

MINUTES
OF THE
PARK BOARD
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
OF THE
CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918

Commissioner WILLIAM F. GRELL, President*

“ PHILIP BEROLZHEIMER, President†

“ JOSEPH P. HENNESSY

“ JOHN N. HARMAN

“ ALBERT C. BENNINGER

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary

*Resigned November 7, 1918.

†Appointed November 7, 1918.

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[January 24, 1918.]

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, January 24, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Mr. Wm. F. Grell who had been appointed President of the Park Board and a Commissioner of Parks, appeared and presented his certificate of appointment as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Know All Men By These Presents, that I, John F. Hylan, Mayor of the City of New York, under and by virtue of the authority of the statutes in such case made and provided, do hereby appoint William F. Grell, a commissioner of Parks of the City of New York, to have administrative jurisdiction in the Borough of Manhattan and Richmond, and President of the Park Board, to succeed Robert F. Volentine, and to hold office until his successor shall be appointed and has qualified.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 1st day of January, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

JOHN F. HYLAN, Mayor.

(Seal of the City of New York.)

Mr. John N. Harman, who had been appointed a Commissioner of Parks, appeared and presented his certificate of appointment as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Know All Men By These Presents, that I, John F. Hylan, Mayor of the City of New York, under and by virtue of the authority of the statutes in such case made and provided, do hereby appoint John N. Harman, a Commissioner of Parks of the City of New York, to have administrative jurisdiction in the Borough of Brooklyn, to succeed Raymond V. Ingersoll, and to hold office until his successor shall be appointed and has qualified.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 1st day of January, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

JOHN F. HYLAN, Mayor.

(Seal of the City of New York.)

Mr. Joseph P. Hennessy, who had been appointed a Commissioner of Parks, appeared and presented his certificate of appointment as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Know All Men By These Presents, that I, John F. Hylan, Mayor of the City of New York, under and by virtue of the authority of the statutes in such case made and provided, do hereby appoint Joseph P. Hennessy, a Commissioner of Parks of the City of New York, to have administrative jurisdiction in the Borough of The Bronx, to hold office until his successor shall be appointed and qualified; succeeding Thomas W. Whittle.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 16th day of January, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

JOHN F. HYLAN, Mayor.

(Seal of the City of New York.)

January 24, 1918.]

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Mr. Albert C. Benninger, who had been appointed a Commissioner of Parks, appeared and presented his certificate of appointment as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Know All Men By These Presents, that I, John F. Hylan, Mayor of the City of New York, under and by virtue of the authority of the statutes in such case made and provided do hereby appoint Albert C. Benninger, a Commissioner of Parks of the City of New York, to have administrative jurisdiction in the Borough of Queens, to succeed John E. Weier, and to hold office until his successor shall be appointed and has qualified.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 12th day of January, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

JOHN F. HYLAN, Mayor.

(Seal of the City of New York.)

President Grell took the chair and called the meeting to order.

On motion, the following communication was ordered to be printed in the minutes:

December 29th, 1917.

TO THE HONORABLE PARK BOARD.

GENTLEMEN—I herewith resign as Secretary of the Park Board to take effect December 31st, 1917.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS W. FEHR, Secretary, Park Board.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That Willis Holly of 150 West 47th Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, be appointed Secretary of the Park Board, at the salary of \$3,500 per annum.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

The consideration of a calendar of communications and routine resolutions was postponed until the next regular meeting and a general discussion of department matters and methods was had.

On motion, at 4 P. M., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, January 31, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Whereas, Each member of this Board has received in due course and in the usual manner, a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting, and has examined his copy, be it therefore

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes is deemed unnecessary, and is hereby dispensed with.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

1. A communication was received from the Secretary of the New York City Gardeners' Association, as follows:

NEW YORK CITY GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

January 27, 1918.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

City of New York.

DEAR SIRs—At the last regular meeting of the New York City Gardeners' Association, held January 25, 1918, I was instructed to write your honorable Board of Commissioners to seek an appointed time at which the delegated representatives of the Gardeners in the City Employ could come before your body, and present their claim for being placed on a per annum basis, and such matters pertaining thereto.

Respectfully for the Gardeners,

CARL J. SCHACK, Secretary.

On motion, it was resolved that a hearing be given to the representatives of the New York City Gardeners' Association at the next meeting of the Park Board, Thursday, February 7th, and the Secretary was directed to give notice of such hearing.

2. A communication from the Chief Engineer, Department of Parks, Manhattan and Richmond, relative to report on extension of street railway in Pelham Bay Park, was received and read.

At the suggestion of the President this communication and accompanying papers were referred to the Commissioner of Parks for the Borough of The Bronx.

3. A communication was received from Mr. James O'Neill, proposing to serve the Department by furnishing legislative bills and documents affecting it during the present session of the Legislature in Albany.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. O'Neill that the service proposed would not be required.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That all the bids or proposals received December 27, 1917, by the Central Purchase Committee, for furnishing and delivering Forage for the Department of Parks, Manhattan and Richmond, be, and the same hereby are rejected, it being deemed for the interest of the City so to do.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering paints, oils and varnishes for parks in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering gasoline and kerosene for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved

that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering lumber, Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering cordage, rope and oakum for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering cleaning materials and compounds for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering lubricating oils and greases for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering forage for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering paints, oils and varnishes for parks in the Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering gasoline and kerosene for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering lumber for Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the

Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering cordage, rope and oakum for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering cleaning materials and compounds for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering paints, oils and varnishes for the Department of Parks, Borough of Brooklyn, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering gasoline and kerosene for the Department of Parks, Borough of Brooklyn, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering lumber for the Department of Parks, Borough of Brooklyn, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering forage for the Department of Parks, Borough of Brooklyn, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Benninger offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering gasoline and kerosene for the Department of Parks, Borough of Queens, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

A representative of the Central Purchase Committee was asked into the meeting to discuss with the Commissioners the details of the system under which proposals are invited and contracts awarded.

A general discussion of the matters of the Department was had.

On motion, at 4.15 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, February 7, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the bids or proposals which had been received pursuant to duly published advertisements were opened and read as follows:

Bids for All Labor and Materials Necessary and Required for Restoring Lawns,
Square Park, Within the Area Disturbed in the Construction of

Items and Quantities	Price	Amount
		Luke A. Burke, 507 5th Ave., New York City
1. Restoration of display fountain.....	\$1,326.50	\$1,326.50
2. Excavation (500 cu. yds.).....	1.50	750.00
3. Surface basins (2).....	65.00	130.00
4. 8-inch vitrified pipe (150 lin. ft.).....	1.00	150.00
5. Bluestone edging (850 lin. ft.).....	1.00	850.00
6. Cement walk (15,500 sq. ft.).....	.17	2,635.00
7. Three-rail pipe fence (1,050 lin. ft.).....	1.87	1,963.50
8. Top soil (750 cu. yds.).....	2.20	1,650.00
9. Sod (17,000 sq. ft.).....	.06	1,020.00
		\$10,475.00

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3. Surface basins (2).....		
4. 8-inch vitrified pipe (150 lin. ft.).....		
5. Bluestone edging (850 lin. ft.).....		
6. Cement work (15,500 sq. ft.).....		
7. Three-rail pipe fence (1,050 lin. ft.).....		
8. Top soil (750 cu. yds.).....		
9. Sod (17,000 sq. ft.).....		

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, and approved on motion of Commissioner Harman.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted at the previous meeting, and on notice thereof by the Secretary, a delegation from the New York City Gardeners Association, consisting of: John N. Niemeyer of Queens, John A. Quigley of Brooklyn, Jacob Keller of Manhattan, John Griffin of Manhattan, and Augustus C. Willow of The Bronx, was received for a hearing before the Board.

These delegates spoke in turn and at considerable length, some of them being heard two or more times. They also answered many questions by different members of the Board, and were dismissed with the assurance that the matters they had brought up would receive careful consideration.

The following communication from the Landscape Architect was read by the Secretary, and on motion ordered to be printed in the minutes:

Walks, Fences, Display Fountain and Other Features in the Northerly End of Union the Broadway Subway, Borough of Manhattan, February 7th, 1918.

P. T. Cox Contr. Co., Inc., 154 Nassau St., New York City		Charles J. Daly, 172 Paynter Ave., L. I. C.		Michael Del Balso, 746 E. 179th St., Bronx, New York City		Nicholas Di Menna, 618 E. Fordham Rd., New York City	
Price	Amount	Price	Amount	Price	Amount	Price	Amount
.....	\$2,485.00	.....	\$1,500.00	.....	\$750.00	.....	\$1,140.00
\$2.00	1,000.00	\$2.25	1,125.00	\$1.00	500.00	\$1.35	675.00
115.00	230.00	100.00	200.00	250.00	500.00	75.00	150.00
1.30	195.00	1.50	225.00	3.00	450.00	2.00	300.00
1.70	1,445.00	2.00	1,700.00	1.50	1,275.00	.75	637.50
.14	2,170.00	.25	3,875.00	.24	3,720.00	.18	2,790.00
2.30	2,415.00	1.70	1,785.00	2.35	2,467.50	1.60	1,680.00
2.60	1,950.00	3.00	2,250.00	1.00	750.00	2.50	1,875.00
.04	680.00	.045	765.00	.02	340.00	.03	510.00
	\$12,570.00		\$13,425.00		\$10,752.50		\$9,757.50

Walks, Fences, Display Fountain and Other Features in the Northerly End of Union the Broadway Subway, Borough of Manhattan, February 7th, 1918—Continued.

Farrell & Briggs, 875 E. 180th St., New York City		Fleming, O'Brien & McEntegart, Inc., 116 Broad St., New York City		F. Gradwahl Engr. & Contr. Co., 101 Park Ave., New York City		John Hartman, 105 W. 96th St., New York City	
Price	Amount	Price	Amount	Price	Amount	Price	Amount
.....	\$1,200.00	.....	\$1,700.00	.....	\$1,660.00	.....	\$648.00
\$3.00	1,500.00	\$3.00	1,500.00	\$1.50	750.00	\$2.00	1,000.00
180.00	360.00	150.00	300.00	66.00	132.00	50.00	100.00
2.00	300.00	2.00	300.00	1.00	150.00	1.50	225.00
1.35	1,147.50	1.10	935.00	1.50	1,275.00	1.11	943.50
.20	3,100.00	.17	2,635.00	.20	3,100.00	.16	2,480.00
3.35	3,517.50	1.90	1,995.00	2.30	2,415.00	1.70	1,785.00
2.25	1,587.50	3.00	2,250.00	2.00	1,500.00	2.50	1,875.00
.08	1,360.00	.02	340.00	.03	510.00	.02	340.00
	\$14,172.50		\$11,955.00		\$11,492.00		\$9,396.50

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Bids for All Labor and Materials Necessary and Required for Restoring Lawns,
Square Park, Within the Area Disturbed in the Construction of

Items and Quantities

1. Restoration of display fountain.....
2. Excavation (500 cu. yds.).....
3. Surface basins (2).....
4. 8-inch vitrified pipe (150 lin. ft.).....
5. Bluestone edging (850 lin. ft.).....
6. Cement walk (15,500 sq. ft.).....
7. Three-rail pipe fence (1,050 lin. ft.).....
8. Top soil (750 cu. yds.).....
9. Sod (17,000 sq. ft.).....

