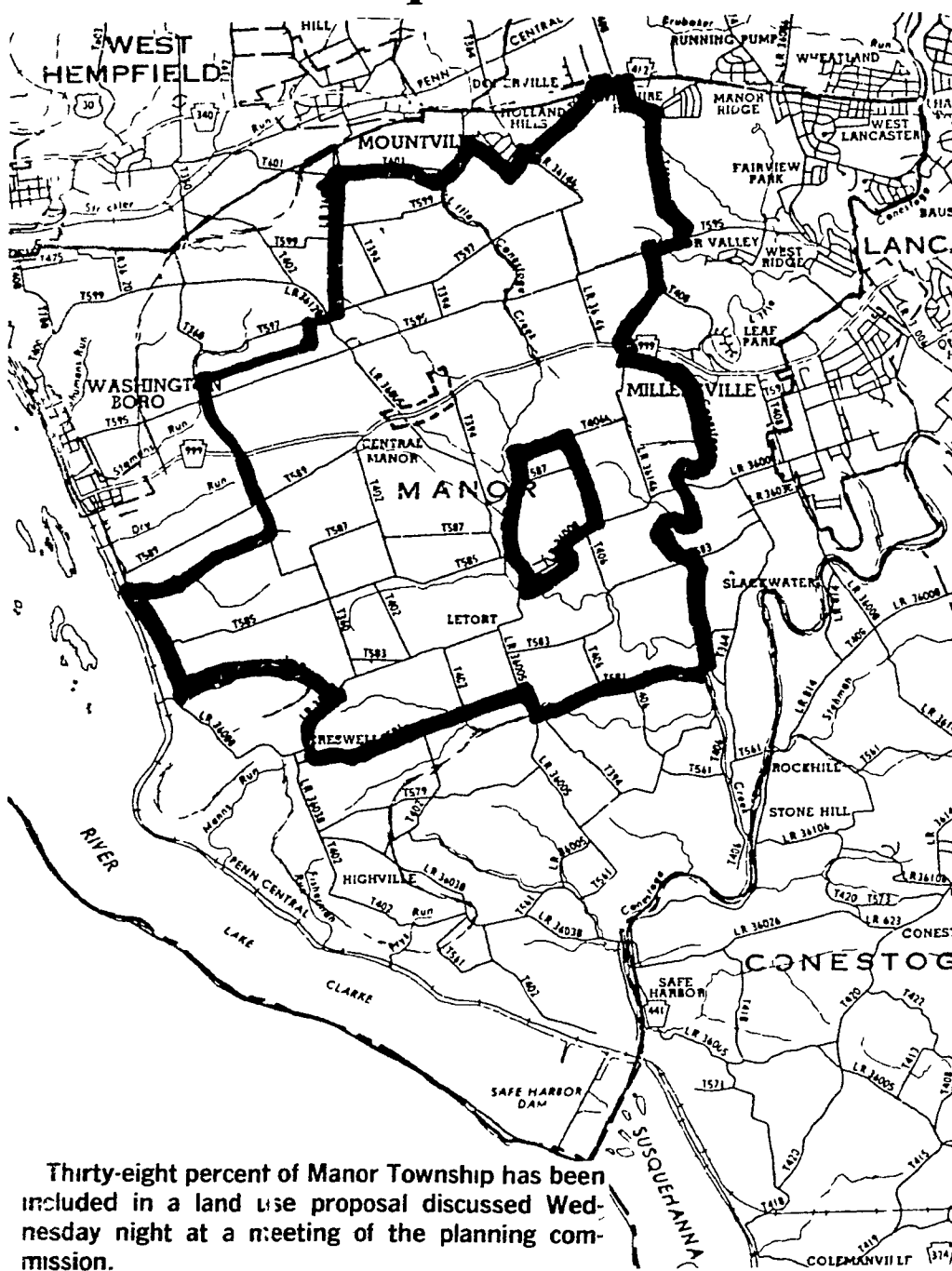


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Thirty-eight percent of Manor Township has been included in a land use proposal discussed Wednesday night at a meeting of the planning commission.

for farmers inside the area. That faction said farmers outside the ag district could then easily sell their farms for high profits without legal intrusion, whereas those inside could not.

