

January 8, 1947

The Board met this day in regular session.

Place: Administration Building - Druid Hill Park
Time: 2:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: C. Kirk Straub, President, in the Chair
George M. Armor
S. Lawrence Hammerman
Edward Kowzan
Anne W. Bunker

(Mr. David Stickle, of the Morning Sun, also was present)

At 2:00 P. M., before the regular meeting started, movie film were shown by the Secretary on the subject "St. Louis and Baltimore Zoos." The members thoroughly enjoyed this presentation.

The regular meeting opened at 2:30 P.M., and the President asked for approval of both the minutes of the regular session on December 4, 1946, and the special executive session of December 18, 1946.

Commissioner Hammerman asked the President to give an affirmative vote, retroactive to the approval of the Stadium selling contract awarded on December 18, 1946, in order to make the entire vote of the Board unanimous. The President voted in favor.

Commissioner Armor then made a motion that all of the minutes mentioned above be approved, and that the executive session minutes be corrected in respect to the awarding of the Stadium selling contract to the Watts Sales Company to read as follows: "Upon motion of Commissioner Hammerman seconded by Commissioner Armor the Board unanimously awarded the Stadium selling contract to the Watts Sales Company."

Commissioner Hammerman seconded Commissioner Armor's motion for the approval and correction of the minutes, and by unanimous consent of the Board it was so ORDERED.

There were next introduced letters from the Director, Mr. Maxwell, and Capt. Gaeng concerning the dismissal of Officer Frederick D. Burkindine from the Police Division.

The Secretary produced a registered letter return receipt showing delivery of a final notice to the Officer on December 7, 1946. The letter was unanswered, and no reply from the Officer was forthcoming. Inasmuch as the Board set December 31, 1946 as the deadline for a reply it was felt that every possible chance was given this man to resign. Commissioner Hammerman moved that Officer Burkindine be dismissed from the position of Patrolman in the Police Division, and Commissioner Armor seconded the motion. By unanimous consent the dismissal was sustained. The Secretary was directed to so notify the City Service Commission.

A follow up letter was handed to the President regarding a request for the use of the Stadium by the National Baseball Congress. The letter was dated January 6, 1947 and signed by Mr. John W. Williams, Regional Baseball Commissioner.

Mr. Williams requested the use of the Stadium on a percentage basis. He further stated that it would take about four to five days to play the semi-pro championship of Maryland. He mentioned that he would get about 20% and the rest would go to the team in the play-off.

The Board unanimously decided to allow the National Baseball Congress the use of the Baltimore Stadium on a 15% basis for day games and 20% basis for night games with a minimum guarantee of \$500.00 for each date the Stadium is used, when and if this program could be fitted in with the Orioles schedule and other prior Stadium commitments. The Secretary was directed to so instruct Mr. Williams.

A letter by the Director dated December 30, 1946 introduced a report drafted by Mr. Clyde Gordon, Curator of the Staten Island Zoo, concerning recommendations and improvements for the Baltimore Zoo. A summary of the recommendations is as follows:

- 1 - Enlarge educational programs, by full cooperation with the Board of Education, with students and teachers assigned as lecturers.
- 2 - Directional Signs. Erect such signs as are necessary to direct patrons to outlying exhibits, such as deer and elk pens.