HON. WM. F. GRELL,
President of the Park Board,
Municipal Building.

February 6, 1918.

DEAR MR. GRELL:

I am sending you herewith a brief survey of the condition and the needs of the Park Department, as I see them, in the hope that it will help your Board in determining the relative importance of the many phases of park work.

Sincerely yours,

CARL F. PILAT, Landscape Architect.

ENCLOSURE.

February 5, 1918.

To the HONORABLE PARK BOARD.

GENTLEMEN:

After several years of work in the Park Department during which time I have studied the condition of the parks of the City and their needs, I beg to offer for your consideration some suggestions and comments on park matters in which there seems to be room for improvement:

1. *Restoration and Development:*

(a) *Walks*—The widening and repairing of old walks and the construction of new ones where needed, so as to better control pedestrians and prevent trespassing and short cuts over grass and plantations.

(b) *Lawns*—Restoration of worn-out and weedy lawns and their maintenance. Several large lawns have been restored and improved during the course of the last few years. The success of this work is due in a large measure to the use of barnyard manure together with green manures produced by the sowing of cover crops, such as crimson clover, cow peas, rye, etc., which were plowed under and the land allowed to lie fallow for a time before final seeding with grass seed. I recommend that this work be continued.

(c) *Planting*—The planting of vines and other ground cover plants on spaces having poor or shallow soil and under trees. Shrub plantations on steep banks. Much has been done during the past year to establish green growth under shade trees by planting of honeysuckles. Ivy and other shade-enduring ground cover plants, and herbaceous plants were set out to enrich the natural beauty of the wild portions of our parks. This should be continued and large masses of herbaceous plants set out in such regions. They will thrive in soil too poor for grass, and if arranged in intermingling growths, will give a rich natural effect, providing masses of color during the different seasons. These plantations require very little care after they have become established, and they increase the beauty and interest of the parks without adding to the cost of maintenance. I believe that it would be desirable and most economical if the departments themselves would propagate the vines, ground cover plants, and many of the hardy perennials and annuals that are required. I suggest that in each borough a space be set aside in one of the parks for this purpose, and that a competent gardener be put in charge of this special work.

Walks, Fences, Display Fountain and Other Features in the Northerly End of Union the Broadway Subway, Borough of Manhattan, February 7th, 1918—Concluded.

P. J. Kearns Cont. Co., 2306 Creston Ave., New York City		J. M. Knopp, 544 W. 43d St., New York City		I. Lagner, 700 Trinity Ave., New York City		Seventh Ave. Const. Co., Inc., 277 Broadway, New York City	
Price	Amount	Price	Amount	Price	Amount	Price	Amount
.....	\$1,500.00	.....	\$1,499.00	.....	\$2,070.00	.....	\$3,354.70
\$2.00	1,000.00	\$1.67	835.00	\$1.70	850.00	\$2.25	1,125.00
100.00	200.00	64.40	128.80	345.00*	345.00	300.00	600.00
2.00	300.00	.54	81.00	225.00*	225.00	3.00	450.00
1.25	1,062.50	1.40	1,190.00	1,410.00*	1,410.00	1.76	1,496.00
.20	3,100.00	.29	4,495.00	.21	3,255.00	.22	3,410.00
2.50	2,625.00	2.33	2,446.50	2.40	2,520.00	2.00	2,100.00
2.50	1,875.00	2.22	1,665.00	2.85	2,137.50	2.60	1,950.00
.04	680.00	.035	595.00	.035	595.00	.03	510.00
\$12,342.50		\$12,935.30		\$13,407.50		\$14,995.70	

* Lump sum bid.

(d) *Care of Woodlands and Reforestation*—Removal of dead wood and replacements of young trees in the old wooded sections and the development of new wood. Trees may be obtained from the park nurseries and from the Conservation Commission.

(e) *Playground Areas*—The importance of considering their locations and proper separation from other park areas. It seems desirable to set aside definite restricted areas for play activities and then to develop to the fullest extent the greensward and plantations outside of these areas.

2. *Yards:*

Adequate space should be provided for storage, manure pits and for compost piles. The providing of concentrated plant food in the form of well-rotted manure, compost and other fertilizers is one of the most important items in the work of maintenance and improving our parks and it is a matter that has not been developed to the fullest extent in any of the five boroughs.

3. *Water Supply System:*

(This applies especially to the parks of Manhattan.)

This section of the country has in the last years been visited by droughts of considerable duration. Because of the insufficient water supply, a thorough watering of lawns and other vegetation has not been possible, resulting in great injury to lawns, shrubs, and trees. Many fine old trees have died because of lack of moisture. I suggest, first, that a more intelligent use be made of the existing water supply; that is, that the watering be done by skilled men especially detailed to do this particular work, whose hours of work should be so regulated as to get the greatest benefit from the watering, and second, that the water supply system be extended to cover the entire area of the large parks and also the smaller parks and squares.

4. *Repairs:*

Much can be accomplished to prevent undue deterioration of the park plant by frequent and careful inspection and prompt action in the matter of repairs to walks, pavements, fences, bridges, buildings and monuments.

5. *Comfort Stations:*

Their number should be increased. The buildings in general should be inconspicuous and appropriate in size and design.

6. *Park Benches:*

Many more are needed. In places it is desirable to have permanent and stationary seats suitably designed. It is important to have these set alongside the walks, or preferably in a slight recess instead of on the walks where they seriously obstruct traffic.

7. *Nurseries:*

One in Queens and Brooklyn, one in The Bronx, and one in Richmond for Manhattan and Richmond, would be desirable. It should not be the aim to grow a large variety of trees and shrubs in these nurseries, but they should be restricted to the propagation and cultivation of a few of the best varieties of trees for street tree planting and general reforestation and to the growing of a limited number of varieties of shrubs which we have found during the experience of many years will thrive under the adverse conditions existing in a large city.

8. *Street Trees:*

It would be very desirable if it were possible for the Park Department to have funds to carry out a rational system of street tree planting and to have provision in the budget for their proper maintenance.

9. *The Labor and Gardening Forces:*

Gardeners and Arboriculturists should be in immediate charge of park maintenance. Better gardeners and more of them are needed. There appears to be an improper subordination of the important gardening operations. The gardener who has spent years learning his craft, and who is compelled to pass a Civil Service examination to obtain employment, receives in many instances, no more pay than the unskilled laborer who picks up rubbish. Gardeners should receive more pay and their employment should be continuous. Under existing conditions, those who are already employed become discouraged and competent men find nothing to induce them to enter the City's service.

10. *Police:*

It is desirable to have an increased force for park protection.

Park work along the lines mentioned will not only improve the appearance of the parks but will add materially to their usefulness, and much of it is work that can be accomplished without the expenditure of large sums of money outside of that provided for in the budget.

In addition, I believe that the best results in park restoration are obtained by concentrating the efforts on one park at a time or on a portion of one park, and after bringing the work to the condition desired, then to pass on to the next. I believe that having a comparatively large force under capable supervision is also more economical than to have labor scattered without proper supervision. In this way there will be something to show for the effort expended; the users of the parks will notice and have respect for the work that has been done, and the dangers of mutilation and destruction through the carelessness of citizens and children is greatly reduced. In places where there is apt to be malicious destruction, it is also easier to protect the restored areas by fences or additional police until the grass and new plantations have become established.

Delay in the matter of restoration of denuded park areas, especially the hillsides, often causes irreparable injury to the parks. Every rain carries away tons of top soil, exposing and undermining the roots of trees and shrubs.

These suggestions and comments are sent you at this time in the hope that a general survey of the park situation may help you to determine the relative importance of the many phases of park work.

I know that it is the desire of your Board to administer the Park Department so that the parks and other properties under your jurisdiction will be developed economically, but along thorough and conservative lines, and I wish to take this opportunity of stating that I agree entirely with you in this and wish to help you in every way possible to accomplish results.

Very truly yours,

C. F. PILAT, Landscape Architect.

The following communication was received from the Central Purchase Committee:

January 31, 1918.

MR. WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary,
Park Board, Municipal Building.

DEAR SIR:

Bids will be received at the office of the Central Purchase Committee at 12.30 p. m., Thursday, February 14, 1918, for furnishing and delivering forage to the Department of Parks, Manhattan and Richmond.

Will you, therefore, kindly see that a quorum of the Park Board is present at that time?

Very truly yours,

F. X. A. PURCELL, Acting Director.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for all labor and material necessary and required for restoring lawns, walks, fences, display fountain and other features in the northerly end of Union Square Park, within the area disturbed in the construction of the Broadway Subway, Borough of Manhattan, for which bids were received by the Park Board on February 7, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering kerosene for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on February 4, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder on Item 118 on contract for furnishing and delivering drugs, chemicals and miscellaneous hospital supplies for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on February 4, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the Items 119, 120, 121 and 122 on contract for furnishing and delivering drugs, chemicals and miscellaneous hospital supplies for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, be and the same hereby are, rejected, it being deemed for the interest of the City so to do. This rejection is made necessary through an error of the Central Purchase Committee where samples were called for on these four items instead of using standard specifications.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That all the bids or proposals received on Item 11 on contract for furnishing and delivering Masons' Materials for Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on February 4, 1918, be and the same hereby are rejected, it being deemed for the interest of the City so to do. This rejection is caused by the bid on this item being informal.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder on Item 3 on contract for furnishing and delivering Masons' Materials for Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on February 4, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering kerosene for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on February 4, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Parks for the Borough of The Bronx be, and he is hereby authorized, to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering supplies, as may be required from time to time for parks in said Borough during the year 1918 under contracts, the forms of which shall first be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering kerosene for the Department of Parks, Borough of Brooklyn, for which bids were received February 4, 1918, by the Central Purchase Committee, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

On motion, at 4.15 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, February 14, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman.

The Secretary reported that a telephone message had been received from the Department of Parks, Borough of Queens, announcing that Commissioner Benninger was indisposed, and confined to his bed.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Whereas each member of this Board has received in due course and in the usual manner a copy of the Minutes of the Park Board, and has examined his copy, be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the reading of the Minutes is deemed unnecessary, and is therefore dispensed with.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Parks for the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond be, and hereby is authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering supplies as may be required from time to time in said boroughs during the year 1918, under contracts, the forms of which shall first be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Parks for the Borough of Brooklyn be, and hereby is authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering supplies as may be required from time to time in said borough during the year 1918, under contracts, the forms of which shall first be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

On motion, at 3.15 P. M., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, February 28, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the bids or proposals which had been received pursuant to duly published advertisements were opened and read as shown on next page.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Whereas, Each member of this Board has received in due course and in the usual manner a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting, and has examined his copy, be it therefore

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes is deemed unnecessary, and is hereby dispensed with.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

The following communication was received from the Landscape Architect:

I respectfully request the Board to authorize the purchase of blueprints and litho-prints, as required for the office of the Landscape Architect, to an amount not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20).

C. F. PILAT, Landscape Architect.

In this connection Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars (\$20) is authorized to be spent for the purchase of blueprints and lithoprints, as required for the office of the Landscape Architect.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering forage for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on February 14, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Benninger offered the following:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Parks for the Borough of Queens be, and hereby is authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering supplies as may be required from time to time in said borough during the year 1918, under contracts, the forms of which shall first be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for all labor and materials necessary and required for new switchboard, service feeder, local feeder extension, and removing and disposing of present belted plant equipment, storage battery equipment, etc., for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, for which bids were received February 28, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Harman called the attention of the Board to the request of various citizens interested in War Garden work for plowing and other assistance from the Park Department.

