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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

S. Van Rensselaer Cruger, having been reappointed a Commissioner of Public Parks, presented his certificate of appointment, which was read, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Know all men by these presents, that under and by virtue of the authority of the statutes in such case made and provided, I do hereby appoint S. Van Rensselaer Cruger a Park Commissioner in the City of New York to succeed himself for the full term of five years.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this fourth day of May, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

[SEAL.]

W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

The roll being called—

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), Stiles, Ely.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Secretary of the Department of Docks, forwarding a map showing platform or boat-landing at the Battery with the proposed extension of the same. Filed.

From the President of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in relation to the disposition of cases of arrests of juveniles in the parks. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, transmitting an extract from the minutes of the Board of Trustees respecting the sanitary condition of the cellar of the first wing of the Museum building. Referred to the Engineer of Construction.

From the Secretary of the American Museum of Natural History, in relation to the need for closing the Museum building evenings while the work of installing the new electric-lighting plant is in progress. Approved.

From John D. Terry and others, requesting that Foreman McChristie be returned to duty at East River Park. Filed.

From Samuel Sanders, commending Officer No. 290 of the Park Police for stopping a runaway horse in the Park on the 28th ultimo. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Upper East Side Association, calling attention to the condition of the entrances to Central Park at One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Tenth streets and Fifth avenue, and complaining of the spreading of sand on the avenue. Referred to the Secretary to reply.

From the Kingsbridge Improvement Association, suggesting that the swamp land south of the road leading from Broadway to Van Cortlandt Station be dredged and made into a lake. Filed.

From Willis Holly, requesting permission for Nathan Straus to establish depots for the sale of sterilized milk in the parks. Referred to Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the "Evening Telegram," requesting permission for a bicycle parade on Riverside Drive on the afternoon of Saturday, June 6. Referred to the President with power.

From Wood & Tolmie, requesting an extension of time to June 1, 1896, for the completion of their contract for constructing an overlook, etc., in Corlears Hook Park. Granted.

From John Slattery, applying for an extension of time on his contract for the improvement of Mulberry Bend Park.

On motion, the time for the completion of the work under said contract was extended to June 1, 1896.

From the Kit Kat Club, applying for permission to encamp on Pelham Bay Park during a part of the coming summer. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Thomas L. Moore, applying for employment as an Assistant Engineer. Filed.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Reporting a list of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks during the week ending May 2. Filed.

2d. Reporting the refusal of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to accept juvenile prisoners from the parks. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the condition of "The Pool" in Central Park, with recommendations for its treatment.

On motion, the recommendations of the Engineer were approved and ordered carried out as speedily as possible.

From Ernest A. Lewald, Draughtsman, applying for leave of absence without pay until such time as work on the Harlem River Driveway is actively resumed. Granted.

From Sergeant James B. Ferris, applying for full pay allowance for time lost on account of an injury received. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Park Policemen John W. Willson and Thomas A. Howard, asking permission to receive prizes awarded them at the horse show at Durland's Riding Academy. Granted.

From Sergeant Hugh Fitzpatrick, applying for leave of absence for the veteran members of the police force on 30th instant to enable them to participate in the exercises of Memorial Day. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Engineer of Construction, explaining the necessity for laying water-pipes at the depth recommended by him and shown on plans submitted on the 20th ultimo.

On motion, the Engineer's recommendation was adopted and the pipes ordered laid at the depth stated, twelve inches.

The President, from the Committee on Police, reported verbally in the matter of the annual parade and review of the Park Police, recommending that Thursday, May 14, at 10 A. M., be fixed as the time therefor, and that the Mayor be invited to review the same. Adopted.

The President reported that he had been in communication during the past month with Austin Corbin, in reference to his proposition to loan a portion of his herd of buffalo to the Department, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks accepts with pleasure the offer of Mr. Austin Corbin to place in one of the parks north of the Harlem river from thirty to fifty of his herd of buffalo, and that they be placed there upon the following terms :

1st. This Department will fence in a tract of land of about 150 acres in Van Cortlandt Park, to be designated by the President, at a cost not to exceed \$950.

2d. Mr. Corbin is to deliver about 30 buffalo in the inclosure, at his own expense, as soon as the fence is completed, the balance to be delivered next autumn.

3d. Mr. Corbin is to furnish, at his own expense, such attendants as he may deem necessary to properly look after the herd.

4th. This Department will furnish the necessary forage to feed the herd.

5th. This Department may place in the inclosure such number of deer or elk as it pleases.

6th. It is agreed that 25 per cent. of the annual increase of the herd of buffalo shall belong to the Department, but in case any of the herd die while in transit from Vermont, such number shall be deducted from the annual increase.

7th. Mr. Corbin retains the right to remove his herd upon giving 9 months' notice in writing, and this Department retains the right to direct their removal upon giving similar notice.

8th. Mr. Corbin may remove his portion of the annual increase, provided, however, that the herd shall not be reduced below fifty (50).

9th. The Counsel to the Corporation to prepare the necessary agreement between Mr. Corbin and this Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

The President laid before the Board a communication from Messrs. Garland, Smith and Wales, the Building Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, with reference to the selection of an architect for the proposed new wing of the Museum building, and moved that the resolution adopted on 14th ultimo in relation to that matter be amended so as to read as follows :

Resolved, 1st, That R. H. Hunt should be named as the Architect of the new wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art ; 2d, That George B. Post should be named as Consulting Architect and Engineer, with the understanding that his services as such Consulting Architect and Engineer shall be at the disposal of Mr. Hunt, the Building Committee of said Museum and the Park Commissioners.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

On motion, the pay of John H. Beatty, Stenographer, was fixed at \$125 per month, to date from 16th instant, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

A. F. Brombacher & Co., rakes.....	\$34 20
Jas. S. Barron & Co., brooms, etc.....	179 40
The Central Gas-light Co.....	3 25
Colwell Lead Co., black pipe, etc.....	6 77
Communipau Coal Co., coal.....	393 00
T. W. Decker & Son, milk.....	11 16
Thomas Dimond, cages, etc.....	297 25
William A. Force & Co., stamps.....	75
Thomas J. Fitzpatrick, shoeing horses.....	45 00
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, Salaries, etc., Metropolitan Museum Art.....	6,780 00
Initial Towel Supply Co., towels.....	19 50
Emil Jacobson, filing saws.....	36 00
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, Salaries, etc., American Museum Natural History.....	5,679 40
T. N. Motley & Co., couplings.....	48 54
H. B. Merrill, 1st payment, raising storage tanks, Aquarium.....	1,052 00
National Calcium-light Co., calcium lights.....	332 50
The New York Mutual Gas-light Co.....	59 75

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N. O'Donnell, coal.....	\$190 75
Henry A. Peck & Co., manure.....	420 42
Louis Ruhe, bird food.....	12 00
Louis Ruhe, baboons.....	144 00
T. G. Sellw, covering desks.....	12 00
J. M. Thorburn & Co., plants, etc.....	362 00
J. M. Thorburn & Co., tulip bulbs.....	671 50
Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Co., asphalt walks, Cathedral Parkway.....	3,850 00
Yellow Pine Company, oak.....	150 80
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On motion, at 3.40 P. M., the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, 6th instant, at 2 P. M.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1896—ADJOURNED MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), Ely.

A quorum not being present.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, MAY 11, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles, Ely.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the President opened the estimate boxes and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received on the 6th instant for furnishing and delivering sod and also those received this day for furnishing park settees, pursuant to advertisements duly published in the CITY RECORD.

TABLE OF BIDS.

Furnishing and Delivering where Required on Central and City Parks 200,000 Square Feet of Grass Sod.

	PRICE.	AMOUNT.
William Young.....	\$0 0187½	\$3,750 00
Charles L. Doran.....	0145	2,900 00

Furnishing and Delivering 500 Park Settees.

	PRICE.	AMOUNT.
Bethlehem Foundry and Machine Company.....	\$5 20	\$2,600 00
A. F. Brombacher.....	5 65	2,825 00
F. F. Fox.....	4 27	2,135 00
Page, Dennis & Co.....	6 15	3,075 00

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the contracts for which proposals have been this day opened be awarded as follows :

For furnishing and delivering sod, to Charles L. Doran.

For furnishing park settees, to F. F. Fox.

—that their proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contracts for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

X Commissioner Stiles moved that Commissioner Cruger be elected President of the Board, to serve until November 1, 1896.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Stiles, Ely—3.

On motion, Commissioner McMillan was elected Vice-President of the Board, to serve until November 1, 1896, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

On motion, Commissioner Stiles was elected Treasurer of the Department, to serve until November 1, 1896, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution providing for the issue of bonds to the amount of \$1,500, under chapter 986, Laws of 1895, to meet the expense of preliminary work for the proposed temporary bridge over Harlem river at One Hundred and Forty-fifth street. Filed.

From the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, requesting to be furnished with maps, for filing, laying-out parks in the Twentieth and Eleventh Wards. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for compliance.

From the Secretary of the National Sculpture Society, in relation to reports to be made upon park statuary. Filed.

From the Board of Health, referring to this Department a complaint made in relation to the "Pool" in Central Park.

Commissioner McMillan moved that a special committee be appointed to take action on the complaint from the Board of Health on the condition of the "Pool." Which was carried.

The President appointed Commissioners McMillan and Stiles as such committee.

From the Ladies' Health Protective Association, in relation to the hour for closing the ladies' cottages in the parks during the summer season. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Secretary of the Fairmount Improvement Association, in relation to the condition of a drain in the northerly part of Crotona Park, and also asking that that park be included among the parks in which concerts are to be given during the coming season.

On motion, the subject of music was referred to the President, and the matter of the drain was referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Rev. C. A. Daniel, favoring the suggestion for providing sand hills in the parks for children. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks to procure and submit estimates for furnishing the sand required for that purpose.

From the Northern Gas-light Company, reporting damage done to lamps along roads in Bronx Park. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Columbia Yacht Club, applying for permission to erect an iron foot-bridge over the railroad tracks opposite their club-house at Eighty-sixth street and Hudson river, Riverside Park. Referred to the President for report.

From John Brisben Walker, submitting a copy of "Regulations for the Cosmopolitan Horseless Carriage Contest," to take place on 30th instant, proposing to pass through the Central Park.

On motion, the proposed route to be taken was approved as to the use of City Hall Park, but disapproved as to the use of the Central Park.

From McBride & Thompson, applying for permission to erect bay-windows on two proposed apartment-houses on the south side of One Hundred and Twenty-third street, 200 feet west of Tenth avenue. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From John H. Judge, requesting the restoration of the steps formerly used for access to the Central Park, at West Ninety-second street. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From E. M. Van Buren, commending Officer William Flynn for stopping a runaway horse in the Park. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Hydraulic Construction Company, desiring to bid on proposed bridge work at One Hundred and Forty-fifth street and Harlem river. Filed.

From F. V. Smith, applying for an indefinite extension of time on his contract for the improvement of Cathedral Parkway. Referred to Commissioner McMillan and the Engineer of Construction for report.

