Georgetown Township Meeting 3/28/16 Comment by Joseph Parnell McCarter, 6408 Wrenwood Drive, Jenison, MI 49428

Like others in this room, I too would ask that this Township Board would step away from this project at 200 Main, and I would request that the Board pass a motion tonight to table it. 200 Main should be sold back to the private sector, and the Township should use that money to offer tax relief to the Jenison taxpayers. The Veterans Plaza would be better located in a currently existing park.

I also would ask the Board to be more sparing and careful in use of eminent domain too, so as to protect private property rights. I fear that an inappropriate line is being crossed in the Maplewood Lake area.

We need to maintain the thrift, private property rights, and other Biblical Christian principles, to the honor of Jesus Christ.

GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD

I WANT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED AT PEACEFUL WOODCREST PARK NOT NOISY AND CONGESTED 200 BALDWIN

NAME: Ruth A. Wolven

ADDRESS: 7254 TERRACE LANE JENISON

GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD

I WANT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL TO BE

LOCATED AT PEACEFUL WOODCREST PARK
OR Bauer Park OR the cemetery (a2)
NOT NOISY AND CONGESTED 200 BALDWIN

NAME: Arno ROSENBERG

ADDRESS: 7541 ROSELANE Ave 49428

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NAME: Becky Steele

ADDRESS: 2674 Parkside Drive
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NAME: Allison Barnes

ADDRESS: 7868 Parkside Court, Jenison MI 49428

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NAME: Kelly Brittain (Kelly Brittain)

ADDRESS: 7656 Louise 49428

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NAME: Robert Ostrehan

ADDRESS: 7544 N. Garden Ct, Jenison

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NAME: Kathleen Hughes

ADDRESS: 7785 Bluebird DR.

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NAME: Mary Oostenhouse

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NAME: Tara Pagel

ADDRESS: 8543 Monte Carlo Ct

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NAME: Maryann Rondeau

ADDRESS: 7482 Thomas Ave

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NAME: JAN MOORE

ADDRESS: 1693 COTTON Dr.

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NAME: JEFF MATTHEWS

ADDRESS: 7229 WESTWOOD

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NAME: Michele Matthews

ADDRESS: 7570 Terrace Ln

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NAME: Roger Knowles

ADDRESS: 1499 Skylark Dr.

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NAME: Carol Byrne

ADDRESS: 8120 Amelia Dr. Jenison

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NAME: David M. Byrne

ADDRESS: 8120 AMELIA DR. JENISON

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NAME: Mike Grabowski

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NAME: James Wilkerson

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NAME: Charles Godley

ADDRESS: 8637 Caprice Dr, Jenison

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NAME: LAWRENCE D. BISHOP
Lawrence D Bishop

ADDRESS: 7964 PARKSIDE COURT

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NAME: David Larkin

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ADDRESS: 7460 MELODY LANE

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NAME: Ronald L. Harder

ADDRESS: 7711 Bluebird Dr. Georgetown, MI 49428

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NAME: JERRY T. WHITE Jr T White

ADDRESS: 2006 MAGNOLIA DR, JENISON

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NAME: EDWARD SOSA

ADDRESS: 7927 KINMONT CT JENISON, MI

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NAME: Judi DeVries

ADDRESS: 7467 Melody Ln.

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NAME: Kim Nagy

ADDRESS: 2407 Basswood

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NAME: Nancy Ford

ADDRESS: 7672 Aster Lane

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NAME: [illegible]

ADDRESS: 7225 [illegible]

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NAME: DENISE CADE

ADDRESS: 7869 PARKSIDE CT, JENISON

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NAME: LINDA R. BISHOP
Linda R. Bishop

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NAME: MARGARET WIELAND

ADDRESS: 906 ALLEN SPRINGS LANE

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NAME: Dean Bissell

ADDRESS: 1703 Greenwoods Dr.

