The Secretary introduced a letter dated January 17, 1947 written to Mayor McKeldin by Mr. Oliver B. Wight, architect of Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Wight stated that he wishes to go on record to place at our disposal, without remuneration, his services as architect to prepare plans and specifications for the required new Zoo buildings to house the present and future animals. He mentioned that he was well impressed with Mr. Felix A. Leser's luncheon address delivered at the Downtown Lions Club during the month of January.

Attached to Mr. Wight's letter was a copy of Mayor Mc Keldin's reply to Mr. Wight dated January 23, 1947, thanking Mr. Wight for his generous offer, and referring Mr. Wight's letter to the Park Board for its consideration.

The Board expressed its appreciation, and directed the Secretary to send a letter to that effect to Mr. Wight.

A letter dated December 18, 1946 written by Mr. Charles T. Dubin was then read, wherein Mr. Dubin requested a play date at the Baltimore Stadium for a football game between the U. S. Marines at Quantico and the Bainbridge Naval Station. He desired Saturday, October 25, October 18 or November 1, 1947. The proceeds of the game he mentioned are to be used to aid in providing a home for discharged veterans. The Board decided that no definite date could as yet be determined because the professional football schedule was still in doubt. The Secretary was directed to so notify Mr. Dubin.

The next order of business was contained in a letter dated January 15, 1947 written by Mr. Joseph Carroll, of the Catholic Evidence Guild of Baltimore, wherein he requested that the above organization be permitted to conduct religious services (Stations of the Cross) in the Casino at Patterson Park beginning Sunday, February 23, 1947 at 3:00 P. M., and every Sunday thereafter at the same hour until March 30, inclusive.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammerman seconded by Commissioner Armor the request was unanimously approved.

The Secretary then announced that a Greenskeepers Convention was to be held in New York from February 10 to February 14, and that the following park personnel were interested in attending: Mr. Charles A. Hook, of Clifton Park; Mr. George A. Keen, of Druid Hill Park, and Mr. Myer J. Cohen, of the Engineering Division.

The Board was very desirous of having representatives from Baltimore at conventions relating to park work. Therefore, upon motion of Commissioner Hammerman seconded by Commissioner Kowzan the Board unanimously approved that the above three mentioned employees be permitted to attend this convention, and authorized a $100.00 expense allowance for each representative.

A letter dated January 13, 1947 from the Mt. Pleasant Golf Club, written by Mr. B. E. Ritchie, of the Mt. Pleasant Golf Club, was read to the Board wherein he requested the fencing of certain areas on and about the Mt. Pleasant golf course. He stated that such a wire fence would act as a safety measure in keeping strollers out of danger, and in reducing the number of children who roam over the fairways. The Director, Mr. Maxwell, mentioned that such a fence would be prohibitive in cost at this time, and would offend a great many park patrons.

The President expressed himself as being against erecting such a fence at such a location. The location under discussion was along the fairways of golf holes 14, 15 and 16. By unanimous agreement of the Board, the request of the Mt. Pleasant Golf Club was disapproved, and Mr. Maxwell was directed to so notify this organization.

A letter dated January 13, 1947 from Mr. Allen A. Davis, Assistant City Solicitor, rendered an opinion regarding the legality of park agreements and contracts signed now or about to be signed extending to a period of time beyond May 20, 1947. He said that contracts legally executed by the present Board, on behalf of the City, will be binding upon the Department of Recreation and Parks after May 20, 1947 for a reasonable length of time. He did not believe that the present Board could legally grant concessions in the Parks for ninety-nine years. He referred to the newly revised Charter effective May 20, 1947 which contains a clause supporting his opinion.

There was next introduced a letter dated January 13, 1947 written by Mr. Gustave Bisgyer, of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association, requesting permission to use Druid Hill

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