From J. C. Stines and F. W. Salmonson, applying for the privilege of establishing and operating carrousel and swings in Mount Morris Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From C. W. Plyer, complaining of the surface treatment of the Circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, and suggesting that the same be paved with asphalt. Filed.

From Silas H. Moore, applying for permission to establish and operate a carrousel in East River Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Assistant Secretary, reporting relative to auction sales of impounded animals and condemned property on the 2d and 5th instants. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting plan and specifications for altering the curbstones and roadway at corners and paving exterior sidewalks of Mount Morris Park.

On motion, the plans and specifications submitted by the Engineer were approved and the specifications ordered printed.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to designate Mount Morris Park as one of the parks to be improved under the provisions of chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, and also to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of ten thousand five hundred dollars, in the manner provided by said act, for the purpose of defraying the expense of making alterations to curbstones and roadway at corners and paving exterior sidewalks of Mount Morris Park, as shown on the plan this day submitted by the Engineer of Construction and approved.

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Captain of Police, reporting a list of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the week ending May 2. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, reporting a horse as unfit for police service. Filed.

From Youngs, Bergeson & Cornell, applying for permission to erect projections on the building No. 41 Union Square. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

A certified copy of chapter 194, Laws of 1896, An act "to provide for the improvement of Parks, Parkways and Drives in the City of New York" was received and placed on file.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting in relation to an application for permission to establish depots for the sale of sterilized milk in the parks, and recommending that such depots be permitted on Battery, City Hall, Tompkins and Paradise Parks.

On motion, permission was granted to establish the milk depots on said parks, at points to be selected by the Superintendent.

2d. Reporting favorably upon the application of the Kit-Cat Club for permission to encamp in Pelham Bay Park.

On motion, the application was ordered granted.

The Treasurer presented a report of moneys received by the Department and deposited during the month of April, 1896, which was ordered entered upon the minutes as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, May 11, 1896. }

To the Honorable the Board of Park Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of moneys received during the month of April, 1896.

Deposited in the City Treasury.

April	2. R. A. Gushee, license, Claremont, April	\$525 00
“	6. Daniel F. Sullivan, license, Van Cortlandt Park, March	87
“	6. Otto Abrams, license, Battery Park, April	10 00
“	6. Hudson Boat Club, license, one year	150 00
“	7. Peter Woolley, license, East River Park, April	20 00
“	8. A. T. Campbell, rents—	
	William Smith	\$7 50
	George Morna	15 00
	—————	22 50
“	8. Isidor Isaac & Co., license, Casino, March	245 47
“	8. Isidor Isaac, license, Carrousel, March	16 11
“	9. Case & Meyer, license, McGown's Pass	91 74
“	13. A. T. Campbell, rent, Thomas McGurl	10 00
“	13. Clarence True, bay-window, Seventy-seventh street and Riverside Drive ..	835 00
“	14. Otto Schwenke, license, Bronx Park, March	3 24
“	16. George Feltman, license, Central Park	9 79
“	17. Oscar H. Riker, license, Central Park, March	2 35
“	20. C. Schwarz, High Bridge Park, March	7 99
“	29. Charles P. Hallock, agent, rent of houses, March	802 32
“	30. A. T. Campbell, rents—	
	Job Smith	\$30 00
	William Ward	21 00
	—————	51 00
		\$2,803 38

W. A. STILES, Treasurer.

Mrs. Townsend, of the Society of Colonial Dames of the State of New York, appeared before the Board, and was heard in relation to obtaining a license for the occupation of the Manor House, in Van Cortlandt Park, for a period longer than one year.

Commissioner McMillan moved that a special committee of two be appointed to take into immediate consideration the improvement of Cedar and St. Mary's Parks. Carried.

The President appointed Commissioners McMillan and Stiles as such committee.

Messrs. Charles L. Guy, Charles Hilton Brown and others, representing owners of property north of Harlem river, appeared and requested that the structure of the temporary Maccomb's Dam bridge be left in its present position and put in condition to be used for railway purposes, temporarily, until other facilities are provided for the purpose.

Mr. Brown filed a memorandum of the matter.

Elbridge T. Gerry appeared on behalf of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and requested permission for a wagon of that society to enter and pass through Central Park during the summer months, for the purpose of giving outings to the children.

On motion, permission was granted as applied for, to continue during the pleasure of the Board.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to transfer the sum of thirty-three dollars and sixty-nine cents from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for " Zoological Department " for the year 1895, for which it will not be required, to the appropriation for " Police—Salaries," for the same year, which is insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Stiles offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Robert Hall, amounting to eighteen dollars (\$18), for carriage hire on 24th ultimo in visiting new parks, be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for " Maintenance, etc., of New Parks North of Harlem River," for the year 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was

Resolved, That the Trustees and Architect of the American Museum of Natural History report to this Board, as soon as possible, the cause of the delay in building the annex to the same.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was

Resolved, That the Engineers of this Department be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the laying of asphalt or concrete walks around Mount Morris Park.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was

Resolved, That the work on the first section of Riverside Drive, at Seventy-ninth street, is not in accordance with the specifications for the contract of said work, and that the Engineers of this Department report on the same to this Board and notify the contractor at once.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That all requisitions or orders for the expenditure of any money in this Department, exceeding the sum of three hundred dollars, be made a Board subject, or that three members of the Board sign the same.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The Committee on Police reported upon the evidence taken in the trials of Park Policemen, together with their findings thereon and recommendations, as follows :

Edward F. Johnston, off post, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Fined thirty days' pay.

Terence Shields, off post and neglect of duty. Fined five days' pay and ordered transferred.

William J. Dunn, off post and neglect of duty. Fined five days' pay and ordered transferred.

John Wolf, Jr., off post and neglect of duty. Fined three days' pay and ordered transferred.

William J. O'Connor, off post. Fined five days' pay and ordered transferred.

William S. Ryerson, not properly patrolling. Fined ten days' pay.

William S. Ryerson, late for roll-call. Fined one day's pay.

David Sheehan, off post and neglect of duty. Fined three days' pay.

Patrick Fox, absent from duty without leave. Cautioned.

Joseph J. McLaughlin, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Reprimanded.

Joseph J. McLaughlin, absent from drill duty without leave. Reprimanded.

Patrick Meehan, off post. Fined three days' pay.

Bernard Devine, off post. Reprimanded.

William J. Capper, late for roll-call. Reprimanded.

George Hall, late for drill roll-call. Reprimanded.

John J. McDonald, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Fined two days' pay.

James W. Cooney, late for roll-call. Reprimanded.

Joseph B. Donnelly, late for roll-call. Reprimanded.

Henry H. Andereya, late for roll-call. Reprimanded.

Bernard R. Connolly, off post and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

William F. Driscoll, off post and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

John Flaherty, off post and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

John Moran, absent from drill duty without leave. Reprimanded.

Joseph Verity, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

John Murphy, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

James Bennett, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

The report, findings and disposition of cases recommended by the Committee on Police were considered and approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 3.50 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

On motion, a license was ordered granted to Henry A. Wilson to conduct the sale of refreshments in the Pavilion in Battery Park for one year, upon his agreeing to pay a fee of \$400 for the privilege.

The President reported the following appointments on the working force of the Department :

Gardeners.

Frederick G. Wieck, Charles Wunder, Albin Ketterer, Simon Ryan, John Kerbert, John McGehen, Otto J. Lundt, John Vock, Theodor Petersen.

Drivers.

Theodore Field, Frederick Uhl, Alexander Manning, William Berke, John Hernance.

Messenger.

James G. Wisner.

Assistant Foreman.

Michael Callan.

Foremen.

Thomas S. Healy, John S. Bacon, Henry See.

Painters.

Frank W. Burke, Thomas Scanlon, W. S. Hartford, George White, James E. Corcoran, Owen E. Owen.

Mowers.

Michael Kearns, John Barrett, Michael Ryan, Michael Hackett, William H. Stillich.

Carpenters.

George Ibers, Thomas Kirby, Patrick Casey.

Laborers.

John Brady, William Koch, John H. Wallace, Behrend Just, Patrick Dolan, William Brady, Peter McKay, Michael E. Ryan, James J. Rogers, Guiseppe Calagiaco, Michael H. Quinn, Edward E. Smith, Michael McBride, William Head, John McHale, John O'Neil, Dennis J. Sullivan, Matthew Hogan, John T. Gorman, William McCausland, William Reilly, Joseph Miller, Timothy Healy, Edward A. Schnee, Thomas Lynch, William Hogins, Edward J. Smith, Frederick Brodpeck, James Reardon, Thomas A. Reilly, John F. McCormack, William Stimmitz,

Charles McGloin, James Marron, Patrick L. Flynn, Patrick Cox, Emmett Shelton, William Shelton, Adolphus Mayer, Thomas Murphy, Daniel McLaughlin, Christian Lohman, John Hogan, James Rigney, Thomas Kelly, James Breslin, Thomas Murphy, James Doyle, John Schecher, Henry Wedemeyer, Edward Rigner, Charles Hickey, Michael Brady, Michael Walsh, Thomas B. O'Mara, Andrew Powers, Thomas Buckley, John Kehoe.

On motion, the appointments reported by the President were approved and confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

James S. Barron & Co., curry-combs, etc.	\$68 40
F. E. Brandis Sons & Co., repairs to transit.	14 75
A. F. Brombacher & Co., bellows	47 60
Consolidated Gas Company of New York	3 07
“ “	231 75
Cady, Berg & See, professional services.	697 54
T. Cockerill & Son, Estimate No. 3, American Museum of Natural History.	27,901 55
Colwell Lead Company, traps, etc.	93
F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Co., detail paper, etc.	21 94
Theo. P. Huffman & Co., oilmeal, etc.	3 00
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, bill, American Museum of Natural History.	52 75
James D. Leary, removing crib, etc.	975 00
J. A. Leighton, D. V. S., professional services.	131 00
The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephonic service.	333 33
James McLaughlin, sand	125 00
McKee & Harrington, bicycle lights, etc.	19 60
F. H. D. Mason, petty disbursements, special.	297 61
Nunan & Co., hickory rims, etc.	45 20
William J. Peck, lime	4 50
The W. B. Perry Company, turnips, etc.	200 52
Albert Ravekes & Son, alterations to partitions	393 00
J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 23, Public Driveway.	2,711 20
Scovill Manufacturing Company, buttons.	57 50
J. M. Thorburn & Co., grass seed	190 00
E. Taussig & Co., proprietors, service, disinfectors	28 80
Whitman Saddle Company, mane combs, etc.	290 66
Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, typewriter	87 75
Wood & Tolmie, Estimate No. 2, Overlook, Corlears Hook	8,493 75

On motion, at 4.25 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, MAY 18, 1896—REGULAR MEETING 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), Stiles and Ely.

A representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President opened the estimate-box and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received pursuant to an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD.

For repairing and putting in order the building at the north end of East River Park, and in fitting-up water-closets for ladies in the southeast corner of the basement.

Table of Bids.

Christopher Nally.....	\$3,445 00
John Elder, Jr.....	2,595 00
A. B. Marshall.....	3,500 00
	3,500 00

On motion, the bid of John Elder, Jr., was ordered transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to its formality.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of action taken upon the death of Deputy Comptroller Richard A. Storrs, and providing for closing the offices of the several city departments on the day of his funeral. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising of the confirmation on November 26, 1895, of the proceeding for acquiring title to the St. John's Cemetery lands, in the Ninth Ward, for park purposes. Filed.