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NAME: MARVIN HOLLEMAN

ADDRESS: 1249 BALDWIN

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NAME: Kathy Hollaman

ADDRESS: 1249 Baldwin

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NAME: Del South

ADDRESS: 2773 Lark St, Jenison 49428

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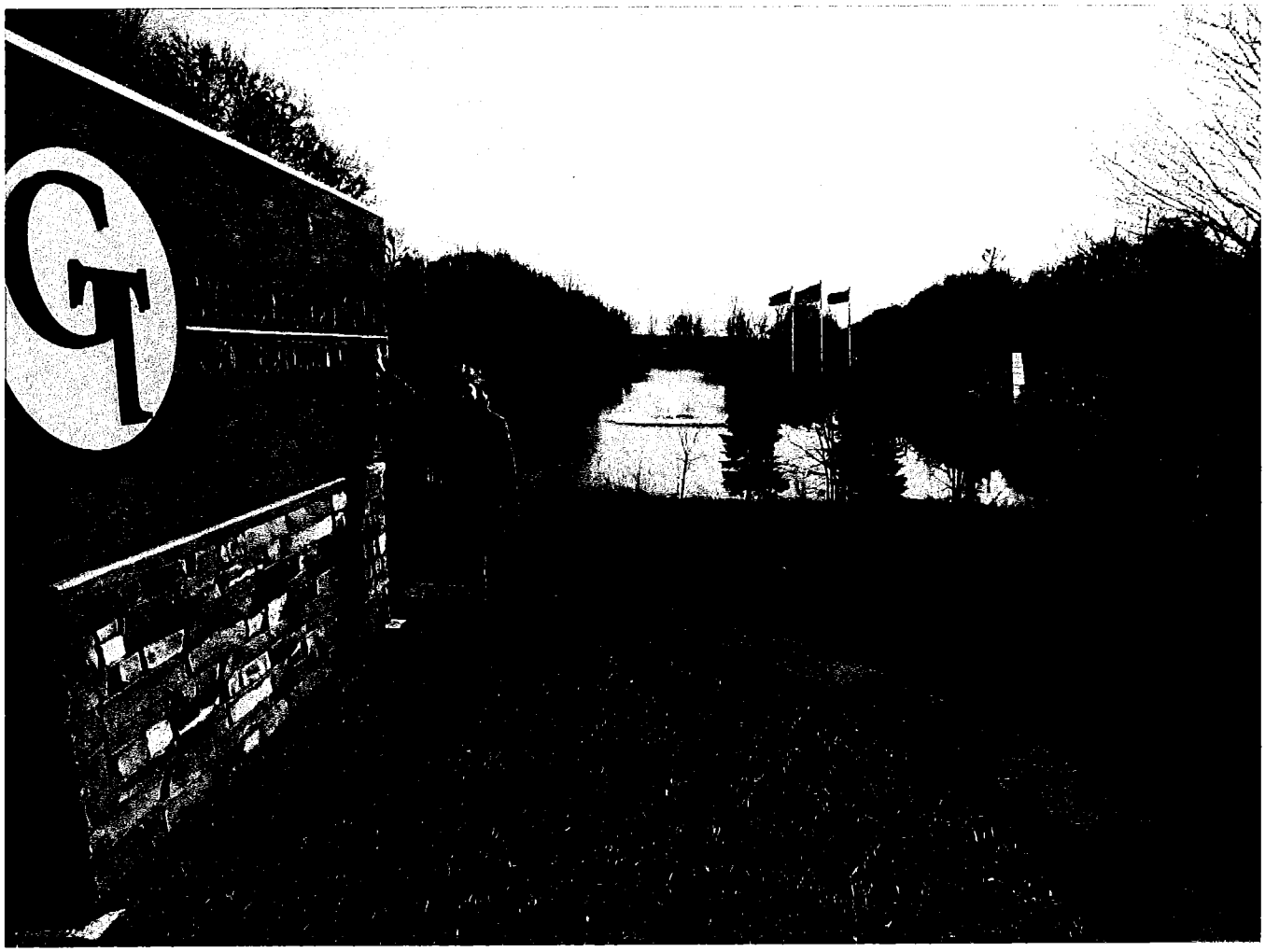
THE GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP VETERANS MEMORIAL AT WOODCREST PARK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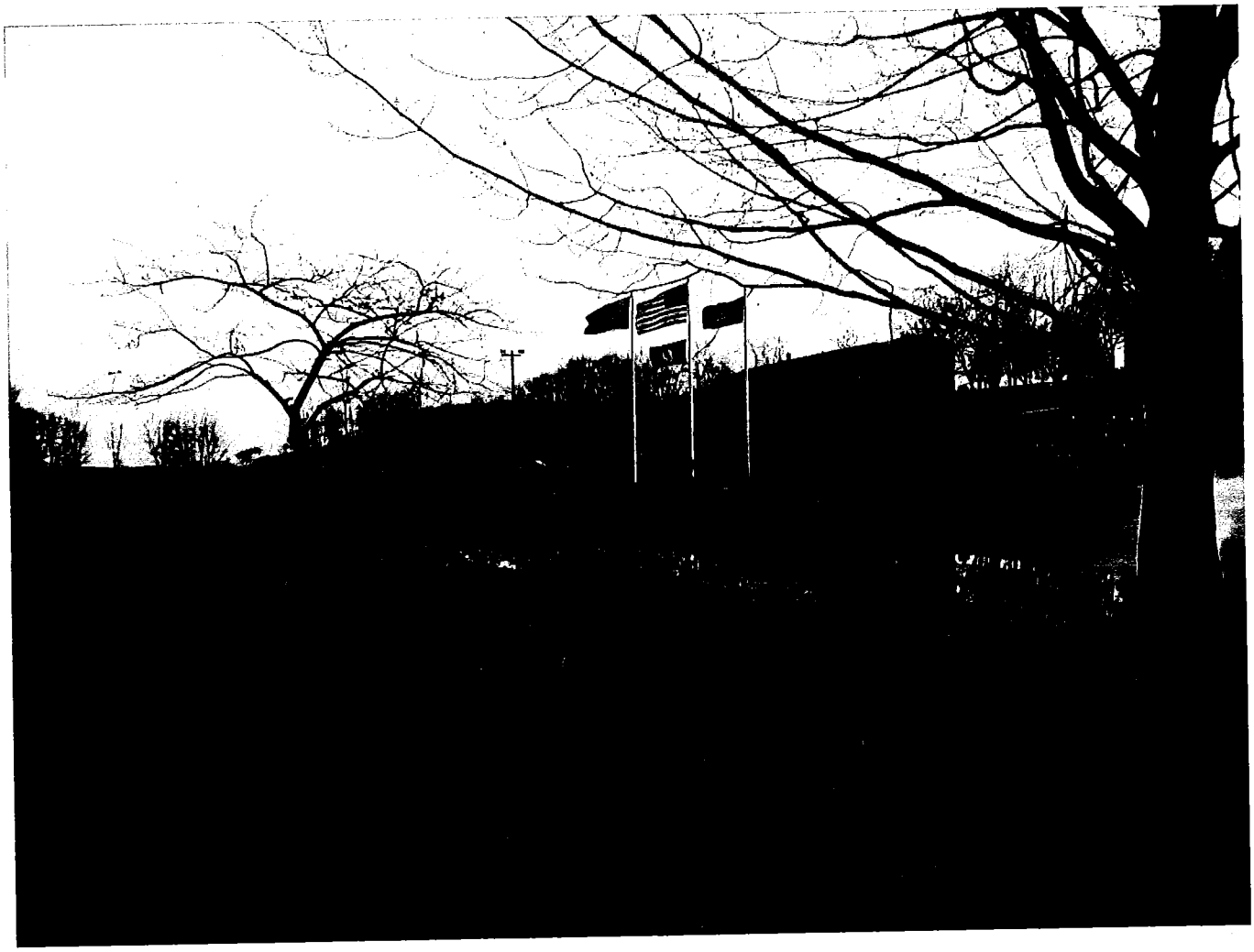


PUBLIC COMMENT – 3/28/16

I'm Denise Cade, 7869 Parkside Ct, Jenison

On Friday, Rod was talking with a member of For The Love of Georgetown Township about the Veterans Memorial. He said that contracts have been signed and to stop work at 200 Baldwin, "would cost a lot of money".

This Board hasn't seemed to have a problem losing money on other things, like…

Drawing up plans for the $8 million Township Hall at 200 Baldwin.

