

The President introduced a letter from the Mayor extending an invitation to the Park Board to attend a dedication ceremony at the Washington Street entrance to Clifton Park for Friday, January 10, at 2:30 P.M. The purpose of this ceremony was to dedicate and change the name of Washington Street Drive to the new name of St. Lo Drive in honor of the visit of the Mayor of St. Lo, France, Honorable Georges Pierre Lavalley, and also to commemorate the honored dead of Baltimore, St. Lo and the famous 29th Division, who gave their lives at this historical spot in the battle for France.

The Board was unanimous in giving its approval to this worthy dedication. The Director was requested to send a letter to the Commission on City Plan directing this Commission to make an official record on its plats and maps concerning the renaming of this Drive.

(NOTE:- Due to the late arrival of the Mayor of St. Lo the actual dedication was held on Saturday, January 11, at 2:30 P.M.).

The President outlined his procedure in handling the possible reinstatement of Mr. Felix A. Leser as Zoo Director. He mentioned that the Board of Estimates approved on January 2, 1947 a three year contract at \$4,000.00 per year with Mr. Leser acting in the capacity of a consultant for the Zoo. He further stated that the City Service Commission would like to discuss the employment of Mr. Leser with the Park Board. The Secretary was directed to contact the City Service for purposes of making an appointment concerning this matter.

The President told the Board members that the Natural History Society of Maryland requested that the Aquarium be reopened. The Mayor was likewise interested in a possible reopening of this facility. The President submitted a letter by the Director dated December 13, 1946 in which he outlined the contents of the present Aquarium building as follows:

- 12 Large Tanks (4 feet by 5 feet Glass)
- 36 Small Tanks (1 foot by 2 feet Glass)
- 1 Large Floor Tank for the display of Turtles and Alligators

In order to begin operations again, the Director estimated the following costs:

Cleaning, Painting, Repairs.....	\$ 2,000.00
Electrical and Plumbing.....	1,500.00
Attendant, per year.....	2,400.00
Coal, Light, Water, etc.....	750.00
Technical Director, per year.....	4,500.00
Fish Food.....	500.00
	<u>\$ 11,650.00</u>

He likewise suggested that the reopening and sponsorship be again extended to the Natural History Society of Maryland. The Director was requested to contact the Society concerning the entire matter, and the Secretary was directed to place the subject on the February agenda.

A letter was read written by the American Red Cross dated December 13, 1946 thanking the Board for the use of the parking grounds on either side of the Municipal Stadium, to train disabled veterans to drive automobiles.

The President next introduced a letter dated December 18, 1946 written by Mr. Charles T. Dubin, attorney at law, wherein he requested the use of the Baltimore Stadium for the playing of one football game to be sponsored by the U. S. Marines, Post No. 1, the American Legion, to be played between the Quantico Marines of the Marine Post at Quantico, Virginia, and the Bainbridge Training Station, Bainbridge, Maryland. His preferred date was Saturday, October 25, 1947. His alternate dates were October 18 or November 1. He mentioned that the proceeds of the game are to be used for the purpose of providing a home for active and discharged Marines, and to house various Marine veteran and reserve organizations. It was pointed out by the President that one of the alternate dates, October 18, coincided with one of the Navy games. The Secretary was directed to present this matter again at the February meeting of the Board, in view of the fact that the whole question of overlapping Stadium dates was to be ironed out at the over-all meeting of January 22.

The Secretary was directed to place on the agenda of the February meeting the use by Dunbar High School of the Clifton enclosed track.