This discussion soon led to another criticism concerning the proposal. A show of hands, led by Guy Eshelman, revealed that well over half those attending felt the district should be expanded to include all of Manor Township.

According to John Ahlfeld, county planning director, a committee earlier charged with planning the ag district ordinance had in fact included the whole township. But due to possible legal pitfalls it had been dropped.

Also represented were contractors concerned about future purchase and development of farmland if the proposal were passed as worded now.

The third group of Manor Township residents represented were those who live in residential housing and who do not farm any land. Their chief concern was the possible decrease in land value if the ordinance passed, and concern over possible increase in farm odors.

One such resident, Ruth Kauffman, said she owns 100 acres in the Central Manor area. Although she said she too is interested in preserving farmland, she claimed the smell from nearby chicken houses is already more than she and neighbors can stand.

"There's a church near us and you can hardly sit in church because of the smell. It's especially bad in sum-

mer, even with the windows closed. It's not very nice to be stuck in the middle of it," Kauffman said.

Eshelman who said he felt strongly in favor of preserving farmland, stressed to those attending that there are many ways to preserve it. He read another proposal drawn up by himself and "a group of farmers."

The new proposal read: "Upon the sale of all land, one acre or more, the township authority shall have the option to approve the buyer's use, other than agricultural use, or to purchase the land at the established selling price, reselling it at a public auction within sixty days. The resale of the land shall carry a deed restriction of ten years to be used for agriculture only."

One comment on the farmers' plan came from H.H. Haverstick who said, "Let's not throw the commission's plan out the window because it could be a lot worse. It's just the lesser of two or three evils and the alternatives to this plan could be chaos." Two years ago Haverstick advanced his own proposal for saving Lancaster County farmland.

The proposed farmers' group land use plan, although it may have had the majority on its side, quickly was discounted as plans were made for another hearing Monday night to discuss more problems that may arise under the plan proposed by the commission.

The township planners announced they would meet in regular session at the township office at 7 p.m. to

hear individual problems and invited anyone to attend.

At that time they then will consider those criticisms and comments they feel are legitimate concerns.

Final approval of the ordinance will have to come from the township supervisors who also will hold a public hearing in the near future.

After hearing others' complaints about government intervention in land matters in a "supposedly free country," one farmer summed up the feelings of those attending by saying, "When government becomes as efficient as farmers have become in the past few years, then we'll listen and get something accomplished here."

Game Commission to meet

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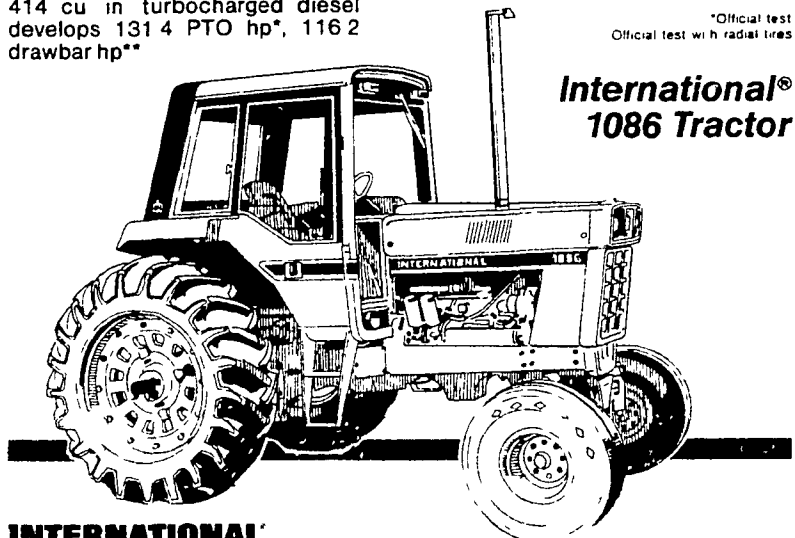
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