The $19 million plan for the 200 Chicago Dr complex.

The $450,000 plan for the veterans memorial by the fountain.

As a matter of fact, since June 2009, you have paid MC Smith almost $302,000 (exactly $301,987.74) for plans! How much of that was for plans you never used? If you listened to public input, you probably wouldn't have to keep canceling plans!

And lets not forget the $2 million purchase price for 200 Baldwin and the missing tax base for the Township and the schools.

What it comes down to is, you can still use the same plans, you can still use the same contractors, just move them up the street to Woodcrest Park. Place the Veterans Memorial in the best place for ALL veterans.

Good Evening. I am Jon Cade, 7869 Parkside Ct, Jenison.

Georgetown Township has a Veterans Memorial at the cemetery, it is a disgusting mess. The wood is rotten and it is in total disrepair. I pointed this out to you last summer, yet you did nothing to improve it.

This shows, to me, that you really do not care about the veterans.

It is absurd that you claim that you care, when your actions show that you do not. It appears to me, and many others, that all you really want to do is spend a lot of money on a monument to yourselves.

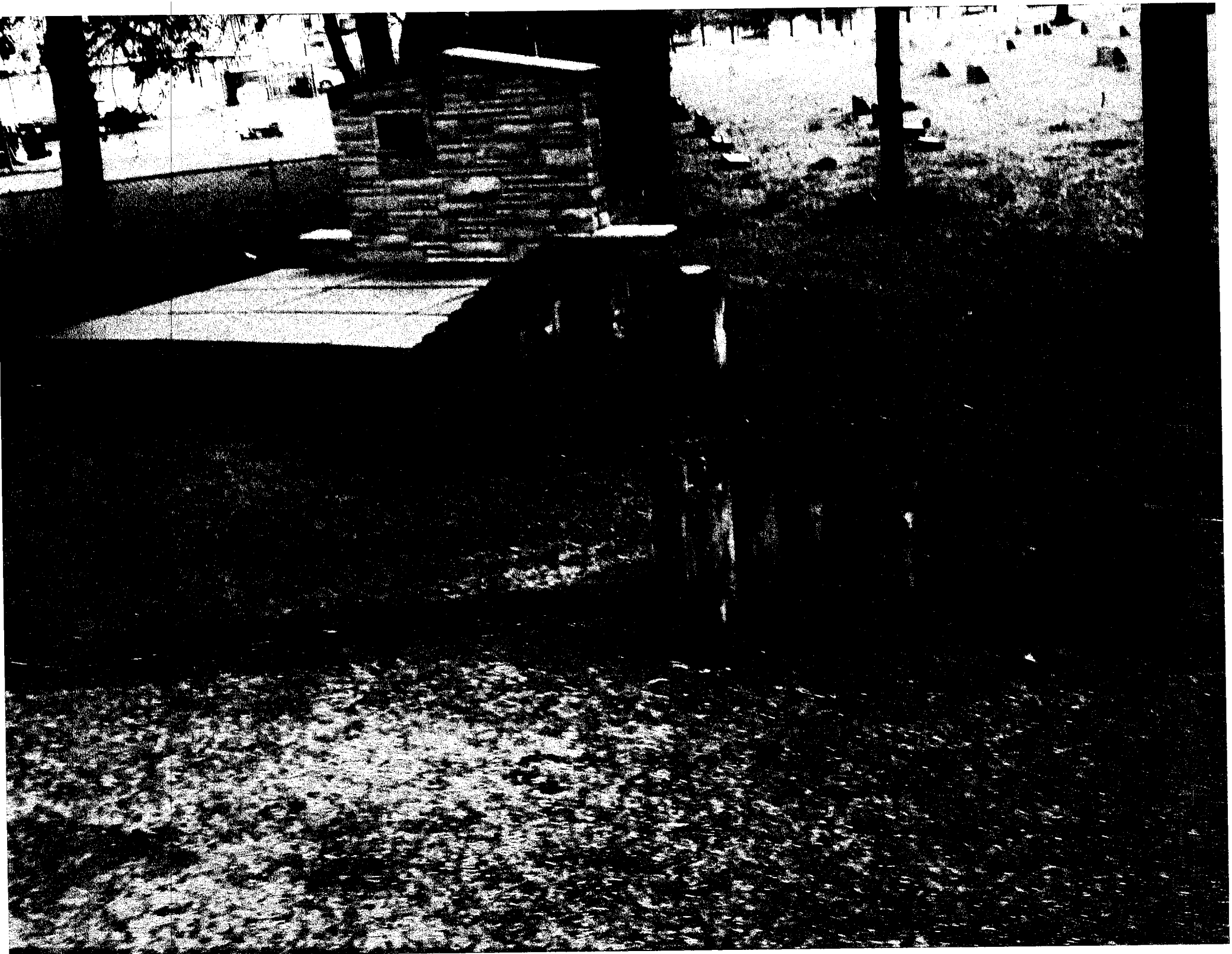
The 4 of you that want to put a new veterans memorial at 200 Baldwin should be ashamed of yourselves. You disrespect the veterans by letting the current memorial look so terrible.

The Veterans Memorial needs to be built at a location that many Georgetown residents and veterans want. Woodcrest Park is that location.

Did you receive a petition signed by 360 citizens, for any location other than Woodcrest Park?

If you really care about the veterans, you will make a motion, tonight, to stop plans for 200 Baldwin and start plans for Woodcrest Park.

Any of you that do not support this motion tonight, will be on record that you care nothing about our honorable veterans, that are suffering. That fact will be made very clear to all Georgetown Township voters.



Woodcrest Park Development Proposal

A Fantastic Home for the Veterans Memorial/Plaza/Monument

Presented by:

FOR THE L VE OF GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP

Dedicated to educating, inspiring and encouraging community involvement in township governmental affairs in Georgetown Township, MI

Agenda

Why Woodcrest?

Why not 200 Baldwin?

What can be done with Woodcrest?

Challenges at Woodcrest

Our Recommendation

Why Woodcrest?

