

The President next introduced the revised Navy football contract. All the proposed revisions were approved by the Board, and were the outcome of the Navy's agreement with the Orioles and the Pro-Football interests at the special meeting held on January 22, 1947.

The suggested changes were as follows:

- 1 - Navy to pay for standby public address system equipment, and deduct such cost from rental.
- 2 - Navy agrees to allow Pro-Football Club one Sunday following one of the three Navy games.
- 3 - Navy agrees to allow the high schools the use of the Stadium on Friday nights before Navy games, provided bad weather does not seriously affect the condition of the playfield, and provided the high schools exercise police control in preventing damage and vandalism.
- 4 - Navy agrees to send 70 tickets for each home game to the President of the Board, as requested by him, who shall sell the tickets to officials of the Municipal Government and refund the Navy to the full amount of the sale.
- 5 - Navy agrees to allow Orioles the use of the Stadium for the play-offs and Little World Series.
- 6 - Navy agrees to play its first game if necessary on a skinned diamond.
- 7 - Navy has no objection to the retention of two light poles on the field at the north end, provided such poles are safely outside of the football end zone, and stripped of their arms and lighting fixtures.

The Secretary was directed to revise the Navy contract accordingly; and send copies to the President who would forward them to the Naval Academy.

On the subject of seat repairs, Commissioner Hammerman hoped that we do not need repairs of a major nature this year. In reply to his question as to who sends the seat inspector, the President answered that the Navy sends one to Baltimore in the early part of the year. Director Maxwell expressed the belief that our own park labor forces can repair the Stadium seats this year.

The President reported on the progress of the professional football contract with Mr. Robert Rodenberg. He said that our revised draft would be sent to Mr. Joseph Finnerty, attorney for the Club, and that counter proposals were naturally to be expected in future discussions before the contract reached its final stage.

There was next introduced a letter from the Chief Engineer, Mr. Nathan L. Smith, together with certain other papers referring to a portion of our property known as Chinquapin Park. Mr. Smith requested the Board of Park Commissioners to sell to the Roland Park Company at \$1,500.00 per acre, two small parcels of park land totaling 2.1 acres. Mr. Smith mentioned that the Roland Park Company would construct a modern highway to take the place of Herring Run Drive West at no cost to the City. The Chief Engineer likewise submitted an agreement executed by the Roland Park Company and approved by the City Solicitor's office, the Commission on City Plan, the Board of Estimates and the City Engineer's office. The Board of Estimates approval, however, is contingent upon the approval by the Board of Park Commissioners.

The Commissioners then looked at the agreement and the sketches and plans, and it was their opinion that a Committee should be appointed to investigate and report back at the next meeting. The President, therefore, appointed a Committee as follows - Commissioners Hammerman and Bunker to be assisted by Mr. Maxwell, the Director. The date was set for their investigation tour on Friday, February 7, at 10:00 A.M.

The Secretary introduced the next topic regarding the use and cost of the Western Union Sports Timer for major Stadium sports events. In a letter dated February 1, 1947 from the Western Union