From the Secretary of the American Museum of Natural History in relation to the progress of the work under the contract for the new east wing of the Museum building. Filed.

From Cady, Berg & See, architects, relative to the delay in building the new wing of the American Museum of Natural History building. Filed.

From the Third Avenue Railroad Company, applying for the consent of the Department to the construction and operation of railroads on Broadway, opposite Van Cortlandt Park, and other streets adjoining public parks. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river.

From the President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, requesting that the permit issued for the society's wagon to pass through Central Park be so amended as to include the use of the roadways of any park. Referred to the President with power.

From R. H. Hunt, accepting appointment as architect of the proposed new wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Filed.

From R. K. Dana, calling attention to a dangerous practice of drivers of sprinkling trucks on Riverside Drive. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From John Smith and others, in relation to the condition of the small parks on Park avenue in the vicinity of Eighty-eighth street. Referred to Superintendent of Parks.

From J. M. Mabbatt, M. D., in relation to the use on labels of the common as well as botanical names of park flowers, etc. Referred to Commissioner Stiles.

From C. P. H. Gilbert, architect, applying for permission to erect projections on a proposed house of Elisha V. Cronkhite on the north side of Seventy-seventh street, 65 feet east of Riverside Drive. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From C. P. H. Gilbert, architect, applying for permission for projections on a house to be built by E. K. Beddall on the north side of Seventy-seventh street, 85 feet east of Riverside Drive. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From C. P. H. Gilbert, architect, applying for permission to erect projections on a house to be built on the north side of Seventy-seventh street, 45 feet east of Riverside Drive, by Andrew Fletcher, Sr. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From Cady, Berg and See, architects, recommending the acceptance of an estimate of the George C. Flint Company, amounting to \$4,890, for furnishing ten cases for the Inveterate Paleontological Collection at the American Museum of Natural History, in accordance with accompanying specifications and form of contract.

On motion, the form of contract, specifications and estimate, as submitted by the architect, were approved, and the President was authorized to enter into a contract with the George C. Flint Company for doing the work at an expense not to exceed the amount of their estimate, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

From F. S. Smithers, commending Sergeant William C. Egan for stopping a runaway team of horses in Central Park on the 14th ultimo, and asking that the officer be permitted to receive an accompanying check for \$50, in recognition of his bravery and services.

On motion, permission was given Sergeant Egan to accept the reward.

From F. V. Smith, in relation to the causes of delay in the work under his contract for improving Cathedral Parkway. Referred to Commissioner McMillan and the Engineer of Construction.

From Jacob H. Bohn and others, in relation to the standard height for Park Policeman. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the Parks for the week ending with 16th instant. Filed.

From the Property-owners' Association of East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, requesting a hearing in the matter of the proposed removal of the draw of the old Macomb's Dam Bridge to One Hundred and Forty-ninth street.

On motion, a hearing was fixed for Monday next at two o'clock.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, it was Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for furnishing and delivering a six months' supply of forage.

W. W. Niles, Jr., appeared and was heard in relation to the improvement of the eastern portion of Mosholu Parkway.

A. H. Allen, of Bedford Park, appeared in relation to the proposed use of the old Macomb's Dam Bridge structure. He was informed that a hearing would be given all parties interested in the matter on Monday next.

Commissioner Stiles, from the committee having under consideration the improvement of Cedar and St. Mary's Parks, reported progress.

On motion, at 3.50 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The President reported the following appointments on the park maintenance force :

Carleton A. Clark, Foreman ; James P. Gaw, Assistant Foreman.

Horses and Carts—Van Cortlandt Park.

Peter Weyding, Peter Finland, Thomas Kahil, Caleb Van Tassel, Andrew C. Ward, Robert D. Patterson, Albert Brown, Edward Heffernan.

On motion, the appointments reported by the President were approved and confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, and Ely—3.

The President, from the Committee on Police, reported upon the evidence taken in the trial of Park Policeman William A. Casey, on a charge of intoxication, which was considered, whereupon Officer Casey was found guilty, as charged, and fined thirty days by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, and Ely—3.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Am. and Con. Sanitas Company (Limited), disinfecting fluid.....	\$68 85
James S. Barron & Co., brooms	5 50
Blackford's, clams, etc.	26 78
Albert Behning, coal	119 00
Colgate & Co., soap	5 62
Estey Wire Works Company, wire, etc.	31 45
J. W. Fiske, drinking ladles, etc.	42 00
Reuben L. Fox, legislative documents.	50 00
Hodgman Rubber Company, boots.	33 07
The Knickerbocker Ice Company	3 00
Manhattan Cement Company, cement.	344 75
J. M. C. Martin's Sons, dusters	13 26
Thornton N. Motley & Co., valves	1 82
Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company, alum	20 24
Rapid Safety Filter Company of New York, filter rent.	18 00
Thomas Smith, Jr., oil.	18 20
Edward G. Shepard, carriage bolts, etc	40 63
M. D. Williamson, coal	124 50
DeWitt C. Bouker, Jr., Estimate No. 1, Pelham Bay Park.....	11,830 00

On motion, at 4.20 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, MAY 25, 1896.—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Styles, and Ely.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Secretary of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, in relation to a new street proposed to be laid out parallel with Amsterdam avenue, from One Hundred and Eighty-first to One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Board of Health, relative to the sanitary condition of the easterly portion of Mosholu Parkway. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Chairman of the Commission of Estimate and Assessment, in the proceeding for acquiring title to lands for the Harlem River Driveway, requesting that W. F. Richards, of the Engineer Corps of the Department, be detailed for work in connection with that proceeding. Denied.

From the President of the Fire Department, stating willingness to loan hose for use on the parks. Filed.

From Henry T. Osborn, Chairman Executive Committee of the New York Zoological Society, relative to the proposed location of the Zoological Garden in the southern portion of Bronx Park. Filed.

From the House and Real Estate Owners' Association of the Twelfth and Nineteenth Wards, requesting additional police protection for East River Park. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Veterans of the Seventh Regiment, requesting permission to decorate the Seventh Regiment Monument, in Central Park, and hold memorial services thereat on the 30th instant. Granted.

From Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, in relation to the occupancy of a house in Pelham Bay Park. Referred to Charles P. Hallock, agent, for report.

From John Brisben Walker, desiring permission to pass over the drives of Central Park with horseless carriages on the 30th instant.

Commissioner McMillan moved that the application be denied.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

No—Commissioner Stiles—1.

From the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, desiring to complete their contract for paving the walks of the Central Park transverse roads. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

From McBride & Thompson, requesting permission to erect projecting windows on two houses to be erected on the south side of One Hundred and Twenty-third street, west of Amsterdam avenue.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and hereby is given to the erection of projections on two houses to be erected by McBride & Thompson on the south side of One Hundred and Twenty-third street, two hundred feet west of Amsterdam avenue, as shown on a plan filed with their application ; this consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From William J. Fryer, architect, requesting permission to erect projections on a building to be located at the northwest corner of Ninety-first street and the Boulevard, as shown on a plan submitted.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved. That the consent of this Department be and hereby is given to the erection of projections on a building owned by Samuel McMillan, at the northwest corner of Ninety-first street and the Boulevard, as shown on a plan filed in this office by William J. Fryer, architect. This consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3. Commissioner McMillan not voting.

From Robinson & Wallace, requesting a rebate on a vault permit issued to Mrs. Catharine L. Kernochan, for No. 824 Fifth avenue. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From Rev. Otto Graesser, protesting against a proposed public bath in Tompkins square. Filed.

From J. L. Nascher, M. D., commending Park Policeman Treanor and another officer, stationed on Tompkins square, for capturing a burglar. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Henry Bartels, applying for the privilege of selling refreshments and letting boats at Van Cortlandt Lake skate-house. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, submitting plans for the modifications of plans for constructing the Harlem River Driveway. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract for paving Transverse Road No. 4, crossing Central Park, and recommending that penalty for twenty-two days' overtime be charged against the contractor.

On motion, the recommendation of the Engineer was approved, and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting relative to the unsafe condition of a building used as a barn and stable in Bronx Park, near the Pelham road.

On motion, the building was ordered disposed of at auction sale and removed forthwith.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Reporting a list of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the week ending with 23d instant. Filed.

2d. Recommending the granting of the usual summer vacations to members of the Police Force. Referred to the Committee on Police.

Applications of W. J. Elliott, J. T. Jordan, Joseph Schoch, Henry J. Castrop, William Ward, and Arthur Nichols, licensees for the sale of refreshments in Pelham Bay Park, for permission to obtain ~~excise~~ licenses, were received and referred to the Committee on Parks above Harlem river.

Commissioner McMillan, to whom was referred the application of Charles B. Meyers for permission to erect a projecting window on house known as No. 1690 East End avenue, presented a report and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and is hereby given to the erection of a second-story oriel window on building erected on west side of East End avenue, forty feet south of Eighty-second street, and known as No. 1690 East End avenue, as shown on plan filed in this office by Charles Bradford Meyers, architect ; this consent to take effect on payment to this Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan also reported favorably upon the application of C. P. H. Gilbert, architect, for permission to erect projections on houses to be erected on West Seventy-seventh street, east of Riverside Drive, and offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and is hereby given to the erection of projections on a building to be erected by Elisha V. Cronkhite on the north side of Seventy-seventh street, sixty-five feet east of Riverside Drive, as shown on plan filed in this office by C. P. H. Gilbert, architect ; this consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection.

Resolved, That consent be and is hereby given to the erection of projections on a building to be erected by Andrew F. Fletcher, Jr., on the north side of Seventy-seventh street, forty-five feet east of Riverside Drive, as shown on plan filed in this office by C. P. H. Gilbert, architect ; this consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection.

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and is hereby given to the erection of projections on building to be erected by E. K. Beddall on the north side of Seventy-seventh street, eighty-five feet east of Riverside Drive, as shown on plan filed in this office by C. P. H. Gilbert, architect ; this consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, relative to the formality of the bid of John Elder, Jr., for repairing, etc., building in East River Park, and advising that the same may be accepted and the contract awarded thereon.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the contract for which proposals were received on the 18th instant for repairing and putting in order building at the north end of East River Park be and hereby is awarded to John Elder, Jr., the lowest bidder ; that his proposal be sent to the Comptroller for the approval of sureties, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, reporting upon the condition of the Pelham Bay Bridge with a view to its reconstruction, and recommending that only such amount as is imperative to maintain the bridge in its present condition be expended for repairs until such time as a new bridge may be built.

On motion, the report and recommendation of the Engineer were adopted.

On motion, an application of Isaac L. Rice, of No. 46 West Seventy-third street, for permission to pass over the Park drives with an electrical carriage, was referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to the jurisdiction of this Department over such park lands as may be selected or taken for the purposes of the proposed Zoological Garden.

Cyrus Clark appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to the improvement of Riverside Drive and Park.