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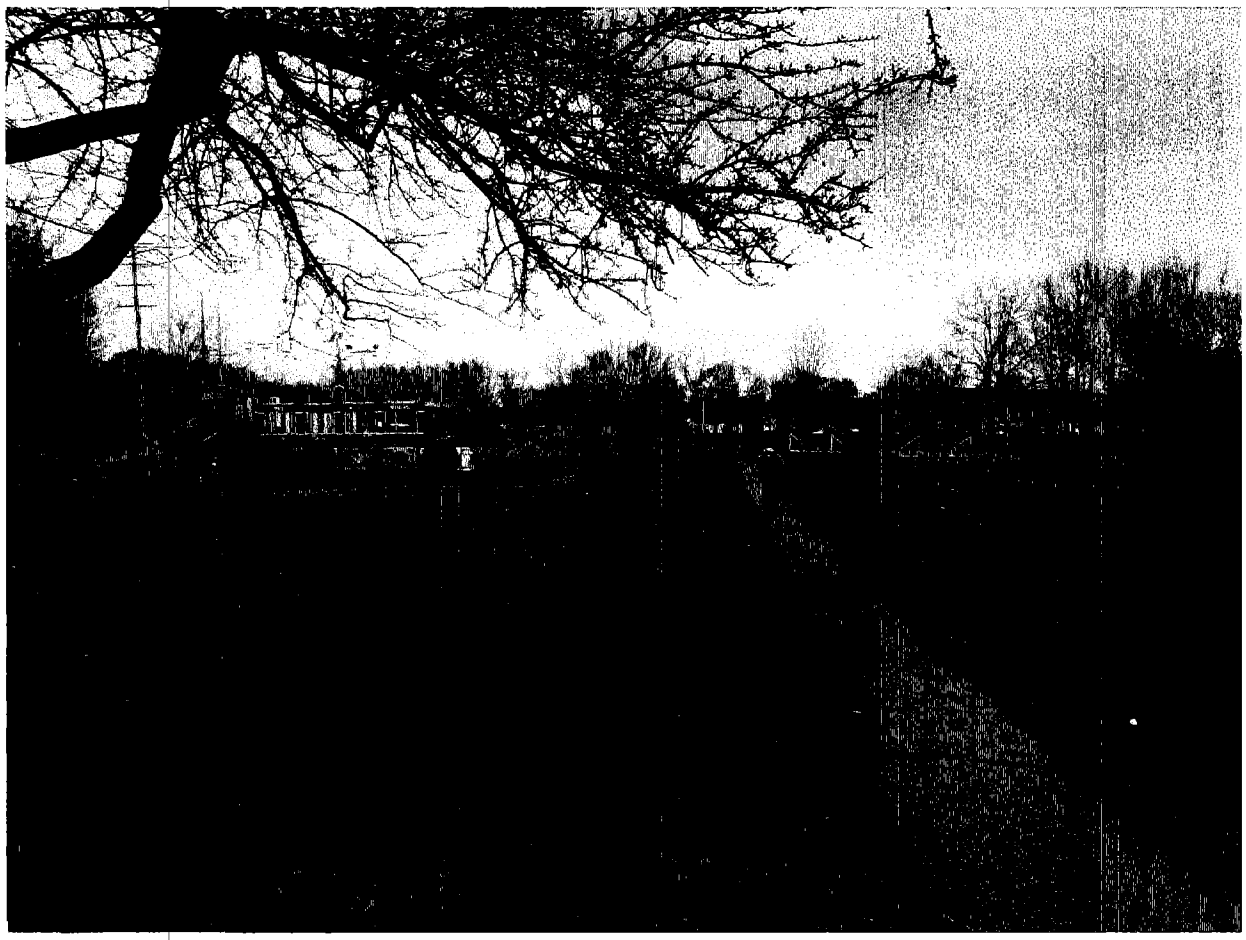
Large

Peaceful

Highly Visible

Highly Suitable for a Veterans Memorial at the south or west end of the pond.

Why Woodcrest?



Engaging to Children

Placing the Veterans Memorial in the safety of this park will encourage the engagement of Children in learning about our Veterans.

Why Woodcrest?

Quiet spot for Veteran's with PTSD

Why Woodcrest?

Reflective spot for those remembering loved ones lost while serving their country.

Why Woodcrest?

Plenty of room for Memorial Day Services and other Community activities like an Easter Egg roll.

Why Woodcrest?

Lots of parking already

Plenty of room to put in more

Why Woodcrest?

