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Historical Society outlines plans for new park

WORTHINGTON— The directors of the Worthington Historical Society went before the Planning Board this week to outline their plans for a proposed park at Worthington Corners. Included in the plan is the site for the society's museum as a permanent headquarters.

The plan to make a museum complex in a central location is being made possible by three substantial gifts to the society. The late Marvis Snyder Rolland willed \$100,000 to the society for the express purpose of "building or acquiring" property for a historical museum; and Arlene C. Packard of Old North Road has given the society the tract at the Corners opposite the Corners Grocery for that purpose. A third gift is coming from Mrs. Rose Pless of Gloucester who has agreed to turn over the old Methodist Chapel in West Worthington to the society. The chapel will be moved to the Corners

West St., laid out the plans for the members of the Planning Board who will study them and prepare a recommendation for the Zoning Board of Appeals at a public hearing to be scheduled in mid-January. Society Vice-President, Scott Heyl of Buffington Hill Road, had drawn the plans and joined Claydon in the presentation this week. A variance will be required inasmuch as the lot is a "non-conforming lot."

The society's present headquarters are in the old Capen-Riverside schoolhouse in Christian Hollow. The annual meeting is held there in September. Consideration has been given to also moving it to the Corners site adjacent to the old Methodist chapel. Plans for such a move are indefinite at this time out of respect to the objections raised by some of the Christian Hollow neighbors who have petitioned the directors to the leave the school-based