A lengthy discussion on this and other matters of park administration was had.

For Furnishing and Delivering Arsenate

Items and Quantities	Henry Greenberg, Inc., 160 Broadway, New York City	
	Price	Amount
Arsenate of Lead (L. I. Freight Terminal), 16,500 lbs.	\$0.29 $\frac{1}{4}$	\$4,826.25
Arsenate of Lead (Prospect Park), 16,500 lbs. ....	.29 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,867.50

For All Labor and Materials Necessary and Required for New Switchboard, Service Feeder, Local Feeder, etc., and Removing and Disposing of Present Belted Plant Equipment, Storage Battery Equipment, etc., for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Borough of Manhattan.

Bidders	Amount
The Croker National Fire Prev. Eng. Co., 1270 Broadway, New York City..	\$14,372.00
E. J. Electric Installation Co., 221 West Thirty-third Street, New York City	14,950.00
T. Frederick Jackson, Inc., 99 John Street, New York City	12,448.00
Jandous Electric Equipment Co., Inc., 109 West Thirty-first Street, New York City	14,480.00
Lewis H. Woods, Inc., 2355 Jerome Avenue, New York City	14,250.00
Lord Electric Co., 105 West Fortieth Street, New York City	17,550.00
Reis & O'Donovan, Inc., 207 East Thirty-seventh Street, New York City..	15,840.00
Ryon & Dippel, Inc., 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City	17,311.00

of Lead, Borough of Brooklyn.

Knickerbocker Supply Co., 149 Church St., New York City		Saverno Products Co., Inc., 1325-9 37th St., Brooklyn		Sherwin-Williams Co., Brown St. and Lister Ave., Newark, N. J.	
Price	Amount	Price	Amount	Price	Amount
\$0.28	\$4,620.00	\$0.3395	\$5,601.75	.....	.....
.2812	4,639.80	.....	5,611.75	\$0.32	\$5,280.00

On motion, at 3.40 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, March 7, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the bids or proposals which had been received pursuant to duly published advertisements were opened and read as follows:

For Furnishing and Delivering Tar Road Oil, Borough of The Bronx.

Points of Delivery	Items and Quantities	The Barrett Co., 17 Battery Place, N. Y. C.	
		Price	Amount
1.	Tar Road Oil (Baychester) (10,000 gals.).....	\$0.10 ⁹ / ₁₆	\$1,090.00
2.	Tar Road Oil (Bartow) (10,000 gals.).....	0.10 ⁹ / ₁₆	1,090.00
3.	Tar Road Oil (Kingsbridge) (10,000 gals.).....	0.10 ⁸ / ₁₆	1,080.00
4.	Tar Road Oil (Claremont) (20,000 gals.).....	0.10 ⁸ / ₁₆	2,160.00
5.	Tar Road Oil (Fordham) (50,000 gals.).....	0.10 ⁸ / ₁₆	5,400.00
			\$10,820.00

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Whereas, Each member of this Board has received in due course and in the usual manner, a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting, and has examined his copy, be it therefore

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes is deemed unnecessary, and is hereby dispensed with.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

In connection with the opening of the bids just received, Commissioner Hennessy called attention to a letter which he had received from the Commissioner of Accounts concerning the purchase of tar road oil.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and hereby is, instructed to write to the Commissioner of Accounts the facts concerning the opening of bids this 7th inst., pursuant to the advertisement for furnishing and delivering tar road oil, giving in full the facts and that but a single bid was received,—from the Barrett Company, and the prices quoted.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

On motion, at 3.40 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, March 14, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Secretary reported briefly upon the application of the gardeners for a change from payment on the per diem system to the per annum system which had been referred to him. He read a communication, asking for a further hearing before the Board on the subject, and was instructed to request the gardeners to present their views in writing before a final report is made.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract with M. L. Bird, for furnishing and delivering coal for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, be, and hereby is extended to and including March 7, 1918, in accordance with the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer of the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy presented a communication, which the Secretary read, as follows:

March 14, 1918.

HON. JOSEPH P. HENNESSY,
Commissioner:

DEAR SIR:

In accordance with your instructions of March 13, 1918, I herewith submit additional data in relation to the use of tar road oil in this Department since 1915.

Tests were made in different parts of The Bronx during 1916; some on roads under the jurisdiction of the Department of Highways, and others under the jurisdiction of the Park Department.

These tests showed that on macadam roads, such as ours, asphaltic oils, as applied under supervision of the companies supplying them produced a very good looking surface which did not last well under the traffic to which it was subjected, but picked up and disintegrated so that the whole area so treated had to be repaired after about eight weeks. Neighboring areas of road, under same traffic conditions and treated at the same time with the tar road oil, (Tarvia B) presented a surface which did not disintegrate readily and which lasted in good condition for practically six months.

These representative tests showed the comparative action of the different available road preservatives and the use of tar road oil has proven satisfactory in this department, and has reduced the maintenance cost of our roadways to a low figure.

During the last year the prices of the asphaltic oils and tar road oil were practically the same, and at recent lettings the price of the asphaltic oils was slightly in excess of that of the tar road oil.

Experience seems to show that the asphaltic oils are better adapted to use on dirt roads and gravel roads than the tar road oil, but for our type of macadam roads the tar road oil gives better satisfaction.

Respectfully,

F. A. SEYMOUR, Assistant Engineer.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering tar road oil for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received March 7, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

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Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering 16,500 pounds of arsenate of lead powder for the Department of Parks, Borough of Brooklyn, for which bids were received February 28, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

On motion, and at 3.15 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, March 21, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Hennessy, Harman and Benninger.

In the absence of President Grell, on motion of Commissioner Hennessy, Commissioner Harman took the Chair and called the meeting to order.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the bids or proposals which had been received pursuant to duly published advertisements were opened and read as follows and as shown on next page.

For Furnishing and Delivering Traprock Screenings and Trap Rock Broken Stone,
Borough of The Bronx.

Points of De- livery	Items and Quantities	The New York Trap Rock Co., 17 Battery Place, New York City	
		Price	Amount
1.	Trap rock screenings (200 cu. yds.).....	\$2.90	\$580.00
2.	Trap rock screenings (200 cu. yds.).....	2.90	580.00
2.	3/4 broken stone trap rock (100 cu. yds.).....	2.90	290.00
3.	3/4 broken stone trap rock (100 cu. yds.).....	2.90	290.00
4.	3/4 broken stone trap rock (75 cu. yds.).....	2.90	217.50
			\$1,957.50

On motion of Commissioner Hennessy, the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Park Board was dispensed with.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering coarse sand (1918) for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received by the Park Board, March 21, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering 400 cubic yards trap rock screenings, 275 cubic yards, 3/4-inch broken stone trap rock, for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received by the Park Board, March 21, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering four hundred cubic yards of sand grits for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received by the Park Board, March 21, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President, for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—3.

For Furnishing and Delivering

Points of De- livery	Items and Quantities	Ames Building Ma- terial Co., Inc., 3441 Kingsbridge Ave., Bronx	
		Price	Amount
1.	Coarse Sand (200 cu. yds.).....	\$1.85	370.00
2.	Coarse Sand (200 cu. yds.).....	1.85	370.00
3.	Coarse Sand (200 cu. yds.).....	1.85	370.00
4.	Coarse Sand (200 cu. yds.).....	1.85	370.00
5.	Coarse Sand (100 cu. yds.).....	1.85	185.00
6.	Coarse Sand (100 cu. yds.).....	1.85	185.00
7.	Coarse Sand (100 cu. yds.).....	1.85	185.00
8.	Coarse Sand (150 cu. yds.).....	1.85	277.50
9.	Coarse Sand (250 cu. yds.).....	1.85	462.50
10.	Coarse Sand (50 cu. yds.).....	1.85	92.50
11.	Coarse Sand (30 cu. yds.).....	1.85	55.50
12.	Coarse Sand (90 cu. yds.).....	1.85	166.50
13.	Coarse Sand (100 cu. yds.).....	1.85	185.00
14.	Coarse Sand (200 cu. yds.).....	1.85	370.00
15.	Coarse Sand (30 cu. yds.).....	1.85	55.50
			\$3,700.00

For Furnishing and Delivering

Points of De- livery	Items and Quantities	Ames Building Ma- terial Co., Inc. 3441 Kingsbridge Ave., Bronx	
		Price	Amount
1.	Sand grit (200 cu. yds.).....	\$1.65	\$330.00
2.	Sand grit (200 cu. yds.).....	1.65	330.00
			\$660.00

Coarse Sand, Borough of The Bronx.

Lenox Sand and Gravel Co. 157th St. and Hudson River, New York City		James McLaughlin Co., Corp., 41-43 W. 143d St. New York City		Taylor Contracting Co., Inc., Main St., Westchester New York City	
Price	Amount	Price	Amount	Price	Amount
\$2.465	\$493.00	\$2.20	\$440.00	\$1.60	\$320.00
2.465	493.00	2.20	440.00	1.60	320.00
2.465	493.00	2.20	440.00	1.60	320.00
2.465	493.00	2.20	440.00	1.60	320.00
2.465	246.50	2.20	220.00	1.60	160.00
2.465	246.50	2.20	220.00	1.60	160.00
2.465	246.50	2.20	220.00	1.60	160.00
2.465	369.75	2.20	330.00	1.60	240.00
2.465	616.25	2.20	550.00	1.60	400.00
1.465	123.25	2.20	110.00	1.60	80.00
2.465	73.95	2.20	66.00	1.60	48.00
2.465	221.85	2.20	198.00	1.60	144.00
2.465	246.50	2.20	220.00	1.60	160.00
2.465	493.00	2.20	440.00	1.60	320.00
2.465	73.95	2.20	66.00	1.60	48.00
	\$4,930.00		\$4,400.00		\$3,200.00

Sand Grit, Borough of The Bronx.

Lenox Sand and Gravel Co., 157th St. and Hudson River, New York City		James McLaughlin Co., Corp., 41-43 W. 143d St., New York City		Taylor Contracting Co., Inc., Main St., Westchester, New York City	
Price	Amount	Price	Amount	Price	Amount
\$1.98	\$396.00	\$1.88	\$376.00	\$1.35	\$270.00
1.98	396.00	1.88	376.00	1.35	270.00
	\$792.00		\$752.00		\$540.00

A general discussion on questions of park administration was had, and at 3.44 p. m., on motion, the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, April 4, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Benninger.

A representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the bids or proposals which had been received pursuant to duly published advertisements, were opened and read as follows:

No bids were received in response to Advertisement No. 1.

For Furnishing and Delivering Twenty-five Thousand (25,000) Gallons of Heavy Asphalt Road Oil, as Per Specifications, to this Department, Borough of Brooklyn.

For Furnishing, Delivering and Spreading Refined Coal Tar Oil on Parkways, Borough of Brooklyn.