The matter of the proposed removal of the Old Macomb's Dam Bridge structure was then taken up for discussion, and Fordham Morris, Charles Hilton Brown and others were heard in relation thereto. The hearing was then adjourned for one week.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for the construction of blue-stone steps and walks in Central Park, for an entrance at One Hundred and Tenth street and Central Park, West, as submitted by the Engineer of Construction, March 16, 1896, be approved, and the work to be done by contract at public letting proceeded with.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issuance of bonds to the amount of twelve thousand five hundred dollars, under provision of chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, for the purpose of providing funds for the relaying of granite-block pavement with concrete foundation, and resetting curb-stones in Transverse Road No. 1, crossing Central Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issuance of bonds to the amount of thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000), under the provision of chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, for the purpose of providing funds for laying asphalt walks in and around Tompkins, Stuyvesant and Washington Squares, and East River, Bryant and Mount Morris Parks.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, it was

Resolved, That the house on Riverside Park, at the foot of West Eighty-sixth street, be disposed of at auction sale and its removal effected as soon as practicable.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary be and is hereby authorized to procure an analytical index to the Minutes of the Board for the year ending April 30, 1896, at an expense not to exceed seventy-five dollars.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of William C. Clyde & Co., amounting to nineteen dollars, for transportation, be, and the same is hereby audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for the Zoological Department for the current year.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 3.45 P. M., the Board went into Executive Session.

The following communications were received :

From the Superintendent of Parks, inclosing a bill of Thomas W. Weathered's Sons, amounting to \$128.95, for repairing the boilers at the Central Park greenhouses when the same exploded on 23d April last.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Thomas W. Weathered's Sons, amounting to one hundred and twenty-eight dollars and ninety-five cents, for work and materials used in repairs to boilers at the greenhouses, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable to the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance, Supplies," etc., for the year 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that certain of the Park cottages be kept open until ten o'clock P. M. and provided with additional attendants and laborers.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendations were approved.

From William H. Breischer, resigning his position as a Foreman. Accepted.

From Frederick W. Craig, resigning his position as Private Secretary to the President, to take effect on the first proximo. Accepted.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, Robert S. Sutcliffe was appointed Private Secretary to the President, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum, to take effect June 1, 1896, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

F. H. D. Mason, Clerk, appeared before the Board and was heard in answer to charges of general inefficiency and neglect of duty, the payment of exorbitant prices for supplies, carelessness in comparing and passing on bills for payment, and the purchase of inferior articles.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That Francis H. D. Mason, Clerk, having been given a hearing on charges and found guilty, is hereby discharged from the service of the Department, to take effect May 31, 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

No—Commissioner Ely—1.

On motion, the discharge of the following-named Drivers of teams and horses and carts was ordered, to take effect at the close of the present pay-roll :

Teams—Martin Gulain, R. D. Patterson, John Mahoney, John Schaefer, Caleb Van Tassell, Patrick Weyding, Thomas Kahill, Patrick McPartland, Simon McNally, John O'Brien, N. Hennessey, Samuel Cochrane, Herman Piffer.

Horses and Carts—Thomas Kearns, Paul Martrello.

On motion, the pay of Benjamin J. Smith, Laborer, was fixed at \$1.76 per day, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President reported the following appointments on the working force of the Department :

Charles F. O'Neil, Painter ; John McManus, Laborer ; Michael Meehan, Mower ; John T. Lyons, Mower ; John O'Sullivan, Mower ; Patrick Walsh, Mower ; John J. Foy, Mower ; Patrick O'Halleran, Mower ; Hugh McManus, Mower ; Arthur M. Thompson, Mower ; John Brady, Mower ; Francis Hughes, Blacksmith.

On motion, the appointments reported by the President were approved and confirmed, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans for the modifications of plans for the construction of the second section of the public driveway in the Twelfth Ward (High Bridge to Dyckman street), this day submitted by William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, and designated as follows : Sheet No. 1A—General plan and profile ; Sheet No. 2A—Subway at Station No. 52, plus 20 ; Sheet No. 3A—Roadway cross section—be and the same hereby are approved and adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the transfer of Charles W. Hanner from the Harlem River Driveway to the corps employed under the Engineer of Construction, was approved, and the similar transfer of Fred C. Willetts was ordered, from the 26th instant.

The following-named bills, having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Abeel Brothers, horseshoes.....	\$34 00
Baker, Smith & Co., heating apparatus, etc.....	178 00
James S. Barron & Co., steel brushes, etc.....	22 50
Blackford's, clams, etc.....	26 93
A. F. Brombacher & Co., castors.....	2 70
T. W. Decker & Sons, milk.....	10 80
Forker & Baldwin, pole.....	150 00
The Garlock Packing Company, packing.....	14 40
H. L. Herbert & Co., coal.....	4 25
Theo. P. Huffman & Co., salt, etc.....	31 95
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, closet.....	14 40
Thornton N. Motley & Co., spikes.....	6 50
Thomas Meehan & Sons, plants.....	16 90
New York Belting and Packing Company (Limited), hose, etc.....	24 38
Numan & Co., oak rims, etc.....	42 86
N. O'Donnell, coal.....	152 50
Patterson Brothers, carriage-bolts, etc.....	68 52
Parsons & Sons Co. (Limited), plants.....	113 00
Sol. Sayles, beef.....	334 80
Edward G. Shepard, files.....	24 60
M. Stern, fish.....	15 00
Theo. F. Tone, coal.....	17 00
“ “.....	15 00
T. Wallace, sawdust.....	15 00
John Ward, shoeing horses.....	30 00
Wire Fence Supply Company, wire.....	40 58
Yellow Pine Company, pine, etc.....	312 84
Cady, Berg & See, professional services, American Museum Natural History.....	697 54
T. Cockerill & Son, Estimate No. 3, American Museum Natural History Addition, West Wing.....	27,901 55
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, sundry bills, Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	2,311 27

On motion, at 5.45 P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles, Ely.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the President opened the estimate box and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received pursuant to an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD for the following-named works :

For Furnishing all the Labor and Furnishing and Erecting all the Materials Necessary to Erect and Complete a Public Overlook in Mulberry Bend Park, in the City of New York.

Bidders.	Amount.
Thomas Dwyer.	\$29,890 00
Harry McNally.....	32,267 00
Tolmie & Luyster	33,333 00
James R. F. Kelly & Co.	22,970 00

For Furnishing and Delivering Screened Gravel of the Quality Known as Roa Hook Gravel Where Required on the Central Park and Riverside Park and Avenue, in the City of New York.

BIDDERS.	DOUBLE-SCREENED GRAVEL FOR ROADS AND DRIVES, 7,500 CUBIC YARDS.	AMOUNT.
Brown & Fleming.....	\$2 17	\$16,275 00
George F. Doak.....	2 19	16,423 00

For Taking up and Relaying Granite-block Pavement with Concrete Foundation, and Resetting Curb-stones in Transverse Road No. 1, Crossing the Central Park, from the Westerly Curb-line of Fifth Avenue, at Sixty-fifth Street, to the Easterly Curb-line of Central Park, West (Eighth Avenue), at Sixty-sixth Street, in the City of New York.

	CONCRETE IN PLACE, 1,460 CUBIC YARDS.	GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT RELAID, 8,700 SQUARE YARDS.	NEW BRIDGE-STONE, 312 SQUARE FEET.	OLD CURB RESET, 5,070 LINEAL FEET.	NEW BLUE-STONE CURB, 550 LINEAL FEET.	AMOUNT.
Patrick Costello.....	\$0 01	\$1 00	\$0 50	\$0 05	\$0 90	\$9,619 10
F. V. Smith	3 25	70	60	13	1 25	12,368 80
Gildersleeve & Rolf ...	7 00	50	30	20	70	16,062 60
Patrick J Travis.....	1 00	60	60½	22½	1 43	8,796 01
Gregory Cox.....	5 00	45	50	15	1 50	12,956 50
John T. Smith.....	4 00	39	59	15	1 25	10,865 08
William P. Baird.....	01	1 35	50	12	1 20	13,184 00
James Quinn.....	06	93½	45	03	93	9,026 10

For the Construction of Blue-stone Steps and Walks in Central Park, for Entrance at One Hundred and Tenth Street and Central Park, West (Eighth Avenue), in the City of New York.

	BLUE-STONE STEPS, 730 LINEAL FEET.	BLUE-STONE CHEEK PIECES, 170 LINEAL FEET.	RUBBLE-STONE MASONRY, IN CEMENT, 100 CUBIC YARDS.	WALK PAVEMENT OF ASPHALT, WITH RUBBLE-STONE FOUNDATION, 3,000 SQUARE FEET.	WALK PAVEMENT OF ASPHALT ON EXISTING FOUNDATION, 3,000 SQUARE FEET.	AMOUNT.
John Batton.....	\$1 05	\$0 95	\$5 94	\$0 27	\$0 18	\$2,872 00
Gildersleeve & Rolf....	1 00	76	6 56	27	24	3,045 20
P. J. Moran.....	1 40	1 00	5 00	30	25	3,342 00

For Repairing the Masonry of the Battery Sea-wall between Pier "A," North River, and the Westerly Line of the Property of the United States Government, in the City of New York.

	WALL MASONRY REBUILT, 35 CUBIC YARDS.	COPING, INCLUDING POSTS RESET, 750 LINEAL FEET.	WALL AND COPING TO BE FILLED AND POINTED, 1,450 LINEAL FEET.	NEW COPING, 220 LINEAL FEET.	NEW POSTS, 3.	AMOUNT.
Gildersleeve & Rolf....	\$9 00	\$1 75	\$0 45	\$7 25	\$15 00	\$3,920 00
John Donaldson	12 00	1 50	25	5 98	19 50	3,281 60
Louther S Horne	16 00	1 70	90	9 65	21 50	5,327 50
John Batton	6 95	66	25	9 00	35 00	3,185 75
Thomas Dwyer	8 00	1 00	10	8 00	20 00	2,995 00

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

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing the Department to contract without public letting for work necessary to complete the second section of the Harlem River Driveway under a proposed modification of the contract for that work at an expense not to exceed \$100,000. Filed.

From the United States Lighthouse Engineer, Third District, requesting that action be taken upon his application for permission to establish a fog bell at the Battery. Referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street.

From the Board of Police, forwarding a communication from A. D. Mack complaining of newsboys and bootblacks in the public parks. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Cady, Berg & See, Architects, submitting sketches of certain work desired by the Trustees to be done in the American Museum of Natural History building. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From Robert Graham, requesting permission for one of the lunch-wagons of the Church Temperance Society to stand in front of the Staats Zeitung Building on Tryon Row. Denied.

From J. Victor Achard, protesting against a proposed public bath in Tompkins Square. Filed.

From P. Leckler, protesting against the proposed use of Bronx Park for the Zoological Garden. Filed.

From Mrs. H. J. Gillette, requesting that a dead tree in front of No. 240 West Seventy-second street be replaced. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From James C. Lay, M. D., and others, relative to the improvement of the small parks on East Forty-second street. Filed.