Already Established Township Park

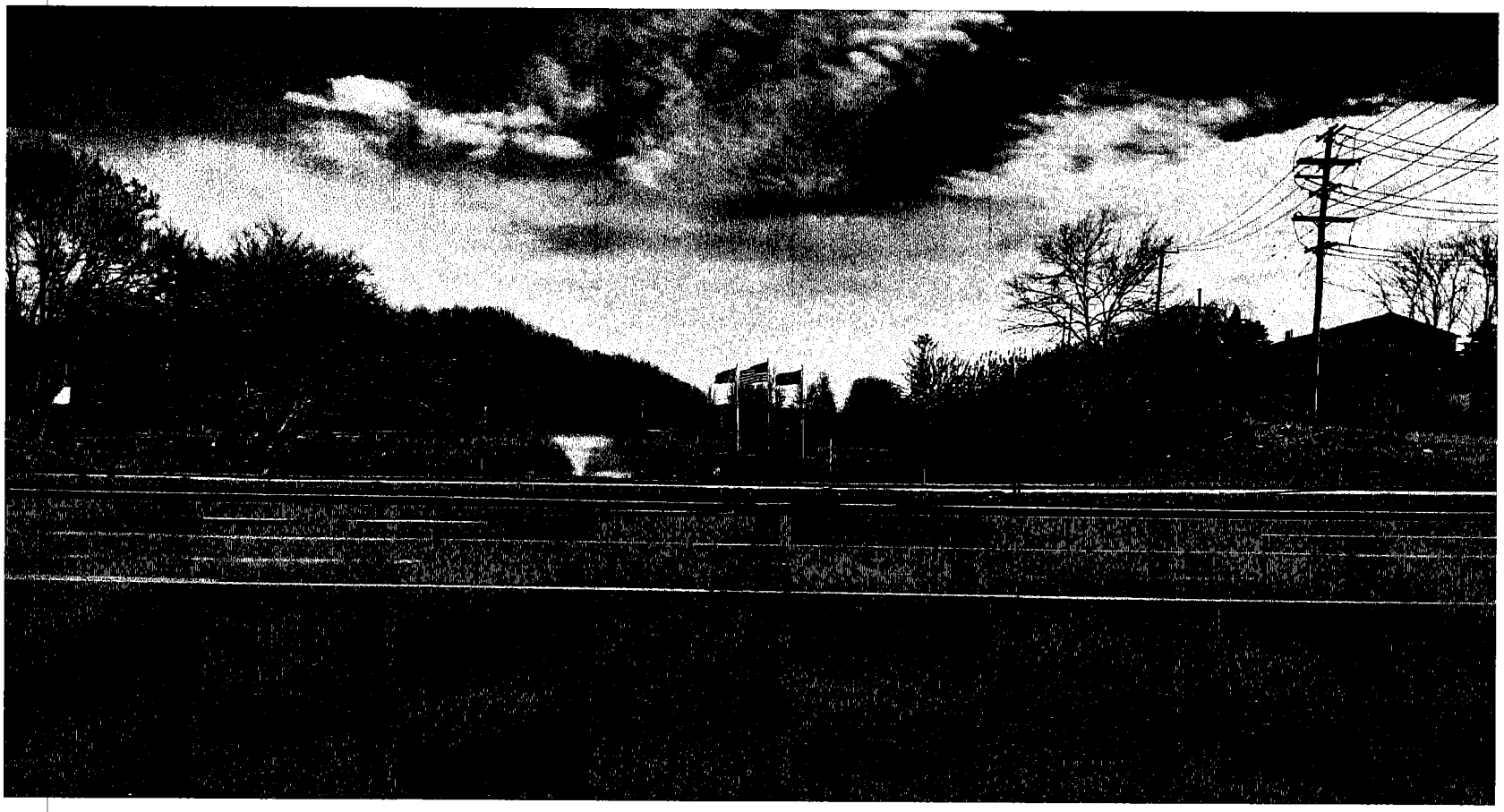
As a Township we should dedicate the same interest and investment in this park, as we have done with Maplewood, Rosewood and 8th Avenue.

Why Woodcrest?

Already Established Township Park

This park with it's large water feature is well on the way already to being beautiful and eye catching.

Situated on one of our busiest streets in the Township, it is still incredibly peaceful to walk around in this park.



Video at Woodcrest Park – shot on a Sunday at 3:00pm

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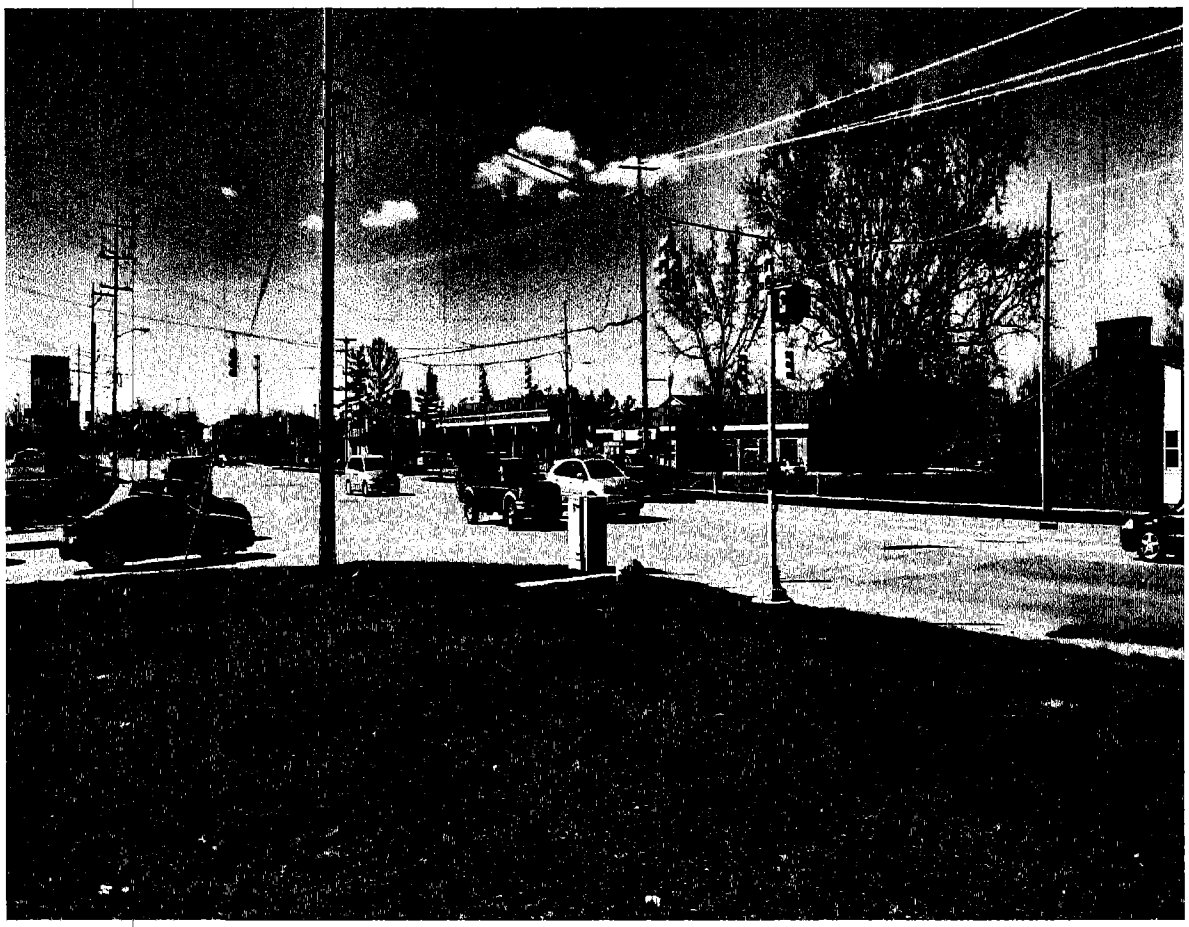