Points of Delivery	Items and Quantities	The Barrett Co., 17 Battery Place, N. Y. C.	
		Price	Amount
1.	Refined Coal Tar Oil (20,000 gallons).....	\$0.14	\$2,800.00
2.	Refined Coal Tar Oil (13,400 gallons).....	.14	1,876.00
3.	Refined Coal Tar Oil, in bbls. (5,800 gallons).....	.175	1,015.00
			\$5,691.00

For Furnishing and Delivering Sand Grit to Parks and Parkways, Borough of Brooklyn.

Points of Delivery	Items and Quantities	Fleming, O'Brien & McEntegart, Inc., 116 Broad St., New York City		John J. Guinan Contr. Co., 2310 Gravesend Ave., Brooklyn		M. E. Hickey Co., 83 9th Street, Brooklyn	
		Price	Amount	Price	Amount	Price	Amount
1.	Sand Grit (375 cu. yds.)	\$2.35	\$881.25	\$2.45	\$918.75	\$2.45	\$918.75
2.	Sand Grit (1,775 cu. yds.).....	2.35	4,171.25	2.45	4,348.75	2.45	4,348.75
3.	Sand Grit (850 cu. yds.)	2.35	1,997.50	2.45	2,082.50	2.45	2,082.50
			\$7,050.00		\$7,350.00		\$7,350.00

For Furnishing and Delivering Trap Rock and Broken Stone Trap Rock Screenings to the Gravel Pit, Ocean Parkway at Avenue P, Borough of Brooklyn.

Points of Delivery	Items and Quantities	John J. Guinan Contr. Co., 2310 Gravesend Ave., Brooklyn		The New York Trap Rock Co., 17 Battery Pl., New York City	
		Price	Amount	Price	Amount
1.	$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch Trap Rock (200 cu. yds.).....	\$3.10	\$620.00	\$3.25	\$650.00
2.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Trap Rock (200 cu. yds.).....	3.10	620.00	3.25	650.00
3.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Trap Rock (250 cu. yds.).....	3.10	775.00	3.25	812.50
4.	Broken Stone Trap Rock Screenings (350 cu. yds.).....	3.10	1,085.00	3.25	1,137.50
			\$3,100.00		\$3,250.00

On motion of Commissioner Benninger the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract with the East River Mill and Lumber Company, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, for furnishing and delivering lumber for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, be, and the same is hereby extended sixty days from the expiration of the original contract time, for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering gasoline and kerosene for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee, on March 25, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering paints, oils and varnishes, for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on April 1, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering cleaning materials and compounds for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on March 28, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering Forage for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on April 1, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Benninger offered the following at the request of Commissioner Harman:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering gasoline and kerosene oil for the Department of Parks, Borough of Brooklyn, for which bids were received March 25, 1918, by the Central Purchase Committee, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Benninger—3.

On motion at 3.40 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, April 11, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the bids or proposals which had been received pursuant to duly published advertisements, were opened and read, as follows:

For Furnishing and Delivering Fine Sand, Borough of Manhattan.

Bidders	Unit Price 1,600 cu. yds.	Amount
Fleming, O'Brien & McEntegart, Inc., 116 Broad Street, New York City	\$2.42	\$3,872.00
Joseph Kresse, 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City	1.68	2,688.00
Lenox Sand & Gravel Co., One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Street and Hudson River, New York City	1.85	2,960.00
Manhattan Sand Co., Inc., 418 East Forty-ninth Street, New York City	1.75	2,800.00
James McLaughlin Co., 41-43 West One Hundred and Forty-third Street, New York City	1.95	3,120.00

For Furnishing and Delivering Road Gravel, Borough of Manhattan.

Items and Quantities	Joseph Kresse, 52 Vanderbilt Ave., New York City	
	Price	Amount
1. Coarse Road Gravel (1,000 cu. yds.)	\$2.94	\$2,940.00
2. Fine Bridle Road Gravel (800 cu. yds.)	2.74	2,192.00
		\$5,132.00

On motion of Commissioner Benninger the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

A communication, received from Commissioner Hennessy, relative to the proposed extension of a street railway through Pelham Bay Park to City Island, was laid over on motion of Commissioner Hennessy, and the Secretary was instructed to furnish copies for the consideration of the other Commissioners.

The following communication was received:

April 11, 1918.

To the Honorable The Park Board.

Gentlemen:—I herewith tender my resignation as Landscape Architect of the Park Board, to take effect at the date to be designated by the Board.

Respectfully yours,

C. F. PILAT,
L. A.

On motion of Commissioner Harman, it was Resolved, That the resignation tendered by Carl F. Pilat, Landscape Architect, be, and the same hereby is accepted, to take effect at the close of business on the 13th day of April, 1918.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing, delivering and spreading 33,400 gallons of refined coal tar oil, as per specifications, on parkways in the Borough of Brooklyn, and delivering 5,800 gallons of same in barrels, to the Gravel Pit, Ocean Parkway, at Avenue P, for which bids were received on April 4th, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering 3,000 cubic yards of sand grit, as per specifications, to parks and parkways in the Borough of Brooklyn, for which bids were received on April 4th, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

On motion, at 4:08 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, April 18, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the bids or proposals which had been received pursuant to duly published advertisements, were opened and read as follows:

For Furnishing and Delivering Garden Mould, Borough of Manhattan.

Bidders	Unit Price 1,000 cu. yds.	Amount
Charles J. Daly, 172 Paynter Avenue, L. I. City.....	\$1. 69	\$1,690. 00
Tony Di Roma, 33 Evelyn Place, New York City.....	1. 80	1,800. 00

On motion of Commissioner Harman, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That all the bids or proposals received April 4, 1918, for furnishing and delivering 1,000 cu. yards of trap rock and broken stone trap rock screenings to the Gravel Pit, Ocean Parkway and Avenue P., Borough of Brooklyn, be, and the same hereby are rejected, it being deemed for the interest of the City so to do.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract between The Central Purchase Committee of The City of New York, for this Department, and the Brooklyn Lumber Company, for furnishing and delivering lumber to the Department of Parks, Borough of Brooklyn, dated February 25, 1918, be, and the same hereby is extended to May 15, 1918, as recommended by the Superintendent, for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor; extension of time to be effective as of March 31, 1918, owing to request of Contractor having been received prior to date of expiration of contract time—March 31, 1918, but it was impossible for Department to verify necessity for time extension prior to this Park Board meeting.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

On motion, at 3:20 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, April 25, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Benninger.

On motion of Commissioner Hennessy the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract between this Department and Thomas Crimmins Contracting Company for improving the playground at the west side of First Avenue, between 67th and 68th Streets, Borough of Manhattan, dated November 22, 1917, be, and the same hereby is extended thirty-five working days from the expiration of the original contract time, for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor, and as recommended by the Chief Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering Garden Mould for the Department of Parks, Borough of Manhattan, for which bids were received April 18, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering 1,000 cubic yards of Coarse Road Gravel and 800 cubic yards of Fine Bridle Road Gravel for the Department of Parks, Borough of Manhattan, for which bids were received April 11, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering Fine Sand for the Department of Parks, Borough of Manhattan, for which bids were received April 11, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Benninger—3.

On motion, at 3:49 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, May 2, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioner Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

A representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the bids or proposals which had been received pursuant to a duly published advertisement, were opened and read as follows:

For Furnishing all Equipment, Plant, Labor and Materials Required to Remove One Old Steamboat Pier at Seaside Park (formerly Dreamland Park), Coney Island, Borough of Brooklyn.

Bidders	Amount
Lewis W. Blix, 93 72d Street, Brooklyn.....	\$6,493.00
Joseph H. Goldblatt, 21 East 77th Street, New York City.....	9,985.00
A. M. Hazell, Inc., 26 Cortlandt Street, New York City.....	7,437.00
Edward H. Mooney, Sheridan's Walk, Coney Island.....	6,950.00
Ward & Tully, Inc., 2047 West 11th Street, Brooklyn.....	10,000.00

On motion of Commissioner Grell the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The report of Commissioner Hennessy upon the Pelham Bay Park street railway extension was taken from the table and read, as follows:

April 6, 1918.

Park Board,

HON. WILLIAM F. GRELL, President,
Municipal Building, New York City.

DEAR SIR:

At a meeting of the Park Board held on January 31st last there was referred to me for report the proposition of an extension of a street railway through Pelham Bay Park to City Island, which reference was accompanied by a communication from Secretary Willis Holly of the Board, reading as follows:

“As directed at the meeting of the Park Board on Thursday (the 31st ult.), I enclose herewith, for such attention as you may deem proper, communication from the Chief Engineer, and other documents relative to the proposed extension of street railway in Pelham Bay Park, Borough of The Bronx.”

Two communications were enclosed with the said letter from Chief Engineer Edward A. Miller, of the Department of Parks of the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, one dated December 27, 1917, addressed to the former Board of Park Commissioners, and one dated January 7, 1918, which was a memorandum for the information of the President of the Park Board, Hon. William F. Grell.

These communications read as follows:

“CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond,
Municipal Building, 10th Floor.

December 27, 1917.

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners,
The City of New York.

GENTLEMEN:

On the 22d inst., I was advised that at a meeting of the Park Board held on the 20th inst., a communication and plan from the Bureau of Franchise showing an extension of

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street railway in Pelham Bay Park was referred jointly to the Landscape Architect and myself with instructions to present a report to you at your next meeting which was to be held on Thursday, December 27th.

Under previous cover, the Landscape Architect and myself presented a report and suggested a layout for the railway referred to in which the suggestion was made that the mono-rail route right of way through Pelham Bay Park should be used and that by a circuitous route the railway pass over the railroad bridge.

The map presented by the Bureau of Franchises, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, suggests a different route. From an engineering standpoint the construction and route proposed on said Bureau of Franchise map is feasible and can be constructed, however, the Park Department should consider this matter from a park standpoint very carefully, both from a practicable and aesthetic standpoint.

Owing to the Sunday and holidays intervening between the date on which your instructions were issued and the time for making the report, it has been practically impossible to give this matter the full consideration which in my opinion it requires. Full consideration of this matter from an engineering standpoint would require further surveys and conference with the Bureau of Franchises as no grades are shown on the map presented. As a member of the committee appointed by you, I sincerely regret to be compelled to advise you that with the information at hand, I cannot report either favorably or unfavorably on the proposition.

(Signed) EDWARD A. MILLER,
Chief Engineer."

"DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN AND RICHMOND.

January 7, 1918.

MEMORANDUM FOR HON. WILLIAM F. GRELL, COMMISSIONER OF PARKS.

In 1917 the Board of Park Commissioners passed a resolution requesting me to make the necessary surveys, estimates and reports in the matter of the proposed extension of street railway in Pelham Bay Park, Borough of the Bronx. Said surveys and maps were made but the matter held over as further surveys were found necessary in connection with new routes, etc.

On December 14th, the Bureau of Franchises, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, submitted to the Park Board, copy of resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment designating and fixing a route for a street railway within Pelham Bay Park. The Park Board is requested to examine the route and if it is satisfactory to the Park Board to approve the same in accordance with the law.

This matter was referred jointly to the Landscape Architect and myself for report on December 22d. On December 27th, the Landscape Architect and myself, in separate statements, reported on the matter. This communication of mine was returned to me with a note 'Referred back to the Chief Engineer for joint report with Landscape Architect to new Park Board,' signed by the Commissioner of Parks on December 28, 1917. I respectfully request instructions in this matter.

