, with the site in St. Ignace as the third and final round. Hillsdale and Constantine are the other sites.

The only vendors the event will bring in are watercraft dealers, explained Mrs. Huskey.

She told Council the American Midwest Watercross Tour committee sets up the entire event.

"They handle the whole bit, from security to obtaining permits from the Coast Guard," said Mrs. Huskey. "The biggest thing we have to do is provide them places to park and set up."

Council will hold a public hearing for Jim Everson's proposal to rezone his property on First Street from Residential to Tourist

Business to expand his in-home upholstery business into a furniture store. The date of the hearing has yet to be set.

Mr. Everson attained a recommendation from the city's Planning Commission January 18 to allow him to rezone the property. Once a hearing is held to allow the public to comment on the proposal, council will then vote to amend its zoning ordinance.

Council approved the renewal agreement with Ed Reavie's Nostalgia Productions.

The motion, held up for weeks, negotiated a financial review of the Straits Area Antique Auto Show and the Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show, which Nostalgia produces. Council also wanted the option to buy the rights to the shows from Mr. Reavie if he ever quits producing them.

Mr. Dodson explained that both requests have been taken care of. The financial review is part of the city's special events ordinance and the option to purchase is given in a contract between Nostalgia Productions and the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau.

Council issued permits for the summer-long events Bayside Live and Locals on the Bay. Both will be held at Dock 2 or at Little Bear East Conference Center and Ice Arena during July and August.



The St. Ignace Golf Course Committee is planning to clear trees on 25.8 acres of city-owned land near the golf course on US-2. It is a step toward the possibility of expanding the course to 18 holes. From the white dotted line inward is where the committee proposes to clear trees and determine how much of the 25.8 acres is wetlands. (Photograph courtesy of City of St. Ignace)

New Trend in Design Throwback to Old-Fashioned Main Street

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than an image of a flat-roofed station in Gaylord cluttered with overhead electrical lines.

They chose smaller, two-lane, tree-lined streets with sidewalks over wide, four-lane highways. "Big box" stores placed in landscaped shopping centers were preferable to a large store with a sprawling parking lot out front. Respondents preferred neighborhoods with houses closer to the curb instead of housing developments where long drives push houses back from the curb. They liked farmhouses with garages on the side better than modern houses with garages pushed out closer to the curb.

The modern type of architecture, prevalent in urban housing developments, demonstrates Americans' dependence on automobiles, Mr. Cortright said. Homes are built with "front-loaded" garages and are the first thing people see when approaching the house, compared to older homes where garages are on the side or situated behind the house.

Some of these developments and styles may never reach Clark Township, Mr. Cortright said, and it may be a long time before the area sees the traffic depicted in some of the images.

Some of those images, however, are of places not so far from here, and "their zoning ordinances got them to where they are now," he said.

"Ninety-nine percent of townships in the United States follow

what planners call the Euclidian model of zoning. They are spatially based, with strict separation of uses," Mr. Cortright said.

He explained that Euclidian zoning, called so because of a landmark 1926, Supreme Court case won by the Village of Euclid, Ohio, started because the village was successful at enforcing its ordinance. Communities around America modeled their own ordinances after Euclid's, mapping districts or "zones" around their own communities and assigning uses to those zones. The concept of zoning is based on a need to separate industrial zones from retail stores, housing from shopping areas, and to reduce congestion and housing density.

"There are better ways to do this," Mr. Cortright told commissioners. "You have the potential to do some creative things here."

Signs of sprawl are already evident in Clark Township. The Cedarville waterfront along Hodeck Street once had a mixture of shops, the post office, two hotels, and even a grocery store. Longtime residents describe the former retail district as busy and "vibrant," but economic factors, rising property values, and the introduction of a highway north of Hodeck drove those businesses off the waterfront. Businesses and cottage industries have cropped up along the stretches of highway that run through Clark Township.

In addition to the 2001 visual preference survey, Mr. Dunning said he also wants to incorporate suggestions from the US-2 and M-134 Visual Enhancement Planning

Project into comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance updates. Mackinac County participated in a project sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation to improve the visual impact of roadsides along its busiest highways. The project included gathering public opinion about the views along M-134 and US-2, and commissioning engineers to draw ideas of how existing views can be made more attractive.

"The impression people get of the community is what they are seeing as they go up and down the road," Mr. Cortright told *The St. Ignace News*. "From an economic standpoint, communities that are well developed and attractive are magnets for new business and economic growth. People want to live in attractive communities."

Mackinac County was one of six communities picked in 2003 for the

project. Some of the suggestions for Clark Township were to add landscaping on road corners, plant trees and grass, reduce or eliminate overhead electrical lines, and add decorative items like awnings, lights, and benches. The suggestions can be seen at www.liaa.org/upvvision/mackinac_co.asp.

The final results and status of the project have been presented at communities around Mackinac County, but not yet in Clark Township. Michelle Walk, Michigan State University Extension director for Mackinac County, is scheduled to present the project to the public at the March 14 Clark Township Planning Commission meeting.

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