

Ponder Park Land Use

CLINTON, Iowa — The Clinton Park Board has a small tract in the midst of the city which it can not use and which it apparently can not entice anyone else to use either. It is a former city landfill at 14th Avenue South and 4th Street.

The 10-acre tract is part of the four-square - block former landfill which now belongs to the park board. A like portion belongs to Clinton Community College.

GARY JORGENSEN, park board commissioner, brought the subject up Wednesday night, proposing it be used in winter for a snowmobile area and in summer for a miniature golf and driving range concession.

Dan Stapay, director of parks and recreation, was not enthusiastic about the idea. "The area is wide open, and we would love to have someone use it," Stapay said. "We have had at least four inquiries for just what you mentioned.

"But when we tell them what land development will probably cost — \$20,000 just for cover fill — and suggest they take a walk over it, that's the last we hear from them."

THE COLLEGE is planning a ball diamond on its portion, he reported.

The park board is providing a testing and demonstration area of local snowmobile dealers on the former carnival grounds, now an ice rink and horse arena, Stapay said. Dealers — and anyone else with a snowmobile — are welcome to use the 14th Street property too, he added.

He said he will check with the college officials to see if there needs to be any restrictions on use of the college-owned portion for snowmobiles.

The park board meeting lasted 45 minutes Wednesday night, because several scheduled

items were deleted from the agenda.

IOWA STATE University Department of Speech and Drama informed park officials the Showboat Players will return for a third season on the Rhododendron next summer, with the same managers, Richard Phinegar and Tom Johnson.

The board plans to go to Chestnut Mountain Ski Run near Savanna, Ill., to study a snow-making operation as soon as it begins. The board's own snow production for the Eagle Point slopes has been stalled by a snafu over the supplying of

city water or pumping its own as an alternative.

Ski lift equipment will be installed shortly, Stapay reported, and plans are being made to furnish snowmobile rides this winter, too.

Year-End Bills Face County

CLINTON, Iowa — Clinton County will dip into a \$50,000 emergency fund to pay its year-end bills in the county fund this year, it has been revealed.

The County Board of Supervisors Wednesday approved a request to the state comptroller to allow the transfer. A hearing to amend the budget by \$50,000 will be held Dec. 28.

The budget hearing is a formality. Joe Lane, county auditor, said the 1970 budget had been drafted anticipating the emergency fund might have to be used. He said the county fund, limited by law to three mills, could not raise enough taxes to meet the bills for the county - city law enforcement center and year-end payroll.

The budget hearing also will air proposals to add \$10,000 to the court fund, \$25,000 to the poor fund and \$9,000 to retirement fund accounts.

The supervisors also authorized Sheriff Marvin Bruhn to buy a radar machine, Bruhn said half the estimated \$1,700 cost can be recovered from federal-state crime funds. The sheriff's department has not had a radar unit or conducted speed-check operations up to now.

Gal. Bailiffs Win Rights

The all-male fees and salaries committee of the Rock Island County Board of Supervisors granted a concession to the women's rights movement Wednesday when they eliminated a long - standing difference in salaries paid to men and women court bailiffs.

Newly elected Sheriff Joe Schneider asked the committee to raise the salaries of the male and female parttime bailiffs, who are now getting \$2 and \$1.50 per hour, respectively, by 50 cents per hour.

But, Supervisor Wesley Hardin, D-Hampton Township, noted that "governments are not supposed to discriminate on the basis of race, creed or sex."

Book Burning

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Press reports reaching here said officials on the Indonesian island of Lombok burned 164 books on communism, claiming the doctrine runs counter to Indonesian national principles.