NOISY

Inappropriate for Veterans with PTSD

Accessibility

Cost

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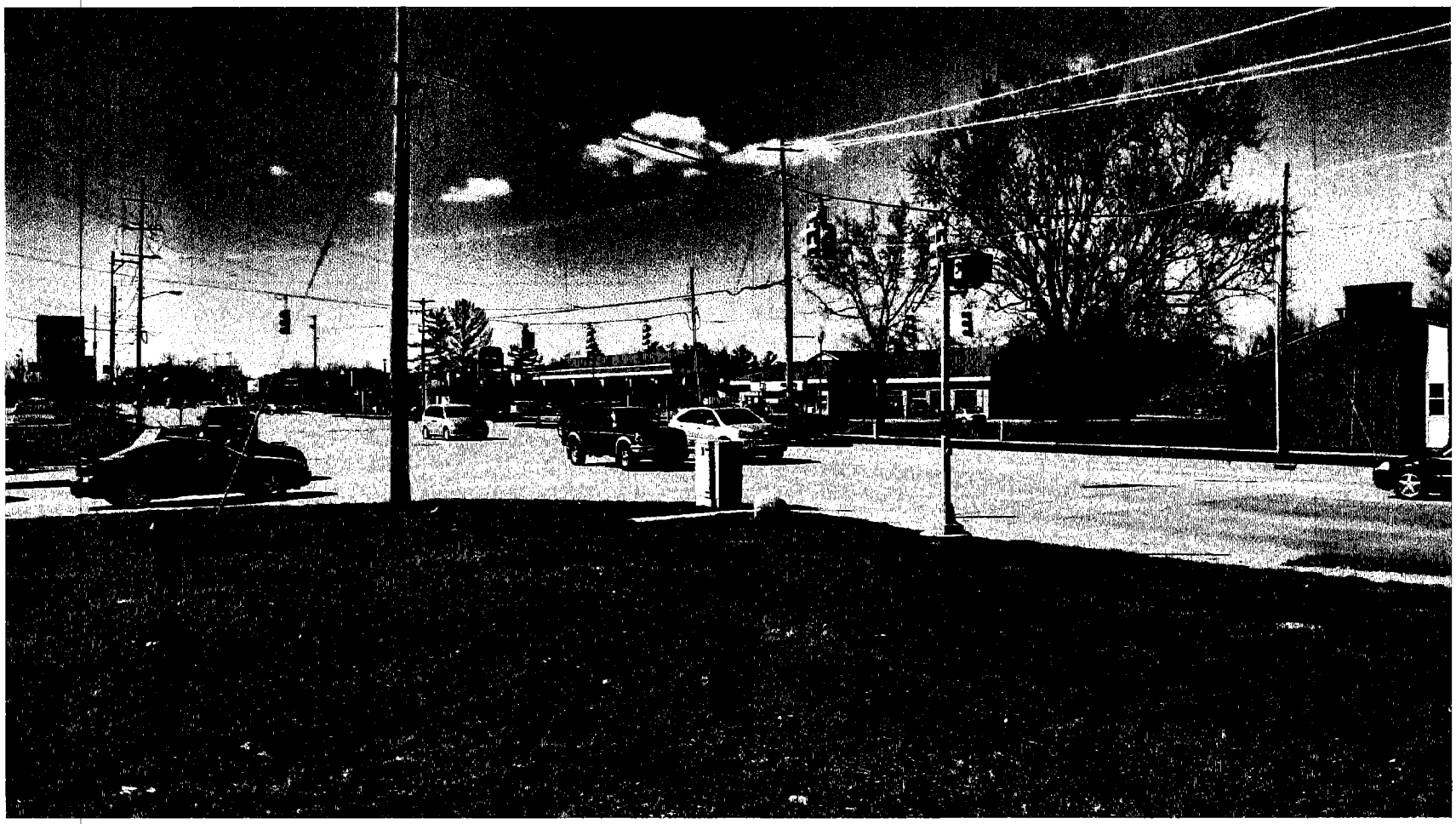

Why not 200 Baldwin?

Noisy

This location is surrounded by 3 high traffic roads

Train tracks run very close by

Car noise by traffic travelling within feet of the location is very intrusive

Inappropriate for Veterans with PTSD

A recent Veterans Administration study found that 22 Veterans a day take their own life. 22 A DAY!

8,000 a year are dying by their own hand. The VA study also recorded 11,000 non-fatal suicide attempts a year

Thousands of Veterans are virtually home bound due to PTSD

Why not 200 Baldwin?

Accessibility

Surrounded by large streets, no parent would allow their children to visit this park via biking or walking.

Very little Parking – currently proposed with only 4 parallel parking spaces on Main Street

Cost

At least $1 Million when including land purchased for the location

Loss of thousand of dollars in future tax base

If we re-sold 200 Baldwin for development, the Township could recoup $1.6 Million spent and generate future tax revenue for our Schools and Infrastructure

What can be done with Woodcrest?