(Signed) EDWARD A. MILLER
Chief Engineer."

REPORT.

The proposed extension it appears to me has several serious objections:

It does not benefit the people of The Bronx, but it unquestionably favors the Town of Pelham, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and other adjacent territory in Westchester County. As the proposed extension is practically through the entire length of park territory, substantially paralleling the Split Rock Road at a distance therefrom, varying from 150 to 300 feet, and continues southerly through park territory also purchased and maintained by the City of New York, I think that the people of The Bronx should receive first consideration. I feel justified in saying that the act of the legislature, Chapter 482, Laws of 1912, would never have been passed if it had been anticipated that such a route so far removed from the bulk of the city population would be seriously considered.

This seems to be evidenced from the Act itself, which plainly says that the route to be designated and fixed shall constitute the most direct appropriate route or routes in the opinion of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and Park Board.

The proposed route is certainly not the most direct route, nor is it the most appropriate route.

This Act (Chapter 482, Laws of 1912), amending the Railroad Law was not designed for the benefit of the people of Westchester County.

Transit extension in this locality is unquestionably needed, and it is a problem that should receive solution at the earliest moment possible.

New conditions exist, resulting from the establishment of the United States Naval Training Station in Pelham Bay Park that will have to be considered, in connection with any trolley extension. Such an extension must necessarily include another bridge over the Hutchinson River, perhaps at 222d Street.

Taking into consideration the entire situation, including the invasion of park property to the extent proposed in this instance for the accommodation principally of non-residents of the City of New York, and taking into consideration further that the monorail route is now within the naval reservation, and cannot be used, and that the City Island Road, only thirty feet wide is at present congested to the point of danger to human life by automobile and other traffic, including the present trolley and bus service, I have to report against approval of the proposed extension in whole or part.

Respectfully,

(Signed) JOSEPH P. HENNESSY,
Commissioner of Parks,
Borough of The Bronx.

The resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment under which the plan of the extension was transmitted to the Park Board included the "request that it examine the same, and if the route is satisfactory to said Park Board, it approve the same in accordance with law."

Commissioner Benninger offered the following:

Resolved, That the report of Joseph P. Hennessy, Park Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx, dated April 6th, against the proposed extension of a street railway in Bronx Park, be and the same is hereby approved by the Park Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of this contract between the Department of Parks, Borough of Brooklyn and the East River Mill and Lumber Company for furnishing and delivering lumber to this Department dated February 19, 1918, be and the same is hereby extended for a period of three (3) months from March 31, 1918, from the expiration of the original contract time, for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

On motion, at 3.47 p. m., the Board Adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, May 9, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

On motion of Commissioner Harman the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

New York, May 4, 1918.

HON. WILLIAM F. GRELL,
President, Park Board.

SIR:

I hereby inform you that the final decree of the Supreme Court, Second Judicial District, in the matter of acquiring title for the extension of *Lincoln Terrace Park*, as laid out upon the map or plan of The City of New York under a resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on February 11, 1916, and to the unacquired portion of *President Street*, from Buffalo Avenue to Rochester Avenue, in the 24th and 29th Wards, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, has been deposited with the Comptroller.

The final decree was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings on the 22d day of March, 1918.

Title in fee to the real property lying within the lines of that portion of the extension of Lincoln Terrace Park lying east of Buffalo Avenue and to the unacquired portion of President Street, from Buffalo Avenue to Rochester Avenue, became vested in the City of New York on the date of the entry of the order of the Supreme Court granting the application to condemn the real property required for this improvement, to wit: May 9, 1916, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopted on March 3, 1916; title to the remaining lands acquired in this proceeding became vested in the City of New York on the 22d day of March, 1918, the date of the entry in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings of the final decree of the Court in this proceeding.

Respectfully yours,

JOEL J. SQUIER,
Acting Corporation Counsel."

The Secretary was directed to transmit the original communication to the Commissioner of Parks, Borough of Brooklyn, to be placed on file; and to have a copy made for the files of the Park Board.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract between this Department and F. Gradwohl Engineering and Contracting Company for constructing a concrete bulkhead along the easterly boundary of the public driveway, where required, in the vicinity of 165th, 170th and 184th Streets in the Borough of Manhattan, dated March 24, 1918, be, and the same hereby is, extended sixty working days from the expiration of the contract, as recommended by the Chief Engineer, for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated in contract No. 49073 with the East River Mill and Lumber Company, for furnishing and delivering Lumber for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be, and the same is, extended to June 30, 1918, in accordance with the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing all equipment, plant, labor and materials required to remove one (1) old steamboat pier, at Seaside Park (formerly Dreamland Park), Coney Island, Borough of Brooklyn, together with all work incidental thereto, for which bids were received May 2, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Benninger offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering Forage for the Department of Parks, Borough of Queens, for which bids were received April 1, 1918, by the Central Purchase Committee, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

On motion, at 3:30 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, May 16, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

On motion of Commissioner Benninger the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

A communication in the form of a memorandum was reported by the Secretary of the Park Board on Park Police methods and matters.

The Secretary was directed to send a copy of this memorandum to each of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated in contract No. 49096, for furnishing and delivering Cleaning Materials, for Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, Granite City Soap Co., Inc., 120 Broadway, Contractors, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be, and the same is hereby extended to May 16, 1918, in accordance with the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated in contract No. 49055, for furnishing and delivering Paints, Oils, etc., for Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, Sherwin Williams Co., Newark, N. J., Contractors, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be, and the same is, hereby extended to May 16, 1918, in accordance with the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated in contract No. 49038, for furnishing and delivering Cordage, etc., for Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, Manhattan Supply Company, 115-117 Franklin Street, New York City, Contractors, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be, and the same is hereby extended to May 16, 1918, in accordance with the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated in contract No. 49100, for furnishing and delivering Cleaning Materials, for Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, Geo. Strong Herral Co., Inc., 132 Havemeyer Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., Contractors, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be, and the same is hereby extended to May 16, 1918, in accordance with the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Harman, offered the following:

Whereas, owing to the abuse of the public parks, particularly during the summer, the littering of the lawns and paths, the destruction of trees, plants, flowers and shrubbery, as well as other vandalism, it is hereby

Resolved, That the Mayor of the City of New York be, and he is, hereby respectfully requested to issue such notice or proclamation as he deems proper to stop said abuse and destruction.

Further, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, also requested to have such police measures taken as will contribute to that end.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4

On motion, at 3:57 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, May 23, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the bids or proposals which had been received pursuant to duly published advertisements were opened and read as follows:

Bids for All Labor and Materials Necessary and Required for the Completion of the Interior Finish for Additions F and G of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Borough of Brooklyn.

Bidders	Amount
Dennis E. Conners, 64 West Eighty-eighth Street, New York City	\$478,000.00
Thomas Dwyer, Two Hundred and Sixteenth Street and Broadway, New York City	464,400.00
Thomas J. Waters Co., 271 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street, New York City	489,985.00

Bids for All Labor and Materials Required for the Ventilating Apparatus and the Completion of the Heating Apparatus for Additions F and G of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Borough of Brooklyn.

Bidders	Amount
E. Rutzler Co., 404 East Forty-ninth Street, New York City	\$150,956.00
Teran, Mahaney & Munro, Inc., 70 East Forty-fifth Street, New York City	154,750.00

Bids for All Labor and Materials Required for the Plumbing and Gas Fitting in Completing Additions F and G of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Borough of Brooklyn.

Bidders	Amount
Kenny-Moran Co., Inc., 33 Old Broadway, New York City	\$21,975.00
J. S. Murphy Co., Inc., 353 East Seventy-eighth Street, New York City	25,956.00
Thomas E. O'Brien, Inc., 6311 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn	29,700.00

The Secretary reported that Commissioner Benninger had telephoned in that he was—like the other commissioners—busily engaged in work for the Red Cross Drive and that his engagements for the day were at such remote points that it would be impossible for him to get to the office of the Board in time to attend the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Hennessy the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The following communication was received:

[May 23, 1918.]

CITY OF NEW YORK.
CENTRAL PURCHASE COMMITTEE.
Municipal Building,

May 23, 1918.

MR. WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board,
Municipal Building.

DEAR SIR:

This is to inform you that bids will be opened in this office at 12.30 p. m., Monday, June 3, 1918, for furnishing and delivering Coal to your departments.

Will you, therefore, kindly see that quorum of the Park Board is present at this opening?

Very truly yours,

JOHN J. DALY, Acting Director.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated in contract No. 49057, for furnishing and delivering Paints, Oils, etc., for Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, Wm. Zinsser & Co., Inc., 195 Broadway, New York City, Contractors, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be, and the same is, hereby extended to May 23, 1918, in accordance with the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated in contract No. 48440, for furnishing all the labor and materials necessary or required for repaving with sheet asphalt on concrete foundation, the main roadway of Bronx and Pelham Parkway, between Southern Boulevard and Butler Street, and the southerly roadway of Bronx and Pelham Parkway, between Butler Street and Boston Road, in the Borough of The Bronx, in The City of New York, together with all work incidental thereto, be, and the same is, hereby extended sixty consecutive working days in accordance with the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That Section 39 of the Park Ordinances be amended by adding the following paragraph; to be known as Section 39, Paragraph 4:

4—Ocean Parkway restriction—southerly end. The main roadway, cycle paths, bridle road and traffic road of Ocean Parkway, from the southerly side of Sea Breeze Avenue southerly to Coney Island Concourse, including the Concourse at the waterfront, is hereby restricted to the use of automobiles, pleasure vehicles, equestrians, etc. Business wagons, trucks, auto trucks, trailers, etc., will not be permitted at any time on this section of Ocean Parkway, except for purposes of delivery to business places or residences located on the easterly side of the bridle road on this section of the parkway.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

On motion, at 3.55 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, May 23, 1918.

Special meeting, Park Board, 5 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

The following resolution was adopted:

It being deemed advisable to place the management of public concerts during the summer in the parks in the hands of a suitable person.

Resolved, That Mr. Philip Berolzheimer be, and he is hereby, appointed by the Park Board as special deputy commissioner in charge of music in the parks of the several boroughs of the City.

The above resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Park Board, held at the Mayor's Office on May 23, 1918, at which meeting were present the full board, namely:

William F. Grell, Commissioner of Parks, Manhattan and Richmond.

John A. Harman, Commissioner, Brooklyn.

Joseph P. Hennessy, Commissioner, Bronx.

Albert C. Benninger, Commissioner, Queens.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

[May 29, 1918.]

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Wednesday, May 29, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.
Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman.
On notice pursuant to the following letter.

May 28, 1918.

MR. WILLIS HOLLY,
Secretary, Park Board,
New York City.

DEAR SIR:

You will please call the meeting of the Park Board for 3 p. m., Wednesday, May 29, 1918, owing to the regular meeting day falling on a holiday.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. GRELL,
President, Park Board.

On motion of Commissioner Hennessy the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

May 28, 1918.

WILLIAM F. GRELL, ESQ.,
President, The Park Board,
Municipal Building.

DEAR SIR:

The Mayor asks me to send you herewith, for preparation and distribution by the Park Board, Form of Notice regarding the destruction of park property, as suggested by the Park Board at its meeting, May 16th. There is also enclosed for your information one of the old notices submitted to this office by Commissioner Hennessy.