From Aurel Batonyi, requesting permission for a public road coach to pass through Central and Riverside Parks. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company, applying for an extension of time on their contracts for the improvement of Cathedral Parkway and Riverside Park. Referred to the President.

From F. V. Smith, contractor for the improvement of Cathedral Parkway, relative to the disposition of the paving stones taken up at Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Tenth street where work under his contract is in progress. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From F. V. Smith in relation to the completion of the work under his contract for paving the approach to the new Macomb's Dam Bridge. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From Thilemann & Smith, contractor for regulating and grading Jerome avenue in the Twenty-third Ward, relative to the necessity for removing the shore end of the old temporary Maccomb's Dam Bridge in order to commence work under their contract. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From Charles P. Hallock, agent, reporting upon a communication from Kiliaen Van Rensselaer relative to the occupancy of a house in Pelham Bay Park. Filed.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, submitting a supplemental report on the Pelham Bay Bridge. Approved.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending the sale of surplus sheep and lambs of the Central Park flock, and also ten fallow deer bucks. Approved.

From Matthew Horan, Park Policeman, applying for full pay for time lost on account of an injury received while on duty. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Captain of Police, reporting a list of accidents, injuries, etc., in the Parks for the week ending May 30. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting a time statement on contract for paving with Telford pavement the roadway of Mosholu avenue, from Broadway to the railroad in Van Cortlandt Park, and recommending that no penalty for overtime be charged against the contractor.

On motion, the recommendation of the Engineer was approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Recommending that the usual summer vacations be granted the employees under him to be taken at such times as their duties will permit. Referred to the President.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting upon an application of Isaac L. Rice to enter the parks with an electrical carriage and recommending that permission be granted for its temporary use on Riverside Drive.

On motion, such permission was ordered granted for sixty days.

2d. Reporting upon a communication from A. Major, in relation to his system of purifying water in park fountains. Filed.

3d. Reporting upon a complaint of A. Hendricks, relative to the condition of crosswalks at West Seventy-second street and Central Park, West. Filed.

4th. Reporting upon a complaint of B. K. Dana, in relation to the sprinkling of Riverside Drive. Filed.

5th. Reporting upon a communication of John Smith and others, in relation to the condition of the Park avenue parks, near Eighty-eighth street. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to a claim of William Van Valkenburgh, and requesting information relative thereto. Filed.

From Wise & Blumenthal, applying for the privilege of operating cycle carriages on or near the Mall in Central Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

The Treasurer presented a report of moneys received by the Department and deposited during the month of May, which was ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows :

NEW YORK, June 1, 1896. *To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners :*

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of the moneys received during the month of May, 1896 :

Deposited in the City Treasury.

May 1.	O. P. Raynor, license, Pelham Bay, May	\$40 00
“ 1.	Otto Abrams, license, Battery Park, May	10 00
“ 4.	Peter Woolley, license, East River Park, May	20 00
“ 4.	R. A. Gushee, license, Claremont, May	525 00
“ 4.	Case & Co., license, McGowan's Pass, Central Park, April	182 20
“ 4.	John Lucas, license, Central Park, November, 1895, to April, 1896	34 38
“ 7.	Isidor Isaac & Co., license, Casino, Central Park, April	515 58
“ 7.	Isidor Isaac, license, carrousel, April	84 09
“ 7.	Isidor Isaac, license, goat carriages, April	12 31
“ 16.	A. T. Campbell, Law Department, rents—Job Smith, \$30; William Ward, \$4; William Smith, \$7.50	41 50
“ 16.	Oscar H. Riker, license, Central Park, April	16 79
“ 16.	Daniel F. Sullivan, license, Van Cortlandt Park, April	1 63
“ 19.	Charles Lighte, license, Tompkins Square, April	10 60
“ 20.	A. T. Campbell, Law Department, rent—Carl Schmidt	50 00
“ 20.	Charles Schwarz, license, High Bridge Park, April	12 35
“ 21.	Henry W. Taft, Harlem and Portchester Railroad, use of land, Pelham Bay Park, 1896	100 00
“ 29.	Charles P. Hallock, agent, rents of houses	718 72
		\$2,375 15

WILLIAM A. STILES, Treasurer.

On motion, the hearing in the matter of the proposed removal of the Old Macomb's Dam Bridge structure was postponed until Monday next, 8th instant, at 2 P. M.

On motion, at 3.10 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The President reported the following appointments on the working force :

Appointed.

Teams—Michael Karl, John McCrave, John Wagner, Joseph Meyer, William O'Neil, William Shanley, John Kennedy, William H. Smith, Patrick Hernan, James Demucci, James Keeney.

Painter—William S. Hughes (reinstated).

Horses and carts—Thomas Coughlin, Patrick McIntee.

Laborers—James J. Finland, William Turk, Dennis Gavey, Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Archibald McDonald, Hiram Kirk, Charles Heyne, James McNamee, Phillip Berrian, John Conners, Michael McDonald, Michael McCarthy, Thomas C. Lawrence, James S. Shirlaw, Peter Briody, John Riley, Michael Murray, Frank McGahey.

Cottage Attendant—S. Ratajczak.

Mower—S. V. Bassford.

Foreman of Masons—Edward Cunningham.

Laborers Reappointed for Thirty Days.

John Butch, Ph. Kraus, Thomas Farley, William Davis, Daniel Donohue, James Reardon, Thomas Murphy, Edward J. Smith, Patrick Donohue, Casper Ott, John Witt, James Brennen, Thomas McKenna, Jacob Coffy, D. W. Steinberg, William McCausland, William Martin, Thomas Lynch, M. H. Quinn, John Madden, Patrick Carroll, Charles Milet, Charles Wazemann.

On motion, the appointments reported by the President were approved and confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Styles, Ely—4.

A communication was received from William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, inclosing a form of agreement for the modification of the contract for the second section of the Harlem River Driveway.

The President stated that a copy had been submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for his approval, and offered the following :

Resolved, That when the said agreement has been approved as to legal form by the Counsel to the Corporation, the President be authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the salaries of Steam Engineers on Central and Madison Avenue Bridges be fixed at eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents per month, from June 1, and that the salaries of

L. McClaurey and James O'Connell, Steam Engineers, be fixed at seventy-five dollars per month, from June 1.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President submitted the following schedule of park concerts for the season of 1896 :

Central Park—Rogers' Seventh Regiment Band, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Tompkins Square—Berlinghoff's Band, Wednesday evenings.

East River Park—Kiesow's Band, Thursday evenings.

Washington Square—Gottlieb's Band, Monday evenings.

Battery Park—Bayne's Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, Friday evenings.

Mt. Morris Park—Eben's Seventy-first Regiment Band, Tuesday evenings.

Corlears' Hook Park—Lederhaus' Squadron " A " Band, Monday evenings.

Abingdon Square—Rampono's Old Guard Band—Wednesday evenings.

Paradise Park—Bent Bros.' Band, Tuesday evenings.

Madison Square—Di Matteo's Band, Thursday evenings.

St. Mary's Park—Hager's Band, Saturday afternoons.

Claremont Park—Lieboldt's Twelfth Regiment Band, Saturday afternoons.

Van Cortlandt Park—Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, Saturday afternoons.

Bronx Park—Manahan's Band, Saturday afternoons.

Crotona Park—Weber's Band, Saturday afternoons.

Cedar Park—Kenn's Band, Saturday afternoons.

The band employed for Central Park to contain thirty-six musicians, leader and soloist. The bands for all other parks each to consist of twenty-two musicians, leader and soloist.

On motion, the schedule as presented by the President was approved and ordered carried out, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President submitted a communication from E. D. Lindsay, Consulting Architect, submitting plans for the completion of the Aquarium for the approval of the Board and also the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

On motion, the same were approved and the President was authorized to sign them and forward same to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the approval of that Board.

Commissioner Stiles stated that he intended sailing for Europe on Saturday, June 6, to be absent about six weeks.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Commissioner McMillan be elected Acting Treasurer of the Board and also Acting Treasurer of the Park Police Pension Fund during the absence of Commissioner Stiles.

The President stated that the Civil Service Commissioners had approved of the creation of the position of Superintendent of Supplies and Repairs in this Department, the appointee to be subject to a non-competitive examination.

Commissioner Stiles thereupon moved that Charles H. Woodman be appointed Superintendent of Supplies and Repairs.

Commissioner Cruger stated that he had been in favor of another person for this position ; that his acquaintance with Mr. Woodman being very slight, he was hardly able to judge of his qualifications for the position, but realizing the urgent need of filling the position, he would rely upon the representations of Messrs. Stiles and Ely as to Mr. Woodman's qualifications.

Commissioner McMillan expressed similar views.

Thereupon the nomination was seconded by Commissioner McMillan, and Mr. Woodman was duly appointed Superintendent of Supplies and Repairs by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger moved that the salary of the Superintendent of Supplies and Repairs be fixed at \$2,500 per annum, and that he be required to furnish a bond for \$10,000 for the faithful performance of his duties.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the President was requested to prepare and submit at the next meeting of the Board a schedule of the duties to be performed by the Superintendent of Supplies and Repairs.

The following-named bills, having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe, etc.....	\$75 95
Colwell Lead Co., cast-iron pipe, etc.....	25 03
Colgate & Co., soap.....	10 87
The East River Mill and Lumber Co., spruce.....	10 40
McKesson & Robbins, sponges, etc.....	126 38
Thornton N. Motley & Co., barrows, etc.....	76 73
Albert Ravekes & Son, skylight, etc.....	429 00
Albert Ravekes & Son, wooden frames, etc.....	423 00
Roger Sheedey, sod.....	330 00
Sol. Sayles, beef.....	422 40
F. V. Smith, Estimate No. 2, regulating roadway, Cathedral Parkway.....	18,491 90
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries and wages, American Museum Natural History..	4,941 54
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, coal, American Museum Natural History.....	892 80
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum Natural History.....	<u>1,376 09</u>

On motion, at 3.20 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1896—SPECIAL MEETING, 1 P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK,
June 2, 1896. *Mr. WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary:*

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board to be held Thursday, 4th instant, at one o'clock P. M., at No. 187 Fulton street, for the transaction of such business as may be presented.

S. V. R. CRUGER, President.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That this Board, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby reject all the bids or proposals received on 1st instant for constructing a public overlook on Mulberry Bend Park, and order that the work be readvertised.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

Commissioner Stiles offered the following :

Resolved, That contracts, for which proposals were received on 1st instant, be awarded as follows :

For repairing the Battery sea-wall, etc., to Thomas Dwyer.

For furnishing and delivering gravel, to Brown & Fleming.

—they being the lowest bidders ; that their proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and, when so approved, that the President be authorized to sign the contracts for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the Common Council transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing this Department to place an additional inscription on the Worth monument in Madison Square.

On motion, the additional inscription "The remains of this gallant soldier repose beneath this monument" was ordered placed upon the Worth monument, as requested by the Common Council, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

A communication was received from the Society of Colonial Dames in the State of New York in relation to the transfer of the care and custody of the Van Cortlandt Mansion in Van Cortlandt Park to said society for a term of years.

