

inefficient since every member had complimented him in the past by saying he was doing a good job. He said that he liked his job, and would like to be the Manager of the new Stadium. He mentioned that he was very much upset to hear that the City was trying to save \$1,800.00, and felt it was a blow to his efficiency. The President told Mr. Slagle that this action of the Board was not intended to indicate his inefficiency or inability. Since the Stadium had a full unsolicited annual schedule of events, and further promotion of events was not necessary, therefore, the operation of this facility did not require a full time Manager. He said that the Stadium job today was nothing but a maintenance job, not a promotional one that warranted a high salary. Mr. Slagle said that if four events formerly held at the Stadium in one year were worth \$2,800.00 certainly all the events now held in one year should be worth more than \$2,800.00. Mr. Slagle left the room by saying that he was sorry that things had come to this pass.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kowzan seconded by Commissioner Hammerman, the Board was unanimous in abolishing Mr. Slagle's position, and directed that the Board of Estimates be notified concerning a request for an additional \$1,000.00 for Mr. Charles A. Hook who was chosen by the Board to take over Stadium responsibilities in addition to his regular Division responsibilities.

The Secretary brought up the subject of electric rates for concessionaires. He said that the billing of the concessionaires for electric current each month was illegal. He suggested that the Board either use a flat monthly rate as a service charge or allow the Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company to take over the billing entirely.

It was the sense of the Board that the Director and the Secretary work out a suitable solution to the problem. The concessionaires, however, were not to be charged more than the regular business rates of the Gas and Electric Company.

The four concessionaires involved were: Maryland Yacht Club; Davis Bicycle Concession; Klotzbaugh Park Selling Concession, and the Stadium Selling Concession.

(The Secretary took definite action with the Gas and Electric Company in order to have the entire problem worked out satisfactorily).

The Board authorized the Director to set April 1, 1947 as the cut-off date for the abolishing of the position of Policewoman.

The Director made a report to the Board by stating that he had notified Major James C. Robertson, Jr., concerning a vacancy in the class "Lieutenant" in the Police Division. This letter was dated February 20, 1947, and no reply was forthcoming from Major Robertson. The Board unanimously agreed to allow the Director and Capt. Gaeng to appoint a temporary Lieutenant on April 1, 1947.

According to a letter dated February 10, 1947 from Mr. J. C. Opper, Major Robertson upon his return to civilian life would be entitled to be restored to his former position as "Lieutenant," if he so desired.

On the topic of the repair to the lighting system of the Washington Monument, the President reported that Mayor McKeldin has personally investigated the case, and has reported the inadequacy of the lighting system to the Board of Estimates.

(The Board of Estimates has since authorized not more than \$6,500.00 to be spent on new lighting installations for the Washington Monument, - funds to be obtained from the regular expense account of the Park Department).

Concerning the contemplated trip by the Board to Washington, it was agreed to wait until the April meeting before a decision was made.

A letter was next read dated February 26, 1947 written by Mr. Robert G. Koch, Commander of Post No. 164, American Legion, wherein he requested the help of the Park Board in building a more desirable playground on the site of the old Oriole baseball park. He especially asked for grass seed and other park supplies.

Mr. Maxwell recommended that we contribute one hundred pounds of grass seed toward this project. The Board empowered Mr. Maxwell to investigate and report at the next meeting.

A copy of a letter dated January 20, 1947 by Rt. Rev. Louis Vaeth, 415 Cathedral Street, was next introduced wherein it was requested that