This matter has also been taken up with the Police Commissioner and the Chief City Magistrate in order that adequate penalties may be imposed for violations and cooperative action all around be effected.

Very truly yours,

GROVER A. WHALEN,
Secretary to the Mayor.

ENCLOSURE.

Order by the Mayor.

All persons are forbidden, under penalty of the law, to throw newspapers, bottles, lunch waste or refuse of any kind in the public parks, or to mutilate or destroy branches, trees or other park property.

This law will be vigorously enforced by the park and police authorities.

JOHN F. HYLAN, *Mayor.*

City Hall, New York,
May 28, 1918.

The Secretary read a communication from William E. Koch of Rutland, Vt., whose temporary address is 2489 Sedgewick Avenue, Borough of The Bronx, City, claiming ownership in eight Shetland ponies entrusted to the previous administration of the Park Department for exhibition purposes, under an agreement made with him, representing the estate of Julia Koch, deceased.

On motion of Commissioner Harman the matter was laid over in order to inquire into the circumstances under which the ponies were distributed to Central Park, Bronx Park and Prospect Park.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract between this Department and Michael Del Balso, for furnishing all labor and materials necessary or required for the completion of the abandoned contract of the M. DiMenna Construction Company, for constructing concrete retaining wall along the north property line of Bushwick Playground, situated on Putnam Avenue, between Knickerbocker and Irving Avenues, Borough of Brooklyn, dated December 28, 1917, be, and the same hereby is, extended fifteen (15) consecutive working days from the expiration of the original contract time, as recommended by the Engineer, for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Henessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That all the bids or proposals received on May 23, 1918, for all labor and materials necessary and required for the completion of the interior finish for additions F and G of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, situated at the Eastern Parkway, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, be, and the same hereby are, rejected, it being deemed for the interest of the City so to do.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That all the bids or proposals received on May 23, 1918, for all labor and materials required for the plumbing and gas fitting in completing additions F and G of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, situated on Eastern Parkway, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, be, and the same hereby are, rejected, it being deemed for the interest of the City so to do.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That all the bids or proposals received on May 23, 1918, for all labor and materials required for the ventilating apparatus and the completion of the heating apparatus for additions F and G of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, situated at the Eastern Parkway, Borough of Brooklyn, be, and the same hereby are, rejected, it being deemed for the interest of the City so to do.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Park Board be, and he hereby is, directed to give such secretarial aid to Special Deputy Commissioner Philip Berolzheimer as he may desire, and which will tend to the success of his work.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

On motion, at 4.33 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, June 6, 1918.

Stated meeting Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the bids or proposals which had been received pursuant to a duly published advertisement were opened and read as follows:

For Furnishing All Labor and Material for Wholly and Fully Completing the Abandoned Contract of Wm. Guggolz Construction Co. for a Comfort Station at the Athletic Field in Pelham Bay Park, Borough of The Bronx.

Bidders	Amount
Dennis E. Connors, 64 West Eighty-eighth Street, New York City.....	\$3,800.00
Saveno Guidera, 4310 Richardson Avenue, Bronx, New York City.....	3,175.00
James A. Henderson, 30 East Forty-second Street, New York City.....	2,772.00
Louis Koenig, 358 East One Hundred and Fifty-first Street, New York City.	3,170.00
I. Langner, 700 Trinity Avenue, New York City.....	3,229.00

On motion of Commissioner Hennessy the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract with the East River Mill and Lumber Company for furnishing and delivering lumber for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on December 27, 1917, be, and the same hereby is extended sixty days from the expiration of the sixty day extension granted April 4, 1918, for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Hennessy called up the subject of the conference on park police matters, which was held between the members of the Park Board and the First Deputy Police Commissioner Leach and Third Deputy Police Commissioner Lehy at the Mayor's office on the 23d inst.

He suggested that a record of the conference be made upon the Minutes in view of the fact that it was arranged by direction of the Mayor.

A general discussion was then had concerning park police matters, and the posting of Mayor Hylan's order of May 28, 1918.

Commissioner Harman asked the Secretary of the Board for information concerning the plan for supplemental summer concerts in the parks and on the recreation piers. The Secretary reported progress and a discussion of the whole subject was had.

On motion, at 5.02 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, June 27, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

On motion of Commissioner Benninger the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The following communication was received from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

June 21, 1918.

MR. WILLIS HOLLY,
Secretary of the Park Board,
Municipal Building, Manhattan.

DEAR SIR—I transmit herewith certified copy of resolution this day adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, rescinding resolution adopted by this Board, December 14, 1917, designating and fixing a route for a street surface railway through Pelham Bay Park, from a point near the City Island station of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to the northerly boundary of the Park.

Respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES D. MCGANN, Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure:

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

FRANCHISES.

Whereas, At the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held December 14, 1917, said Board designated and fixed a route for a street surface railway through Pelham Bay Park from a point near the City Island station of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company and running thence in a general northerly direction to the northerly boundary line of said park; and

Whereas, Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 482 of the Laws of 1912 the route so designated and fixed was submitted to the Park Board for its approval; and

Whereas, In a communication dated May 3, 1918, from the Secretary of the Park Board, presented to this Board at its meeting held May 10, 1918, said Park Board disapproves the said route; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board December 14, 1917, designating and fixing a route for a street surface railway through Pelham Bay Park from a point near the City Island station of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to the northerly boundary of said Park, and submitting said route to the Park Board for its approval, be, and it hereby is rescinded.

A true copy of resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, June 21, 1918.

JAMES D. MCGANN, Assistant Secretary.

Ordered filed and a copy sent to Commissioner Hennessy.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NEW YORK CITY,
UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA.

Office, 1416 Broadway,
Room 406,
Phone, Bryant 8752.

New York, N. Y., June 24, 1918.

MR. WILLIS HOLLY,
Secretary, Park Board.

DEAR SIR—This is to notify you that the wages of the carpenters, if any are employed in your department, are \$5.50 per day for eight hours, 4 hours on Saturday,

from 8 a. m. to 12 noon, or 44 hours per week. This covers all men coming under the head of carpenters and joiners, cabinet makers, machine hands, etc.

This wage is being paid by all members of the Building Trades Employers' Association, as well as the Independent Builders, also the United States Government on all government contracts. You are, therefore, requested to adopt the same and have it inserted in the budget for your department for the ensuing year.

Trusting the above request will be complied with, we are,

Very respectfully,

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NEW YORK CITY,
UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA,
CHAS. A. JUDGE, President.
D. F. FEATHERSTEN, Secretary-Treasurer.

Ordered filed and copy sent to each Commissioner.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing all labor and material for wholly and fully completing the abandoned contract of William Guggolz Construction Company for a comfort station at the Athletic Field, Pelham Bay Park, in the Borough of The Bronx, for which bids were received June 6, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract between this Department and P. J. Duffy, dated June 15, 1918, for all labor and materials necessary and required for constructing a concrete bulkhead along the water front of Corlear's Hook Park in the Borough of Manhattan, be, and the same hereby is extended sixty working days from the sixty day extension granted November 8, 1917, for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for completion of the contract between the Central Purchase Committee of The City of New York for this department and The Brooklyn Lumber Company for furnishing and delivering lumber to the Department of Parks, Brooklyn, dated February 25, 1918, be, and the same hereby is extended to June 3, 1918, for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

On motion, at 3.50 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, July 11, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the bids or proposals which had been received pursuant to duly published advertisements were opened and read as follows:

For All Labor and Materials Necessary and Required for Paving and Repaving with Asphalt Mastic where directed, the Walks of the Central and Other Parks, Borough of Manhattan.

Items and Quantities	Frederick Roeber, 507 5th Ave., New York City		The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Co., 41 Park Row, New York City		Uvalde Asphalt Paving Co., 1 Broadway, New York City	
	Price	Amount	Price	Amount	Price	Amount
Concrete (500 cu. yds.) . . .	\$8.00	\$4,000.00	\$9.00	\$4,500.00	\$10.50	\$5,250.00
Asphalt mastic pavement (85,000 sq. ft.) . . . . .	.13	11,050.00	.15	12,750.00	.20	17,000.00
		\$15,050.00		\$17,250.00		\$22,250.00

On motion of Commissioner Grell the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for furnishing and delivering forage for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for which bids were received by the Central Purchase Committee on June 26, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Hennessy called up the question of the ownership of the Shetland ponies on exhibition in the Park Departments in the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and The Bronx, which was raised by the notice given on May 27, 1918, by William E. Koch, of Rutland, Vt. He offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board be, and he hereby is, instructed to request the opinion of the Corporation Counsel on the question of the ownership of certain Shetland ponies kept in the Park Departments of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and The Bronx, for exhibition purposes, these ponies having been claimed by William E. Koch, of Rutland, Vt., and to submit with this question all papers and documents which have been offered in support of this claim.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

On motion, at 3.53 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, July 18, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman Benninger.

On motion of Commissioner Hennessy, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the contract entered into between The City of New York and The Barrett Company, Inc., under date of March 14, 1918, for furnishing and delivering Tar Road Oil to the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, namely, 100,000 gallons, at a total contract price of \$10,820, be modified, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and by the Board of Aldermen respectively July 12th and July 16, 1918, to the extent of reducing the said quantity to be furnished, from 100,000 gallons to 58,000 gallons, and that the said contract be further modified by having the said 58,000 gallons distributed under the direction of the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, in addition to delivery of the same.

Resolved, Further, That the Corporation Counsel, if necessary, be communicated with, for the purpose of approving, as to form, the modification herein provided for.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman Benninger—4.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That all the bids or proposals received July 11th, 1918, for furnishing all labor and materials necessary and required for paving and repaving with asphalt mastic where directed, the walks of the Central and other parks in the Borough of Manhattan: be and the same hereby are rejected, it being deemed for the interest of the City so to do.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

On motion, at 3.30 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Saturday, July 27, 1918.

Special Meeting, Park Board, 11 a. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman.

In response to the verbal request of the members of this Board for the purpose of the consideration of the budget and such other matters as may be brought before it.

On motion of Commissioner Hennessy the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

“CARL J. SCHACK,
1142 Rockaway Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Office of the Secretary, N. Y. City Gardeners.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary,
Board of Park Commissioners,
City of New York.

DEAR SIR:

In reference to your communication of a previous date, on matters concerning the City Gardeners' grievances and matters of vital importance to the Gardeners, I am instructed to inform you that in conformity with the great work now lying before the present administration, and in consideration of about 150 Gardeners, men, all ranging from five to twenty-five years' service as City Gardeners, having the foresight to know that in these trying times men must sacrifice, but with an acknowledged 47 per cent. increase in the cost of living and other requirements that are confronting the Gardeners, they have a just cause in their grievance that they are underpaid, causing on the whole dissatisfaction, and in meeting assembled the gardeners have decided to appeal to your Board of Park Commissioners and other City Boards, to consider the betterment of conditions confronting the City Gardeners once and for all, by

1. Place the City Gardeners on the per annum basis.
2. Fix the rate of compensation as follows:
3. Head Gardeners, \$1,800.00 per annum.
Gardeners-in-Charge, \$1,642.50 per annum.
Gardeners, \$1,460.00 per annum.