On motion, the Counsel to the Corporation was requested to prepare a form of lease for the interior of said mansion for a term of twenty-five years, the exterior to remain under the care of the Department, and the restaurant now in the building to be continued until such time as the Department may provide another place for that purpose, and providing that such regulations as may be made for the free admission of the public to said building shall be subject to the approval of this Board ; also that the said society may have the use of such grounds in connection with the building for garden purposes as the Department may designate.

On motion, at 1.45 P. M., the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Ely.

The minutes of the meetings of June 1 and 4, were read and approved.

The subject of the proposed removal of the structure of temporary Macomb's Dam bridge was then taken up for consideration and opportunity afforded all parties interested in the matter to be heard relative thereto.

The following-named persons appeared and were heard :

Charles Hilton Brown, representing the High Bridge Improvement Association ; J. A. Goulden, representing the Tax Payers' Alliance ; A. H. Dundon, J. A. Mullin, Hasbrook Du Bois, Elmer A. Allen, William N. Clark, A. C. Hottenroch, Charles Baxter, representing East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street Property Owners' Association ; Fordham Morris, C. L. Adams, J. M. Tierney, representing the Union Railway Company, and others.

Petitions and resolutions for and against the removal of the structure were submitted and filed.

W. J. Fryer, Cornelius O'Reilly and M. Littman were heard with reference to certain proposed alterations at the Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue entrance to Central Park and presented a petition relative thereto.

Mr. O'Reilly, representing the Upper East Side Association, was also heard in relation to the entrances to Central Park at Fifth avenue, One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, and requested that provision be made to afford access for children's carriages.

The following communications were received :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising in relation to the unexpended balance remaining of the sum of \$65,700, provided in the year 1895 by the issue of bonds for the purpose of macadamizing roads in Pelham Bay Park under chapter 417, Laws of 1892, as amended by chapter 609, Laws of 1895. Filed.

From J. L. Stewart, calling attention to a leak in the water-pipes in the house on Twin Island in Pelham Bay Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From J. C. Battersby in relation to the fitting up of small down-town parks for the use of children. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Maurice Rothschild, requesting that a Policeman be stationed at the West Drive crossing, near Seventy-second street, Central Park. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From J. L. Brower, complaining of the dusty condition of Fifty-ninth street opposite the Park. Referred to the President.

From B. M. Cowperthwait & Co., offering to loan children's carriages for use on Central Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From C. P. Hallock, agent, asking instructions as to the rental of a house in Pelham Bay Park occupied by F. A. Munroe. Referred to the President.

From Case & Co., requesting permission to apply for an excise license for McGown's Pass Tavern. Laid over.

From the Captain of Police, reporting a list of the accidents, injuries, etc., in the Parks for the week ending 6th instant. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting a time statement on the contract for regulating and paving with telford pavement the roadway of the Eastern Boulevard, from the southerly line of Pelham Bay Park to Eastchester Bay, and the Branch road, from the Boulevard to the Baychester station, and recommending that no penalty for overtime be charged against the contractor.

On motion, the report and recommendations of the Engineer were approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

2d. Submitting an approximate estimate of the cost of improving the gore of land lying between Seventh avenue and Macomb's Dam road north of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, amounting to \$25,000. Laid over.

3d. Submitting plans for the construction of park enclosing walls, gneiss posts and blue-stone piers for the entrances to Central Park at Cathedral Parkway and Central Park, West, and at Fifth avenue and Seventy-ninth street, with an estimate of the cost.

On motion said plans were approved.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of ninety thousand dollars in the manner provided by

chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, for the purpose of constructing park enclosing walls and posts, piers, steps, etc., for entrances to the Central Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Submitting a plan for the enlargement and improvement of the ladies' cottage north of the Arsenal building. Approved.

2d. Inclosing a bill of Joseph Edwards & Co., amounting to \$11.35 for a cast-iron frame cap for the differential gear of Macomb's Dam Bridge.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Joseph Edwards & Co., amounting to eleven dollars and thirty-five cents, for furnishing an iron frame cap for the machinery of Macomb's Dam Bridge, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for Harlem river bridges for the current year.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

3d. Reporting upon application of W. C. Le Gendre, for permission to lay water-pipes for service in the house occupied by him in Pelham Bay Park. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river.

4th. In relation to the granting of vacations to certain of the employees under him. Referred to the President.

5th. Recommending the employment of a horse and cart for work on Central and City Parks. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon a communication of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, requesting the approval by this Department of plans submitted, showing sewer to be constructed through Mosholu Parkway south from the existing sewer in Webster avenue to Jerome avenue. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising as to the informality of the bid of John Batton for erecting blue-stone steps, etc., for park entrance at One Hundred and Tenth street and Eighth avenue. Filed.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That all the bids or proposals received on 1st instant, for constructing blue-stone steps, etc., for entrance to Central Park at One Hundred and Tenth street and Eighth avenue, be and the same hereby are rejected, and that an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department as to its powers and duties under chapter 836, Laws of 1896, an act conferring upon this Department power to regulate and determine the height and character of all fences in and about vacant and unimproved land fronting upon or adjacent to public parks. Filed.

On motion, the Counsel to the Corporation was requested to prepare a draft of proper regulations to be established under the provisions of chapter 836, Laws of 1896.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department as to the provisions of chapter 435 of the Laws of 1896, providing for the use of parks, lands for the purpose of a zoological garden, and inclosing a copy of an opinion on the subject given to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. Filed.

From Charles H. T. Collis, asking that steps be taken to acquire additional land for Riverside Park, opposite the Grant monument site, as provided by chapter 727, Laws of 1896. Filed.

Commissioner McMillan presented a report in the matter of the applications of licensees for permission to obtain excise licenses for the premises occupied by them in Pelham Bay Park. Which was laid over.

On motion, at 4.15 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The Committee on Police reported favorably upon the recommendation of the Captain of Police in the matter of vacation for members of the Park Police force, and recommended the granting of such vacation leaves as recommended by the Captain. On motion, vacation was ordered granted the members of the Police force as recommended, to be taken at such times as may be arranged by the Captain, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was

Resolved, That the grass standing on the new parks north of the Harlem river be sold at public auction.

The President reported the following appointments and discharges on the working force of the Department.

Appointed.

Laborers—John Rush, William Mulligan, Frank J. Murphy, Thomas J. Smith, William P. Cadwell, Nicholas Vonhaus, John J. Smith, Charles H. Taylor.

Mowers—Patrick O'Brien, Edward J. Neary.

Typewriter—Fannie B. Ayers.

Cottage Attendants—John J. Horgan, Kate Murphy.

Reinstated.

Painter—Francis J. McLarney.

Teams—Henry Van Tassel, Charles H. Dietsch, Patrick H. Cull, Walter Moran, James Tulon, James Levy, B. J. Musante, James Benjamin, Patrick Butler, John Smith, Martin H. Gulvin, John Cromwell, Dennis Flynn, Thomas Mulhare.

Chainman—Hugh Morrissey.

Discharged.

Louis Beckel (after hearing given on June 3).

On motion, the appointments and discharge reported by the President, were approved and confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, the Foremen of the Department were granted a vacation of one week, including Sunday, and the Superintendent was authorized to extend the same to ten days if in his discretion such extension may seem advisable.

On motion, the pay of Charles W. Hanner, Skilled Laborer, was fixed at \$90 per month, to take effect on the 1st inst., by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Abeel Bros., iron, etc.....	\$31 65
A. F. Brombacher & Co., jail locks, etc.....	102 84
Consolidated Gas Company of New York, gas.....	282 12
“ “ “ “.....	2 78
Central Gas-light Company of New York City, gas.....	2 63
Chesebro, Whitman & Co., ladder.....	1 19
Thomas C. Dunham, neatsfoot oil, etc.....	72 38
Joseph Edwards & Co., repairing wheels, etc.....	47 50
D. Farrington, shears.....	18 00
J. W. Fiske, castings.....	4 50
Andrew Glore & Son, scows, etc.....	120 00
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries and wages, Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	6,737 98
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries, American Museum of Natural History.....	624 53
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, hopper, etc.....	13 60
J. M. C. Martin's Sons, brushes.....	26 25
The New York Mutual Gas-light Company, gas.....	50 38
New York Belting and Packing Company (Limited).....	39 00
Patterson Bros., ferrules, etc.....	14 94
J. M. Thorburn & Co., seed, etc.....	21 25

T. & W. Thorn & Co., hay, etc.....	\$111 32
Whitman Saddle Company, robes, etc.....	30 50
S. Wasserman, bread.....	45 00
J. S. Woodhouse, scythes, etc.....	35 00
De Witt C. Bouker, Jr., Estimate No. 1, regulating, etc., roadway, City Island.....	4,895 45
Gregory Cox, regulating roadway, etc.....	6,948 98
Charles L. Doran, Estimate No. 1, sod.....	1,030 77
Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Co., asphalt walks.....	5,282 23
De Witt C. Bouker, Jr., telford road, East Boulevard.....	10,723 54

On motion, at 4.50 P. M , the executive session arose and the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, 10th instant, at 10 A. M.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1896—ADJOURNED MEETING, 10 A. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Ely.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the President opened the estimate-box and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received pursuant to an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD for the following-named works :

For the Improvement of Mulberry Bend Park, Bounded by Mulberry, Bayard, Baxter and Park Streets, in the Sixth Ward of the City of New York.

	CORNELIUS O'GRADY.	PATRICK COSTELLO.	JOHN BATTON	DE WITT C. BOEKER, Jr.	JOHN SLATTERY.
1. 1,200 cubic yards excavation of earth and stone for tree plots	\$1 25	\$0 90	\$1 02	\$0 10	\$1 00
2. 4,500 cubic yards garden mould furnished in place.....	1 87	1 50	2 05	2 10	1 90
3. 1,580 lineal feet 6-inch blue-stone curb, straight	1 25	1 30	1 37	1 25	1 19½
4. 1,360 lineal feet 14-inch blue-stone edging, 2½ inches thick, straight	63	55	75	75	69½
5. 2,300 lineal feet 14-inch blue-stone edging, 2½ inches thick, curved	69	55	80	75	69½
6. 23 walk-basins and inlet-basins, 2 feet 6 inches in diameter	30 00	25 00	75 00	30 00	35 00
7. 7 surface basins and manholes, 3 feet in diameter and 24 inches circular	37 50	30 00	90 00	35 00	35 00
8. 200 lineal feet 12-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	1 00	1 00	52	70	1 00
9. 350 lineal feet 8-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	75	70	35	40	65
10. 1,000 lineal feet 6-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	62½	40	24	35	40
11. 62,300 square feet pavement of concrete and mortar.....	18	19	24½	17	14½
12. 67,400 square feet sod.....	03¾	04	06½	03	03
13. 380 lineal feet wrought-iron water-pipe, 1½ inches in diameter, lap-welded and galvanized.....	18¾	60	40	50	30
14. 200 lineal feet AA lead pipe, ¾ inch interior diameter..	18¾	60	32	60	40
	\$28,355 05	\$28,408 00	\$38,155 60	\$28,778 00	\$27,304 85

For Building a Frame Stable in Van Cortlandt Park, New York City.

