

a motion to settle the case on a 50-50 basis, whereby Mr. Klotzbaugh would be liable for paying one-half of bill No. 39006, and further provided that the Secretary secure from various sources electric rates in order that a complete survey could be on hand for the March meeting at which some policy could be determined. Commissioner Armor seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

A letter dated February 4, 1947 from Mr. Ralph J. Klotzbaugh was introduced and read regarding his request for the operation of selling stands at Carroll Golf Course, Cahill Center and the ball diamond in Herring Run Park.

According to the letter the Park Board must grant permission at these locations before the concessionaire is allowed to operate them. He promised to submit sketches and details of selling points where no selling facilities existed.

Mr. Maxwell, the Director, recommended to the Board, in a separate letter, dated February 5, 1947, that these additional privileges be extended to the concessionaire upon payment of the proper amount over and above the existing contract price.

It was moved by Commissioner Kowzan and seconded by Commissioner Bunker that the entire matter be turned over to the Director of Parks to evaluate the possibilities of the concessions and their worth on a business basis and to make a report at the next meeting in March; the cost of cleaning the areas involved to be considered as one of the factors in evaluating the locations.

A sketch of the proposed new bathhouse at Fort Smallwood was introduced accompanied by a letter from Mr. A. M. Anderson pointing out the front elevation of the bathhouse and its situation as related to the beach area. Mr. Anderson, in his letter of February 5, 1947, proposed to use the road as a promenade by eliminating vehicular traffic from the portion paralleling the beach. The bathhouse to be constructed from cinder block, and the building material to be asbestos siding on wood framing. He stated that preliminary estimates showed that the work can be done within the budget sum appropriated. Included in the estimate is the bid price of 54¢ per cubic yard for fill, which was obtained from three parties. He recommended immediate work on the fill at this low cost figure. He warned of construction prices which are continuously subject to change. Upon receipt of actual bids the Board could then determine the extent of construction possible, out of this year's funds.

Since the proposed sketch placed the building on a fill over a section of what is now a swamp or lagoon area, Mr. Maxwell raised serious objections to the construction at this location. The Director recommended the building to be put on solid ground. He added, however, that he would be willing to go along with the project if it can be proved basically sound, and will not exceed \$30,000.00, including fill and building. Commissioner Hammerman asked how far the nearest solid ground was to the beach to which question Mr. Maxwell replied about 150 feet. The Director added that it would take about 7,000 yards of fill to fill the swamp area directly below the proposed building. Commissioner Hammerman stated that it would be a hazardous proposition if the fill settled after the building was constructed.

After a brief discussion on the subject it was finally decided that the Board would make a trip to the location at Fort Smallwood on February 11 at 2:30 P.M., in order to determine the exact location for the proposed bathhouse. The Secretary was directed to make the necessary arrangements for this trip.

A letter introduced by the Director pointed out that two parties were interested in bidding on the Fort Smallwood concession, namely, Robert S. Smith, Box 297, R. D. No. 9, Brooklyn, Maryland, and Ralph J. Klotzbaugh, 805 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

The following letter was the Director's recommendation regarding the handling of the Fort Smallwood concession:

January 28, 1947

Honorable Board of Park Commissioners
Gentlemen:-

As you know, we expect to operate Fort Smallwood Beach during the summer of 1947. If we operate this facility with our own manpower it would be necessary to take untrained men from the Patterson-Riverside District where they will be badly needed. Also, it would be necessary to purchase at least two motor vehicles (probably station wagons) to haul men and materials to and from the Park since we cannot employ local people for the work (none available). I, therefore, recommend that we operate the bathhouses and