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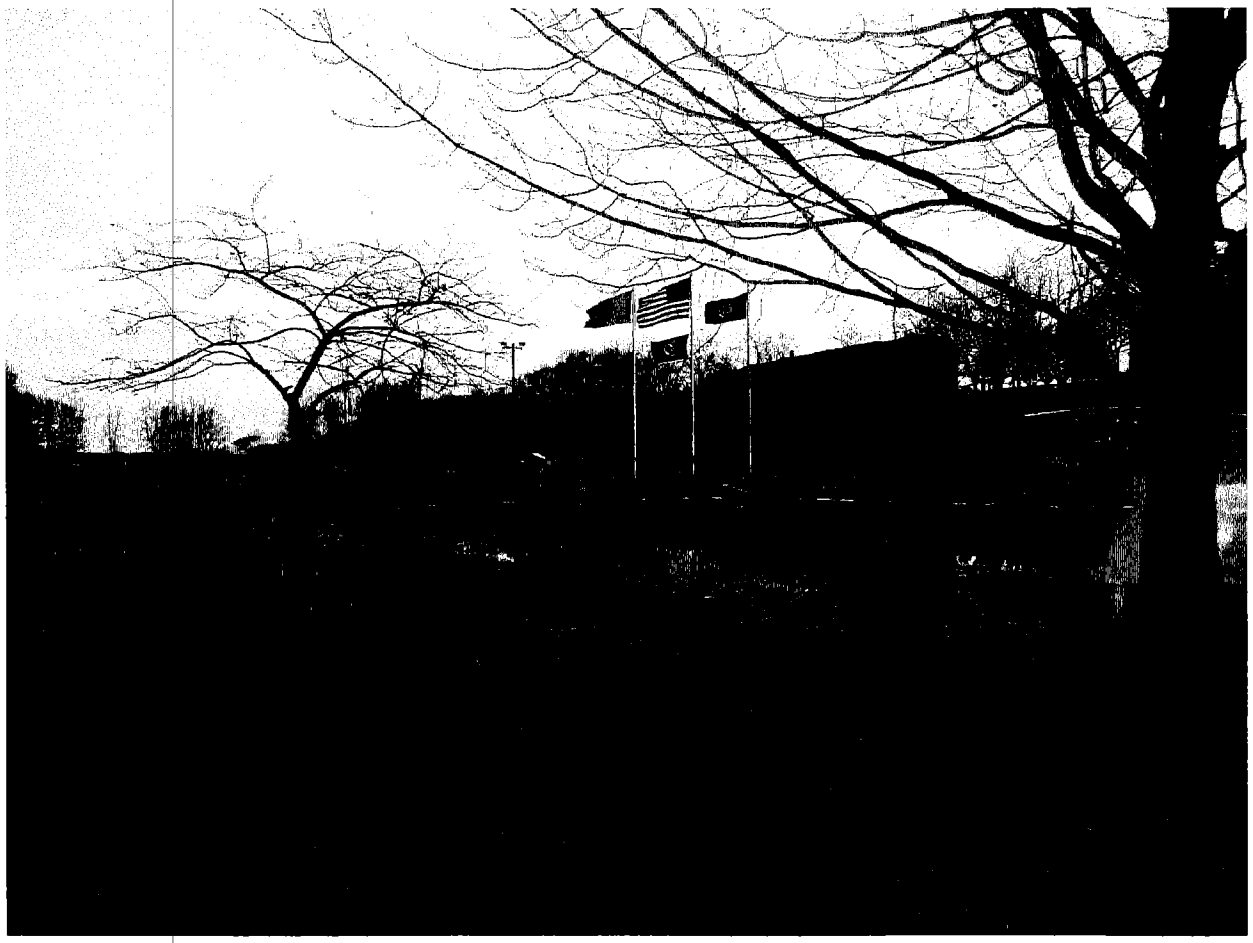
The park can be themed to honor of all the Men and Women that put their lives on the line every day to serve Our Community.

- Military
- Fire & Rescue
- Sheriff's Department

What can be done with Woodcrest?



Create themed Honorary Areas

Add more themed play equipment – there is already a play set there dedicated to the Georgetown Township Fire & Rescue

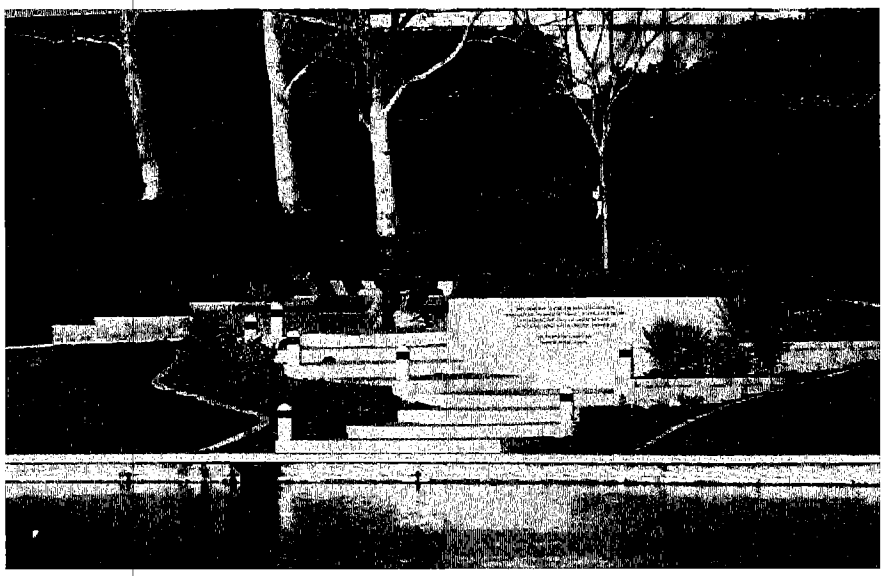
Include equipment such as wheelchair swings and other innovative park offerings

Add fountain heads to the pond

There is even room for a band shell in the corner if so desired

What can be done with Woodcrest?

The Memorial can be designed to complement it's surroundings



What can be done with Woodcrest?

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITES

Community or Elementary School Contest to rename park

Future honorary areas can be partially paid for with Donations and/or Community Fundraising. The Township could offer a donation match.

Fire & Public Safety, Veterans Groups, Boy Scouts and other groups could all take part in creation of themed areas of the park.

Challenges at Woodcrest

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Flooding?

After a day of rain the pond overflows to the East onto the neighbor's property.

This is unacceptable and should be remedied regardless.

Challenges at Woodcrest

Flooding?

The water recedes quickly – this is what it looked like an hour later

The flooding could be remediated with either:

- Additional drainage
- Backfill, raising the landline round the pond
- Install a Rain Garden on the East side - which would absorb the water instead of allowing it to roll over into the neighbors

Challenges at Woodcrest

Flooding?