Bidders.	Amount.
John F. Johnson	\$10,431 00
David Barry & Co.	13,975 00
Ryan & McFerran	10,689 00
George Telfer	11,345 00

For Building a Frame Shelter in Van Cortlandt Park, New York City.

Bidders.	Amount.
John F. Johnson	\$7,543 00
David Barry & Co.	8,500 00
Ryan & McFerran	6,619 00
George Telfer	7,475 00

For Laying Water-pipe and Appurtenances in Central Park and in the Sidewalks of the Avenues adjoining the Morningside Park, in the City of New York.

BIDDERS.	11,350 LINEAL FEET WROUGHT-IRON WATER PIPE, 2-INCH DIAMETER, GAL- VANIZED, ETC., INCLUDING BENDS, ANGLES, ETC.	11 TWO-INCH ROUGH STOP-COCKS AND BOXES.	52 STREET WASHERS.	AMOUNT.
Christopher Nally.....	\$0 37	\$9 00	\$10 00	\$4,818 50

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment transmitting :

1. A copy of resolution authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$12,500, for repaving the roadway of Transverse Road No. 1, crossing Central Park. Filed.
2. A copy of resolution authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$33,000, for laying asphalt walks in and around Tompkins, Stuyvesant and Washington Squares and East River, Bryant and Mount Morris Parks. Filed.
3. A copy of resolutions authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$13,994.92, for the payment of expenses in the proceeding to acquire title to lands for a public park, between One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, First avenue and East river. Filed.
4. A copy of a resolution authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$19,518.88 for the payment of expenses in the proceeding for acquiring lands for a public park in the Twelfth Ward, under chapter 56, Laws of 1894. Filed.

From the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, requesting to be furnished with maps for filing and technical description laying out a public park on the east side, on lands described in an accompanying resolution. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for compliance.

From the President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in relation to the disposition of impounded dogs. Filed.

From the Columbia Yacht Club, requesting permission to construct a bridge leading from Riverside Park to their club-house at the foot of West Eighty-sixth street. Referred to the President.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending the exchange of an antelope for a trumpeter-swan.

On motion, the exchange, as recommended, was authorized by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

From William A. Casey, resigning his position as a Park Policeman. Accepted.

Commissioner Ely offered the following :

Resolved, That contracts for which proposals have been this day received be awarded as follows :

For the improvement of Mulberry Bend Park to John Slattery.

For erecting a frame shelter in Van Cortlandt Park to Ryan & McFerran.

—they being the lowest bidders ; that their proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contracts for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

On motion, all the bids or proposals this day received for laying water-pipes in Central Park and in avenues adjoining Morningside Park were rejected by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

On motion, the Comptroller was requested to return security deposits to all the bidders for erecting a frame stable in Van Cortlandt Park with the exception of the lowest.

On motion, all the bids on proposals received on the 1st instant for repaving Transverse Road No. 1, crossing Central Park, were rejected by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

Commissioner Ely announced to the Board the death of Abraham B. Tappen, an ex-Commissioner of the Department, whereupon,

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, the following was unanimously ordered entered upon the minutes and a copy ordered sent to the family of the deceased :

The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, moved by the sad intelligence of the death of Hon. Abraham B. Tappen, formerly a Commissioner and President of the Department,

desire to place upon its records a testimonial of their appreciation of the valuable public services rendered by him during his association with the development of the parks. He leaves behind him an honorable name and enduring legacy in the record of a useful and well-spent life, marked by ability, fidelity and integrity.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

* Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the improvement of the park in East Forty-second street known as "Ryan Park," as provided by the law recently enacted, authorizing the improvement of said park at a cost not exceeding five thousand dollars, which last-named sum said Board is authorized in its discretion to appropriate for the purpose.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

Estimate No. 24, amounting to \$5,116, in favor of J. C. Rodgers for work done under his contract for constructing public driveway between High Bridge and Dyckman street, having been duly examined and audited, was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, at 10.45 A. M., the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, 23d instant, at 10 A. M.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1896—ADJOURNED MEETING, 10 A. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, and Ely.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the President opened the estimate-book and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received, pursuant to an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD, for the following named works :

For Furnishing all the Labor and Furnishing and Erecting all the Materials Necessary to Erect and Complete a Public Overlook in Mulberry Bend Park, in the City of New York.

BIDDERS.	AMOUNT.	BIDDERS.	AMOUNT.
Samuel Quincy	\$35,000 00	Thomas Dwyer.....	\$30,490 00
J. R. F. Kelly & Co.....	27,980 00	George Telfer.....	29,850 00
Harry McNally	32,000 00	Alfred Nugent & Son	27,973 00

For Laying Water Pipes and Appurtenances in the Central Park and in the Sidewalks of the Avenues Adjoining the Morningside Park, in the City of New York.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	ALEXANDER S. TRAUB.		CHRISTOPHER NALLY.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Wrought iron water-pipe.....	11,350 lineal feet.	\$0 24	\$2,724 00	\$0 33	\$3,745 50
Rough stop-cocks, 2-inch.....	11	2 00	22 00	9 00	99 00
Street washers.....	52	4 00	208 00	9 00	468 00
			\$2,954 00		\$4,312 50

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	STEERS & BENSEL.		JOHN J. DONOVAN.		JOHN BATTON.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Wrought iron water-pipes.....	11,350 lineal feet.	\$0 22½	\$2,553 75	\$0 25	\$2,837 50	\$0 21	\$2,383 50
Rough stop-cocks, 2 inch.....	11	3 00	33 00	10 00	110 00	7 50	80 50
Street washers.....	52	4 50	234 00	10 00	520 00	6 92	359 84
			\$2,820 75		\$3,467 50		\$2,823 64

For the Construction of Bluestone Steps and Walks in Central Park for Entrance at One Hundred and Tenth Street and Central Park, West.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	JOHN BATTON.		P. J. MORAN.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
		Bluestone steps.....	730 lineal feet.	\$1 00	\$730 00	$1 40	$1,022 00
Bluestone cheek pieces.....	170 "	75	127 50	1 00	170 00
Rubble-stone masonry in cement mortar.....	100 cubic yards.	5 75	575 00	5 00	500 00
Walk pavement of asphalt with concrete base.....	3,000 square feet.	26	780 00	30	900 00
Pavement of asphalt with concrete base on existing foundation.....	3,000 "	18	540 00	25	750 00
			\$2,752 50		\$3,342 00

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	STEERS & BENSEL.		ANDREW McMILLAN.		A. C. GILDERSLEEVE.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
		Bluestone steps.....	730 lineal feet.	\$0 80	\$584 00	\$0 98	\$715 40	$0 93	$678 90
Bluestone cheek pieces.....	170 "	74	125 80	85	144 50	67	113 90
Rubble-stone masonry in cement mortar.....	100 cubic yards.	9 75	975 00	5 25	525 00	6 43	643 00
Walk pavement of asphalt with concrete base.....	3,000 square feet.	24	720 00	25	750 00	25	750 00
Pavement of asphalt with concrete base on existing foundation.....	3,000 "	20	600 00	16½	495 00	22	660 00
			\$3,004 80		\$2,629 90		\$2,845 80

For Constructing Upper Portion of Park Inclosing-wall, Furnishing and Setting Gneiss Piers, Granite Sill and Bluestone Posts, Platform and Steps at Entrances on Fifth Avenue, Between Ninety-seventh and One Hundred and Tenth Streets.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	P. J. MORAN.		A. C. GILDERSLEEVE.		JOHN WATT.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Inclosing-wall, base and coping.....	3,152 lineal feet.	\$12 50	\$39,400 00	\$10 97	\$34,577 44	\$12 50	\$39,400 00
Piers of Gneiss built complete.....	2	350 00	700 00	60 00	120 00	70 00	140 00
Bluestone posts for walk entrances.....	4	75 00	300 00	60 00	240 00	95 00	380 00
Granite sill 15 feet in length.....	1	50 00	50 00	90 00	90 00	110 00	110 00
Bluestone platform, steps, etc.....	....	750 00	750 00	437 00	437 00	600 00	600 00
			\$41,200 00		\$35,464 44		\$40,630 00

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	HUGHES, SCANLON & THOMSON.		THOMAS DWYER.		B. A. & G. W. WILLIAMS, JR.		STEEERS & BENSEL.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Inclosing-wall, base and coping.....	3,152 lineal feet	\$14 83	\$46,744 16	\$13 45	\$42,394 40	\$11 67	\$36,783 84	\$13 75	\$43,340 00
Piers of Gneiss built complete.....	2	100 00	200 00	126 00	252 00	51 50	103 00	75 00	150 00
Bluestone posts for walk entrances.....	4	88 00	352 00	90 00	360 00	81 25	325 00	77 00	308 00
Granite sill 15 feet in length.....	1	75 00	75 00	90 00	90 00	51 00	51 00	77 00	77 00
Bluestone platform, steps, etc.....	....	748 00	748 00	500 00	500 00	600 00	600 00	3,000 00	3,000 00
			\$48,119 16		\$43,596 40		\$37,862 84		\$46,875 00

For Furnishing and Delivering Hay, Straw, Oats, Corn and Bran.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	HORACE INGERSOLL.		MILTON RATHBUN.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Hay	350,000 pounds.	\$0 90	\$3,150 00	\$0 95	\$3,325 00
Straw	55,000 "	90	495 00	85	467 50
Oats	9,000 bushels.	28	2,520 00	30	2,700 00
Corn.....	40,000 pounds.	75	300 00	88	352 00
Bran.....	18,000 "	75	135 00	80	144 00
			\$6,600 00		\$6,988 50

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	THEO. P. HUFFMAN.		CHAS. B. MORRIS.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Hay.....	350,000 pounds.	\$0 97	\$3,395 00	\$1 00	\$3,500 00
Straw	55,000 "	80	440 00	1 00	550 00
Oats	9,000 bushels.	28	2,520 00	28	2,520 00
Corn.....	40,000 pounds.	75	300 00	75	300 00
Bran.....	18,000 "	75	135 00	75	135 00
			\$6,790 00		\$7,005 00

The minutes of the meetings of June 8 and 10 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Common Council :

1. Transmitting copy of action of the Board of Aldermen, referring to this Department the matter of a petition for the erection of a bridge over the tracks of the New York and Harlem Railroad at Scott avenue, Twenty-fourth Ward. Filed.
2. Transmitting a copy of resolution requesting that the circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue be paved with asphalt. Filed.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting copies of resolutions adopted by said Board, as follows :

1. Authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$10,500, to provide for alterations to curbstones and roadway at corners and paving exterior sidewalks at Mount Morris Park, under chapter 194, Laws of 1896. Filed.
2. Authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$100,000, for the purpose of constructing, improving and maintaining roadways on the new parks and parkways north of the Harlem river, under chapter 417, Laws of 1892, as amended by chapter 609, Laws of 1895. Filed.
3. Transferring the sum of \$33.69, from the appropriation for Zoological Department, 1895, to the appropriation for Police Salaries for the same year. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation :

1. Advising the Department with regard to the making of contracts under provisions of chapter 347, Laws of 1895, for an extension to the building of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Filed.
2. In relation to the preparation of rules and regulations regulating and determining the height and character of fences in and about vacant and unimproved lands fronting on and adjacent to public parks, in conformity with the provisions of chapter 836, Laws of 1896. Filed, with directions to the Superintendent of Parks to prepare and submit a draft of suitable regulations.
3. Inclosing copy of an opinion sent to the Chief of Police in relation to the provisions of chapter 556 of the Laws of 1896, amending section 554 of the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to Captains, Sergeants and Acting Sergeants of Police taking bail. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Comptroller, returning, without his approval of sureties, the proposal of Brown & Fleming, for furnishing and delivering gravel, and inclosing a copy of an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation relative to a defect in the advertisement in response to which said proposal was received.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That, in view of the Corporation Counsel's opinion, the action of this Board of June 4, 1896, awarding contract to Brown & Fleming for furnishing and delivering gravel be and hereby is rescinded; that all the bids or proposals for that work received on 1st instant be rejected and that an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for furnishing and delivering

ten thousand cubic yards of screened gravel where required, for use on Central and Riverside Parks.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

From the Secretary of the Department of Docks, stating that the permit granted by that Department to maintain bath-houses, etc., at the foot of East Eighty-ninth street (East River Park), had been revoked, to take effect on the 15th instant, and the structure ordered removed. Filed.

