

TO 'RESCUE' PRESERVE

# WMU To Ask State For Kleinstuck Deed

Western Michigan University's Board of Trustees Friday can give the property the attention that it needs.

passed a resolution asking the State Board of Education to convey the 48-acre Kleinstuck Preserve property in Kalamazoo to the university. He noted that the university plans supervision and development of the property to protect it against vandalism which has plagued the nature area for many years.

Title to the property has been held by the State Board since 1922, when it was donated by the late Mrs. Carolyn Hubbard Kleinstueck (the anglicized Kleinstuck has won out over Kleinstueck as the commonly-used spelling for the preserve). Located south of Maple Street and between Oakland Drive and Stearns Avenue, Kleinstuck Preserve has been used as a wildlife preserve and nature study area throughout its existence.

It has been felt throughout the years, however, that the donated land was particularly meant for Western Michigan University, which at that time was Western State Normal School.

Up until 1964, Western was governed, as were all of the state's so-called regional universities, by the State Board of Education.

The new Michigan Constitution of 1963, however, provided for WMU and the other state colleges to have their own governing boards. Western's was formed in early 1964.

Act No. 43 of Michigan Public Acts, 1963, provided that all property that the State Board of Education held "for the use and benefit" of Western Michigan University should become the property of the board of control of that institution.

Friday's action, based on that public act, asks on the part of the WMU Board of Trustees that the State Board of Education turn over the Kleinstuck Preserve property to WMU, plus any other parcels of real estate which the board may be holding for WMU.

The conveyance of the Kleinstuck property, said the resolution, should be in the form of a quit-claim deed from the state board.

The request was made, according to WMU President James W. Miller, so that WMU

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