

schedule this dinner meeting on January 29 at 7:00 P.M. at the Sheraton-Belvedere. The Secretary was directed to contact the Naval Academy in order to extend an invitation and to determine whether this date was satisfactory. The Director, the Secretary and the Stadium Manager were likewise invited to attend.

The Secretary handed to each member of the Board copy of a tentative contract regarding an agreement between the Park Board and the Baltimore Professional Franchise Owners. The President commented by saying this contract was only preliminary, and subject to further changes as the result of mutual discussions between the Board and the Football Owners.

A letter was next introduced dated December 16, 1946 written by Mr. Alexander J. Allen, Executive Secretary of the Baltimore Urban League. Mr. Allen requested the Board's policies concerning park space for supervised recreational programs, policies involving the possible use of squares for recreational purposes, and policies regarding a more complete transition of inactive park areas over to active recreational programs. It was the unanimous consensus of the Board to turn the entire matter over to the Director for purposes of drafting a reply.

Two letters were next introduced, one dated November 14, 1946 from the Clifton Park Tennis Club, written by Mr. Albert N. Norris, and the other dated November 20, 1946 from the Hamilton Improvement Association written by Mr. W. George Walz.

Both of these letters strenuously objected to the granting of the Clifton Park enclosed track for use by the Dunbar High School students. It was the consensus of the Board that both of these letters should be filed with previous correspondence relating to this same problem, and that the entire matter should be further discussed at the February meeting.

The Secretary gave the President a letter dated December 15, 1946 from the Clifton Park Golf Association written by Mr. E. R. Harrison, President.

The Association requested that a 25¢ twilight golf fee be put into effect at the Clifton Park golf course. Since all the other major courses were already authorized to sell special twilight golf tickets the Board unanimously agreed that the Clifton course should be no exception and, therefore, approved of a 25¢ twilight golf fee at this course.

The Director was advised to set up a schedule of twilight golf time which would conform during the various seasons of the year, designating a specific time of day in each season at which the twilight tickets would be for sale. Such a schedule would necessarily fit in with the time of the day that the sun goes down.

The Secretary submitted a letter from Mr. Jacob W. Slagle, Stadium Manager, dated December 3, 1946. Mr. Slagle requested that Mr. John J. Noonan, Principal Foreman Parks, be paid a total of \$105.00 for services rendered at the Baltimore Stadium during twenty-one football games, at the rate of \$5.00 per game.

The Director requested in a special letter to the Board that the paying of Mr. Noonan would set a precedent among salaried employees resulting in many more requests of a similar nature. He further recommended that Mr. Noonan be paid the amount requested, but in the future where salaried employees were required to work overtime the extra hours should be made up to the employees by permitting him to take time off in compensation for the hours worked. The President did not agree with this policy. It was the consensus of the Board that employees should only work overtime when it is absolutely necessary, and when they do they should not be penalized by being permitted to take time off from their regular working hours.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kowzan seconded by Commissioner Armor the Board unanimously approved payment of \$105.00 to Mr. Noonan.

A letter was then introduced written by the Secretary to Mr. Simon E. Sobeloff, City Solicitor, asking for an opinion as to the legality of Park Board agreements and contracts signed now or about to be signed by members of the Board extending to a period of time beyond May 20, 1947, on which date the merger Charter amendment becomes effective. The Secretary was directed to follow through and present the opinion at the next Board meeting.