beach as a concession. Several contractors have expressed an interest in operating this concession, and I, therefore, presume it would be necessary to let the contract by competitive bidding. I submit the following as a rough guide in the compilation of these specifications:

Rates.....	Adults - 35¢ Children, 12 years and under-15¢
Seasonal Rates.....	25% less than daily rates
Soap and Towel Rental....	10¢
Suit Rental.....	50¢ with $1.00 deposit
Attendants Required.....	Ticket Sellers, one for each 300 patrons. Suit and Towel Attendants, one for each 300 patrons. Men's Lockers, one attendant for each 300 patrons. Women's Lockers, one attendant for each 300 patrons. Lifeguards to be employees of the Park Department, two or more depending upon the bathing load.
Bathing Season.....	June 1 to 15 - week ends only June 16 to September 20 - every day
Food Concession.....	This should be included in the beach concession, and one contractor should handle both items.
Rental Fees.....	I would suggest a fee of 20% of the gross income after taxes, with an initial payment of $250.00 to be deducted from the contractor's last payment.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) R. Brooke Maxwell
Director of Parks.

In the discussion which followed, the President pointed out that it would be desirable to extend a concession contract for at least three years. Commissioner Hammerman was in favor of getting a very good concessionaire. The President mentioned that Fort Smallwood could have its opening date before the regular Municipal swimming pool season. He favored a per head basis for concession rental as the most practical way of determining a fair charge. Commissioner Hammerman was interested in knowing what other large beaches were doing along these lines, and suggested that we make a survey of other bathing locations to be studied at the next meeting. It was, therefore, agreed that expert opinion should be gathered from all possible sources and presented to the Board at the March meeting for further discussion.

The President mentioned that two Zoo Societies were in existence. He presented to the Board a letter dated January 10, 1947 signed by Mr. Paul F. Due, President of the City Service Commission, containing the Commission's decision regarding the possible hiring of Mr. Felix A. Leser as Zoo Director.

This decision stated that if the Park Board desires to employ Mr. Leser temporarily the approval of the City Service Commission is contingent upon securing from the Board of Estimates authority to pay a salary sufficient to attract qualified applicants. It further stated that if the salary is increased, as indicated, the additional qualifications for the position could be raised. It requested the Board to advise the Commission as to the proposed salary stating that it could furnish an eligible list within 45 days after the salary notification.

The City Service Commission was intent upon filling this position permanently through a regularly established eligible list. The President mentioned that it looked hopeless in the way of securing Mr. Leser's services for the Zoo for a long period of time. The President also mentioned that a possible Zoo organization sanctioned by the Park Board may hire Mr. Leser as Director, and pay him out of private funds for services rendered. Commissioner Hammerman stated that we needed a publicity man at the Zoo rather than an expert on animals. He added that Mr. Leser's ability to stir up interest among the people was of inestimable value. It was the unanimous feeling of the Board that it would favor Mr. Leser as a curator of its Zoo organization, and that it would likewise recognize all other Zoo Societies or Zoo Groups.

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