Surely the Gardeners are all men of worth in the City employ. Their claims should be deemed justifiable, and if given just consideration the Gardeners' value to the City's service, may be placed on a good sound basis.

Respectfully submitted for the N. Y. City Gardeners,

CARL J. SCHACK, Secretary.”

Commissioner Grell submitted and asked the Secretary to read a communication sent to him by The Catalpa Society, an Association of City Gardeners in the Borough of Manhattan.

Commissioner Hennessy said that the same subject had been brought to his attention by the gardeners in the Borough of The Bronx and, though the matter was not in the jurisdiction of the Park Board but within the administrative jurisdiction of the individual Commissioners, he thought the several members of the Board might well consider the adoption of some uniform policy. He suggested that the adjournment, when taken, should be to a special meeting on Monday, July 29th, at 2 p. m., and that each Commissioner should have the Head Gardener of his Department in attendance there so that the whole subject could be carefully gone into.

Which was agreed to, all voting aye.

The following communication was read by the Secretary, and on motion of Commissioner Hennessy was ordered on file:

[July 27, 1918.

"July 26, 1918.

TO THE HONORABLE PARK BOARD,
City of New York.

GENTLEMEN:

I beg leave to respectfully request your honorable body to fix my salary at \$2,460.00 per annum as of January 1st, 1918, in accordance with the provisions of the budget for the year 1918.

I have been in the service of the City for over fifteen years, in the office of the Landscape Architect since March 1st, 1905, and although requests for an increase in salary to \$2,500.00 were made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the Park Boards in 1909, 1913 and every subsequent year until 1917, when at last provision was made for a compensation at the rate of \$2,460 per annum, my salary still remains at \$2,280.00 per annum.

In consideration of my service record and in view of the enormous increase in the cost of living, I furthermore request your honorable body to consider requesting an increase in salary in the departmental estimate for the year 1919.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH GATRINGER, Assistant Landscape Architect."

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That a general invitation be extended to Special Deputy Park Commissioner Philip Berolzheimer to attend the meetings of the Park Board at his convenience and pleasure, and that the Secretary of the Board be directed to send notices of the meetings to him.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Harman, Hennessy.

On motion at 12.30 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Monday, July 29, 1918.

The Board reconvened at 3 p. m., at the call of the President.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

On motion of Commissioner Benninger, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract between this Department and the F. Gradwohl Engineering and Contracting Company for constructing a concrete bulkhead along the easterly boundary of the public driveway where required, in the vicinity of 165th, 175th and 184th Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, dated March 24th, 1918, be and the same hereby is extended fifteen working days from the expiration of the extension granted March 9th, 1918, as recommended by the Chief Engineer, for reasons beyond the control of the contractor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the title and position of Landscape Architect, a Park Board official for the supervision of work and changes in all the Boroughs, be retained on the Park Board list for 1919 but that no appropriation for salary for that position be asked for in the Budget.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the salary of the Assistant Landscape Architect be, and hereby is increased from \$2,280 to \$2,460, to take effect August 1, 1918, and that the salary of that position be inserted in the Budget for 1919 at the figure of \$2,460.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the title and position of Photographer, a Park Board official at the service of the Department in all the Boroughs, be and the same hereby is abolished, and that no appropriation for salary be asked for in the 1919 budget.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the Assistant Landscape Architect of the Park Board be, and he hereby is designated as Acting Landscape Architect, with the powers and duties of that position as prescribed in Section 611 of the Charter.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

The Head Gardeners as follows: C. C. Olssen of Manhattan; John F. Walsh of The Bronx; John A. Quigley, of Brooklyn; Edward J. Walters of Queens; who had been directed by the Board to attend for consultation with the Commissioners, were then called in. They were heard and questioned at great length but no Board action was taken, the matter being within the individual jurisdiction of the several Commissioners.

On motion, at 4.15 p. m. the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, August 1, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public all the bids or proposals which had been received pursuant to the following advertisement were opened and read as follows:

For all Labor and Materials Necessary and Required for Paving and Repaving With Asphalt Mastic Where Directed the Walks of the Central and Other Parks, Borough of Manhattan.

Items and Quantities	The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Co. 41 Park Row, New York City	
	Price	Amount
Concrete (500 cu. yds.)	\$9.00	\$4,500.00
Asphalt Mastic Pavement (85,000 sq. ft.).....	0.16	13,600.00
		\$18,100.00

On motion of Commissioner Grell the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That all the bids and proposals received June 26, 1918, for furnishing and delivering forage for the Department of Parks, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, by the Central Purchase Committee, be and the same hereby are rejected, it being deemed for the interest of the City so to do.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners, Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That all the bids and proposals received June 26, 1918, for furnishing and delivering forage for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, by the Central Purchase Committee, be and the same hereby are rejected, it being deemed for the interest of the City so to do.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

On motion, at 3.30 p. m., the Board adjourned.

CLARENCE L. HILL, Acting Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, August 22, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President) Hennessy, Benninger.

On motion of Commissioner Benninger, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Commissioner Benninger offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract with the Frank J. Felgenhauer Company, Contractors for the service building of the Park Department in Forest Park, awarded August 9, 1917, be and the same hereby is extended for a period of forty working days, the delay in the completion of the contract being due to causes not within the control of the Contractors.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated in contract No. 49,075 with the East River Mill & Lumber Company "For Furnishing and Delivering Lumber for Department of Parks, Bronx," which was extended for a period of three months, at a meeting of the Park Board held May 9, 1918, be and hereby is further extended to July 17, 1918, at the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the form of agreement approved by the Corporation Counsel, modifying Clause T of contract with D. L. Delaney, Inc., for "Furnishing all labor and materials for installing Plumbing, Drainage and Water Supply in the Confort Station, at the Athletic Field in Pelham Bay Park, in the Borough of The Bronx, in The City of New York," be approved and executed, in triplicate, by the President, for and on behalf of The Park Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Benninger—3.

On motion, at 3.20 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, September 5, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President) Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

On motion of Commissioner Benninger the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Secretary read a communication from Special Deputy Park Commissioner Philip Berolzheim, referring to a plan which he had taken up with the Mayor and President Arthur S. Somers, of the Board of Education for free concerts in the auditoriums of the high schools and of other suitable buildings. He requested the authorization of the Park Board for such further action as might be required to carry out the plan.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Park Board that the Mayor Hylan Peoples' Concerts, given under the immediate direction of Special Deputy Park Commissioner Berolzheim, would be extended to public advantage by having a certain number given in the public schools throughout the City, particularly during the fall and winter.

Resolved, Further, that Special Deputy Park Commissioner Berolzheim be, and he hereby is authorized with full power to take up this matter with President Somers of the Board of Education and to arrange, if possible, for such additional musical provision in all of the boroughs of the City as they may deem proper.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the vote taken at the meeting of July 29th, on the resolution relating to the position of Landscape Architect, and by which said resolution was adopted, be, and the same hereby is reconsidered:

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

The question then being on the adoption of the resolution, a vote was taken, and it was lost by the following vote:

Noes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the vote taken at the meeting of July 29th, on the resolution relating to the position of photographer, and by which such resolution was adopted, be, and the same hereby is reconsidered.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

The question then being on the adoption of the resolution a vote was taken, and it was lost by the following vote:

Noes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

On motion of Commissioner Harman, Commissioner Hennessy was requested to prepare a resolution of thanks to Signor Enrico Caruso, the great Italian Tenor, for his interest and services as a member of Special Deputy Park Commissioner Berolzheim's Advisory Committee, and for his consent to make a complimentary appearance at one of these concerts, and to sing to the people.

On motion, at 4.40 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, September 26, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman.

On motion of Commissioner Hennessy the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Commissioner Hennessy reported, for printing in the minutes, the resolutions drawn pursuant to the resolution of the Board passed September 5th, as follows:

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS**

We, the undersigned, constituting the Park Board of The City of New York, recognizing the patriotic and public spirited interest manifested by

ENRICO CARUSO

in the "Peoples' Concerts," initiated by Mayor John F. Hylan, hereby tender to the world-renowned Italian tenor, the deep felt thanks of the great cosmopolitan music loving community of the Empire City.

We are prompted further to this appreciation by his complimentary appearance at the special concert (September 12th), arranged by special Deputy Park Commissioner Philip Berolzheimer, whereby he adds another conspicuous instance of generosity to the many which have characterized his brilliant career.

Let this resolution be placed upon our minutes and an engrossed copy be presented to

SIGNOR ENRICO CARUSO.

**WILLIAM F. GRELL,
JOSEPH P. HENNESSY,
JOHN N. HARMAN,
A. C. BENNINGER,**
Commissioners.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

Dated September 12, 1918.

On motion of Commissioner Harman the Secretary was directed to enter the resolution on the Minutes.

The following letter was received from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

"September 25, 1918.

Hon. **WILLIAM F. GRELL,**
President, Park Board.

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is certified copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, September 20, 1918, placing that portion of Bushwick Avenue lying between Myrtle and Jamaica Avenues, Borough of Brooklyn, under the exclusive care, custody, control and maintenance of the Department of Parks of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 395 of the Laws of 1909, which makes the action of the Board subject to the approval of the Department of Parks of the City of New York.

Respectfully,

JAMES MATTHEWS, Assistant Secretary."

Enclosure:

(Cal. No. 21).

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, subject to the approval of the Department of Parks of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of

Chapter 396 of the Laws of 1909, hereby places that portion of Bushwick Avenue lying between Myrtle and Jamaica Avenues, Borough of Brooklyn, under the exclusive care, custody, control, and maintenance of the said Department of Parks of The City of New York.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at a meeting of said Board held on September 20, 1918.

JAMES MATTHEWS, Assistant Secretary.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for all labor and materials necessary and required for paving and repaving with asphalt mastic where directed, the walks of the Central and other parks, Borough of Manhattan, received by this Board August 1, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into, and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the form of agreement approved by the Corporation Counsel, modifying the contract for all labor and materials required for the general construction of a comfort station in Madison Square Park, Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, be approved and executed in triplicate by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated in Contract No. 49409 with Geo. N. Reinhardt & Co., 973-975 Brook Avenue, "For Furnishing and Delivering Forage for the Department of Parks, Bronx," be and the same is hereby extended to July 26, 1918, for reasons beyond the control of the contractors.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the Park Board hereby approve the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment taken September 20, 1918, placing that portion of Bushwick Avenue lying between Myrtle and Jamaica Avenues, Borough of Brooklyn, under the exclusive care, custody, control and maintenance of the Department of Parks, of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 395 of the Laws of 1909.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Secretary Holly reported a resolution authorized at the meeting of September 5th, as follows:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Park Board be tendered to Special Deputy Park Commissioner Berolzheimer for designating a portion of the seating capacity which he has secured for the concert of "La Société des Concerts du Conservatoire de Paris," in the Metropolitan Opera House, October 8, 1918, as a feature of The Mayor Hylan Peoples' Concerts.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That Julius Burgevin of 434 East 141st Street, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, be and he hereby is, appointed Landscape Architect of the Department of Parks, pursuant to the provisions of Section 611 of the Charter, at a salary of \$3,500 per annum, the appointment to take effect October 1, 1918.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman—3.

On motion at 3.38 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, October 3, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Harman, Benninger.