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

The South and West sides of the lake are much higher than the east

The flooding that day did not even come close to the high water line on the Southwest

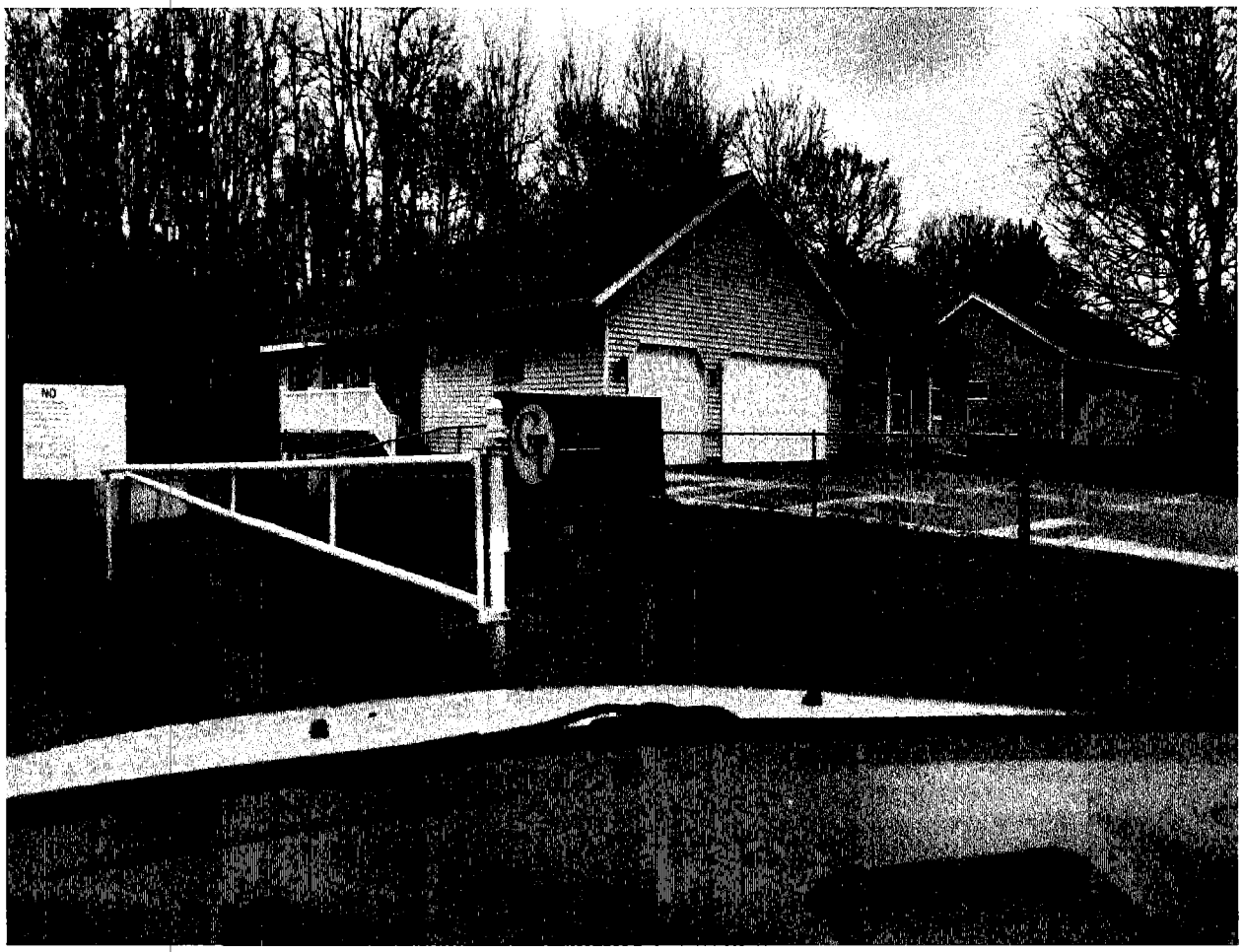
Any projects can be built above the high water line or built with concrete that can withstand occasional flooding (much like the Grand River walk in Grand Rapids)

Challenges at Woodcrest

Visibility?

50 ft Flags and a Memorial at the lakeside would be very visible and eye catching

Challenges at Woodcrest



How to get there?

Its only one turn off Baldwin, then a turn into the park driveway

Solutions

Add additional verbiage to the sign on Baldwin, perhaps something across the retaining wall

Pole Banner signage at the corner of Boulder Bluff Drive

Turn the drive-way entrance sign so that it faces traffic

Our Recommendations

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Budget for the Veterans Memorial project be moved to Woodcrest Park, design and build to begin as soon as possible.

Township to dedicate Park Improvement budget to do further improvements in the same manner as Maplewood, Rosewood and 8th Avenue.

Give brick buyers the choice of where their brick goes – either the soon to be refurbished Vietnam Vet Memorial at the cemetery or the Woodcrest Park project.

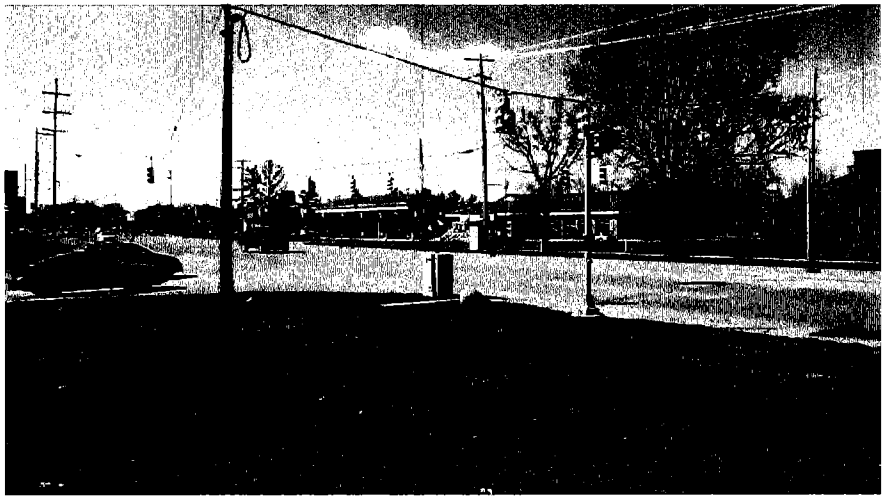
The Veterans Memorial area should be built with room to expand for future Veterans bricks or other honorary areas for our Public Safety officers.

Sell 200 Baldwin for development – we recommend a professional or medical building.

Lastly, which do you feel is the best environment to **Honor <u>All</u> Veterans**?

Woodcrest Park Video

200 Baldwin Video



WOODCREST PARK AS IT COULD BE

For the Love of Georgetown Township respectfully requests the Board to revisit the Motion to place the Veterans Memorial at 200 Baldwin

THANK YOU!