On motion of Commissioner Benninger the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Secretary read a communication from Special Deputy Park Commissioner Berolzheimer in further reference to the subject of the resolution passed by the Board at its meeting of September 5, 1918, in relation to the extension of the Mayor Hylan Peoples' Concert plan from the outdoor park series to an indoor or winter season series.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That this Board hereby authorizes Special Deputy Park Commissioner Berolzheimer to extend the series of Mayor Hylan Peoples' Concerts, which have been given under the supervision and direction of the Special Deputy Park Commissioner, so as to include such indoor performances as he may be able to arrange with the authorities having charge of public buildings that are available for this purpose, and that those concerts be given under the supervision and direction of the Special Deputy Park Commissioner and the Park Commissioner of the Borough in which the concert is given.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Harman, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Grell offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract between this Department and the Carpathian Holding Corporation, for all labor and materials necessary and required for the general construction of a comfort station in Madison Square Park, Borough of Manhattan, dated September 20, 1917, be and the same is hereby extended ninety additional days from the expiration of the original contract time for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Harman, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That Section 39, of Article II, of the Park Ordinances, be amended by adding the following paragraph, to be known as Section 39, Paragraph 5:

5—Bushwick Avenue—Parkway restrictions. Business vehicles, heavy or light, trucks, trailers, delivery wagons, etc., are hereby prohibited from using the section of Bushwick Avenue between the southerly curb line of Myrtle Avenue and the north-easterly curb line of Jamaica Avenue; this section being hereby restricted to the use of automobiles, pleasure vehicles, etc., with the exception of vehicles making deliveries to business or residential places located along the roadway, in which case vehicles must approach and leave roadway by nearest intersecting street.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Harman, Benninger—3.

Mr. Julius Burgevin, Landscape Architect, having been called into the meeting conferred at some length with the members of the Board on general park subjects.

On motion at 3.43 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, October 31, 1918.

Stated meeting Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Grell (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

On motion of Commissioner Benninger, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Secretary read a communication from Special Deputy Commissioner of Parks, Philip Berolzheimer, reporting upon the progress being made toward carrying out the idea of Mayor Hylan to continue the free public concerts during the winter, enclosing an offer made by Col. Smith of the 13th Coast Artillery Corps in this connection, and requesting that the Park Board, if it found the proposition acceptable, should express its thanks to the Colonel.

The following is the offer:

HEADQUARTERS
13th Coast Artillery Corps,
New York Guard.

Brooklyn, N. Y., October 28, 1918.

P. O. Address,
357 Sumner Avenue.

From COLONEL C. W. SMITH.
To MR. PHILIP BEROLZHEIMER.
Subject: Concerts in Armory.

MY DEAR COMMISSIONER:

Confirming our conversation re your letter of the 25th, count on me as very glad to go the limit to help you. Hold six concerts here if you wish and you choose the dates. Also use our Band and Field music for one of your Saturday Night Concerts, without charge, but get some singers.

We have over 3,000 seats here and can place 5,000 more on Armory floor if you can bring chairs or benches.

Yours to command,

Sincerely,

CLARENCE W. SMITH, Colonel.

P. S.—Refer to Commissioner Harman or Borough President Riegelman as to Band, myself and armory.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Park Board be, and hereby is directed to write to Col. C. W. Smith of the 13th Coast Artillery Corps, and thank him for his cooperation in the efforts of this Board to extend the Mayor Hylan Peoples' Concerts through an indoor series for the coming winter season.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated in contract No. 49268 with The Barrett Company of 17 Battery Place, New York City, for Furnishing and Delivering Tar Road Oil for Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx, be, and the same is hereby extended to November 15, 1918, for reasons beyond control of the contractors.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Grell, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

On motion, at 3.19 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, November 7, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Mr. Philip Berolzheimer, who had been appointed a Commissioner of Parks, appeared and presented his certificate of appointment as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Know All Men By These Presents, that I, John F. Hylan, Mayor of the City of New York, under and by virtue of the authority of the statutes in such case made and provided, do hereby appoint

PHILIP BEROLZHEIMER

a Commissioner of Parks of the City of New York, to have administrative jurisdiction in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, to succeed William F. Grell, and to hold office until his successor shall be appointed and has qualified.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this seventh day of November, One Thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

(Signed) JOHN F. HYLAN, Mayor.

(SEAL)

Present—Commissioners Berolzheimer, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

At the request of the other Commissioners, Commissioner Berolzheimer took the chair.

On motion of Commissioner Benninger the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Secretary presented a communication from Hon. Murray Hulbert, Chairman of the Municipal Division of the Greater New York United War Work Campaign, of which Hon. John F. Hylan, Mayor, is chairman. It appeared that a similar communication had been received by each of the Commissioners, and that no action of the Park Board was called for.

At the request of Commissioner Berolzheimer the Board remained in session for a general conference on Park Department matters until at 4:40 p. m., on motion, the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, November 14, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 3 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Berolzheimer, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

At the request of the other Commissioners—Commissioner Berolzheimer occupied the chair.

The Secretary called attention to a communication from his Honor the Mayor relative to the expenditures under the budget for 1919, addressed to him as Secretary of the Park Board. It was found that the Commissioners had each received a similar communication in connection with their individual administrative jurisdictions, and the Secretary was directed to make a reply to the Mayor in connection with the Park Board appropriation.

Commissioner Berolzheimer offered the following:

Resolved, That the stated meetings of the Park Board shall be held on Thursday of each week at 2 p. m. instead of at 3 p. m.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Berolzheimer, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

A general discussion of park matters and methods was had, and at 4.27 p. m. the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, November 21, 1918.

Stated meeting, Park Board, 2 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Berolzheimer (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

On motion of Commissioner Benninger the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Commissioner Berolzheimer presented a communication, as follows, which was ordered to be filed and printed in the minutes.

CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

November 19, 1918.

PHILIP BEROLZHEIMER, Esq.,
Commissioner of Parks,
Manhattan and Richmond,
City of New York.

SIR:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607 of the Charter of the City of New York, I hereby designate you as President of the Park Board.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. HYLAN, Mayor.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, enclosing a certified copy of resolutions adopted by said Board on October 31, 1918, in connection with the budget for the year 1919. It appearing that each of the Commissioners had received a similar certified copy applying to his individual administrative jurisdiction, no action of the Board was required.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract between this Department and the Barrett Company, for furnishing, delivering and spreading 33,400 gallons of Refined Coal Tar Oil as per specifications on Parkways in the Borough of Brooklyn, and delivering 5,800 gallons of same in barrels, to the Gravel Pit, Ocean Parkway at Avenue P, dated April 22d, 1918, be, and the same hereby is extended twenty-five (25) calendar days from the expiration of the original contract time, as recommended by the Engineer for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Berolzheimer, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Berolzheimer offered the following:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Parks for the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, be, and hereby is authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering supplies as may be required from time to time in said boroughs during the year 1919, under contracts, the forms of which shall first be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Berolzheimer, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Parks for the Borough of The Bronx be, and hereby is authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering supplies as may be required from time to time in said borough during the year 1919, under contracts, the forms of which shall first be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Berolzheimer, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Parks for the Borough of Brooklyn be, and hereby is authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering supplies as

may be required from time to time in said borough during the year 1919, under contracts, the forms of which shall first be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Berolzheimer, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

Commissioner Benninger offered the following:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Parks for the Borough of Queens be, and hereby is authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering supplies as may be required from time to time in said borough during the year 1919, under contracts, the forms of which shall first be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Berolzheimer, Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—4.

On motion, at 3.37 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Thursday, December 5, 1918.

Stated Meeting, Park Board, 2 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Berolzheimer (President), Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

On motion of Commissioner Benninger the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

President Berolzheimer presented several communications and memoranda on park subjects—music, concessions, and so forth. They were exhaustively considered, each Commissioner taking part in the discussion.

On motion, at 4 p. m., the Board adjourned.

WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary, Park Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Monday, December 30, 1918.

Special meeting, Park Board, 2 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Hennessy, Harman, Benninger.

In the absence of the President, Commissioner Harman was called to the chair.

A representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the bids or proposals, which had been received pursuant to duly published advertisements, were opened and read as follows:

For All Labor and Materials Necessary and Required for Repaving Where Directed the Cement Walks of Small Parks, Borough of Manhattan.

Bidders	14,000 sq. ft. Unit Price	Amount
Edw. J. Alquist, 501 Fifth Avenue, New York.....	\$0.32½	\$4,550.00
Joseph L. Brennan, One Hundred and Sixty-seventh Street and Sedgwick Avenue, New York City.....	0.31	4,340.00
Burnside Contr. Co., 270 E. Burnside Avenue, New York City	0.28	3,920.00
Chas. E. Farrell Contr. Co., Inc., 375 E. One Hundred and Eightieth Street, New York City.....	0.42	5,880.00
F. Gradwohl Engrg. & Contr. Co., 280 Madison Avenue, New York City.....	0.239	3,346.00
R. A. Hess, Inc., 69 Forty-ninth Street, Corona, Queens.....	0.26½	3,745.00
McCarthy, Rush and Ryan, 79 West Tremont Avenue, New York City.....	0.244	3,416.00
Frederick Roeber, 507 Fifth Avenue, New York City.....	0.27	3,780.00
Sutherland Const. & Eng. Co., Inc., 2119 Sixty-fifth Street, Brooklyn.....	0.58	8,120.00

On motion of Commissioner Benninger the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Commissioner Benninger offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract between this Department and the Carpathian Holding Corporation for the construction of a new underground comfort station in Madison Square Park, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, be, and the same hereby is extended ninety consecutive working days from the expiration of the extension granted October 3, 1918, for reasons beyond the control of the Contractors, and as recommended by the Chief Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate be, and hereby is, requested to authorize the use of item No. 4, line 1100, Park Board appropriation for 1919, in the payment of the salary of the Landscape Architect appointed by the Park Board on September 26th, 1918, under the appropriation in the budget for 1918, line 1100, item No. 3.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Hennessy offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of contract No. 49214 with the Taylor Contracting Co., Inc., "for furnishing and delivering Sand for the Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx," be, and the same hereby is extended to November 30th, for reasons beyond the control of the Contractors.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Benninger offered the following:

Resolved, That the proposal of the lowest formal bidder for all labor and materials necessary and required for repaving where directed the cement walks of small parks in the Borough of Manhattan, for which bids were received December 30, 1918, be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that a contract for the same be entered into and executed by the President for, and on behalf of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract between this Department and the Barrett Company, for furnishing, delivering and spreading 33,400 gallons of Refined Coal Tar Oil, as per specifications, on parkways in the Borough of Brooklyn; and delivering 5,800 gallons of same in barrels to the Gravel Pit, Ocean Parkway and Avenue P, dated April 22, 1918, be, and the same hereby is extended to December 31, 1918, from the expiration of the original contract time, as recommended by the engineer for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—3.

Commissioner Harman offered the following:

Resolved, That the time stipulated for the completion of the contract between this Department and Fleming, O'Brien & McEntegart, Inc., for furnishing and delivering 3,000 cubic yards of sand grit to parks and parkways, Borough of Brooklyn, dated April 24, 1918, be, and the same hereby is extended to December 31, 1918, from the expiration of the original contract time, as recommended by the engineer for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Hennessy, Harman, Benninger—3.

On motion, at 3 p. m., the Board adjourned.

CLARENCE L. HILL, Acting Secretary, Park Board.