From Austin Corbin, Jr., desiring permission to delay the shipment of buffalo to Van Cortlandt Park until fall, on account of the risk which would be incurred by shipping them during the heated term.

On motion, the suggestion of Mr. Corbin was approved and the desired permission granted.

From the City Vigilance League, calling attention to the storage of trucks, etc., along the water-front of Corlears Hook Park. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Police Commissioner Avery D. Andrews, requesting that the Bicycle Police Officers of this Department be allowed to participate in a bicycle tournament at Manhattan Beach July 25, 1896. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Olin L. Warner, in relation to the remodeling of the drinking fountain for man and beast, situated at the northeast corner of Union Square, presented to the City by Miss Mary N. Shepard, and submitting plans showing the proposed alterations. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

From the Secretary of the National Association of Naval Veterans, requesting that Naval Veterans connected with this Department be excused from duty on July 4, 1896, to enable them to participate in the annual convention of said association. Granted.

From the Fairmount Improvement Association, indorsing and forwarding a communication signed by Matthew Smith, John Kieran, and others, commending the performance of work on Crotona and Claremont Parks by the employees of the Department. Filed.

From Isaac Fromme, F. Van Dyck, and others, petitioning for the restoration of the stile entrance to Central Park at West Ninety-second street. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From L. Abelson, on behalf of the Socialist Labor Party, requesting permission to hold a mass meeting on the Plaza at Union Square on the evening of Saturday, July 11, 1896. Granted.

From Charles A. Crouch, complaining of dogs at large in Pelham Bay Park. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Treasurer of St. John's College, calling attention to the condition of the fence separating Bronx Park from the lands of the College. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From J. T. Jordan, in relation to his application for the consent of this Department to obtain a hotel license for the premises occupied by him in Pelham Bay Park. Referred to the Committee on Parks above Harlem river.

From the Captain of Police :

1. Submitting reports of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the two weeks ending with the 20th instant. Filed.

2. Reporting the loss of one of the bicycles used by the Park Police. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1. Reporting upon complaints received relative to the drainage from the Jerome avenue approach to the new Macomb's Dam Bridge, and suggesting a remedy in the matter. Filed.

2. Reporting upon a communication from J. A. Beall, in regard to dumping material on Riverside Park. Referred to the President, with power.

3. Submitting specifications for paving, with asphalt, the sidewalks of Transverse Road No. 4, crossing Central Park.

On motion, the specifications submitted by the Engineer were approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel for the Corporation, an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

4. Submitting a plan for the completion of park-inclosing walls, etc., on Fifty-ninth street, at the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth avenues entrances to Central Park, the cost of which was included in the estimate for similar work for all Central Park entrances, amounting to \$90,000.

On motion, said plan was approved.

5. Submitting plans prepared from designs made by the late Landscape Architect, for the planting of trees on exterior sidewalks of Morningside Park, viz. : adjoining wall on Cathedral Parkway ; the avenue on the easterly side of the park and One Hundred and Twenty-third street ; also for completing the asphalt walks within said park and at the Cathedral Parkway and Manhattan avenue entrance, together with an approximate estimate of the cost.

On motion, said plans were approved.

6. Submitting specifications for repairing and repaving with rock asphalt the walks within and around city parks other than Central Park.

On motion, the specifications as submitted were approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

7. Submitting specifications for paving and repaving with asphalt the walks in Central Park, together with an estimate of the cost.

On motion, the specifications as submitted were approved and ordered printed.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, in the manner provided by chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, for the purpose of defraying the expense of paving and repaving with asphalt the walks in Central Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1. Reporting in relation to the sanitary condition of the easterly portion of Mosholu Parkway.

On motion, the Superintendent of Parks was authorized and directed to proceed with the work necessary to remedy the matter complained of.

2. Reporting adversely upon the application of Wise & Blumenthal, for permission to operate cycle carriages on the Mall or elsewhere in Central Park. Approved.

3. Reporting upon the proposition for providing sand hills in the parks for children, and suggesting that the same be tried as an experiment in East River Park, on a space to be set aside for the purpose near Eighty-fourth street ; also reporting adversely in the matter of the application for the restoration of the stile entrance to Central Park at West Ninety-second street ; reporting adversely upon the application of Stines & Salmonson for permission to establish and operate a carrousel in Mount Morris Park, and reporting favorably upon the application of Silas H. Moore for a similar privilege in East River Park, with the recommendation that the structure be located near East Eighty-fourth street, in the vicinity of the present building, which it is proposed to remove.

On motion, said report was filed and the matter of the application of Mr. Moore was referred to the President.

4. In relation to the improvement of the small triangle at the junction of the Boulevard and Amsterdam avenue, at West Seventieth street. Filed.

5. Reporting in relation to the asphaltting of walks in certain city parks and also in relation to making repairs to the lighting structure at the Union Square Plaza, with an estimate of the cost of the latter. Filed.

6. Reporting adversely in relation to the offer of B. M. Cowperthwait & Co. to loan children's carriages for use in Central Park. Filed.

7. Reporting upon a communication from the Fairmount Improvement Association, respecting the condition of a drain in the northerly part of Crotona Park, stating that he has caused the matter complained of to receive attention. Filed.

8. Reporting upon the petition of J. T. Langlois and others, asking that a place be provided in Pelham Bay Park for games, etc. Referred to the Committee on Parks above Harlem river.

9. Recommending that pay be allowed Foreman W. H. Hines, for time lost on account of illness from May 13 to June 18.

On motion, pay allowance was authorized, as recommended by the Superintendent, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

10. Recommending discharge of John Masterson, a Laborer, at City Hall Park, for intoxication.

On motion, John Masterson was discharged from the employ of the Department by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the quantity of sod to be furnished and delivered under contract with Charles L. Doran, dated May 20, 1896, be and the same is hereby increased by an amount not exceeding twenty-five per centum, as provided by the terms of said contract.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, the resolution adopted April 27, 1896, granting consent to the erection of projections on a dwelling of Thomas Shields Clarke, at the corner of Riverside Drive and Seventy-seventh street, was amended so as to read northeast corner instead of southeast corner, and the resolution of May 25, 1896, granting similar consent to Andrew F. Fletcher, Jr., was amended by changing the name of the owner to Andrew Fletcher, Sr.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, the Captain of Police was instructed to prevent the erection of all fences or signs, or the painting on the same of any device or sign, on properties facing on park properties, unless the same shall have been authorized by a permit from this Board.

Commissioner Ely offered the following :

Resolved, That contracts for which proposals have been this day received be awarded as follows :

For erecting bluestone steps, etc., at entrance to Central Park, at Cathedral Parkway and Central Park, West, to Andrew McMillan.

For furnishing and delivering hay, straw, oats, corn and bran, to Horace Ingersoll.—they being the lowest bidders ; that their proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and, when so approved, that the President be authorized to sign said contracts for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

On motion, the bids or proposals received for the erection of a public overlook in Mulberry Bend Park, and also for laying water-pipes in Central Park and avenues adjoining Morningside Park, were referred to the President, with power, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request the Comptroller to return the security deposits to all of the bidders, with the exception of the lowest, for the contract of erecting inclosing-walls, etc., at entrances to Central Park, on Fifth avenue, between Ninety-seventh and One Hundred and Tenth streets.

The President reported the following appointments on the working force of the Department :

Annie Keller, Cottage Attendant ; William Ahmuty and Frederick Baehn, Carpenters on Rustic Work ; Thomas H. Stritch, Carpenter ; James W. Burns and Michael McGinty, Laborers ; James F. Marion and Christopher Farrell, Axemen ; John Egan, Andrew O'Neill, Darby Moran, J. J. Wilkinson, Frank Connelly and William McKown, teams on Van Cortlandt Park.

On motion, the appointments reported by the President were approved and confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

N. Frost Allison, phosphate	\$584 82
C. Ammann, plants.....	480 00
Blackfords, clams, etc	30 23
F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Co., white lead, etc....	136 97
Charles L. Doran, Estimate No. 2, sod.....	1,434 04
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, sundry bills, Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	3,081 16
The East River Mill and Lumber Co., furring strips	1 20
Keene & Foulk, American Elms	200 00
W. S. Little & Co., honey locusts.....	60 00
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, coal, Museum of Natural History.....	967 88
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, bill, Museum of Natural History.....	818 65
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills, Museum of Natural History.....	948 20
The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co., telephonic service.....	333 33
W. & J. Sloane, shades, etc.....	2 50
J. M. Thorburn & Co., hempseed, etc.....	9 00
Nathaniel Wise, brick, etc.....	118 50
Yellow Pine Company, pine.....	18 96

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Bayne's Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music	\$390 00
P. Berlinghoff's Military Concert Band and Orchestra, music	255 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Military Band and Orchestra, music	130 00
W. B. Rogers, music	138 00
W. B. Rogers, music.. . . .	<u>1,400 00</u>

On motion, at 11.15 o'clock A. M., the Board adjourned to meet Monday, the 29th instant, at 10 A. M.

WILLIAMLEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1895—ADJOURNED MEETING, 10 A. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan and Ely.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From Clifford S. Reuter and others, asking permission to leave their bicycles at the cottage on the lawn tennis grounds while engaged in playing tennis.

On motion, the Captain of Police was instructed to permit players of lawn tennis to leave their bicycles on the tennis grounds while at play.

From James D. Leary, in relation to loss caused by delay in delivering broken stone required for use on the work under his contract on the first section of the Harlem River Driveway. Filed.

From the Assistant Secretary, reporting in relation to the sale at public auction of surplus deer, sheep, etc., on the Central Park, and also grass standing on the new parks north of the Harlem river. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract for regulating and grading Mulberry Bend Park, recommending that the time for its completion be extended to the 20th instant, and that no penalty be charged for overtime.

On motion, the recommendation of the Engineer was approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a report of accidents, injuries, etc., on the Parks for the week ending June 27, 1896. Filed.

From Sergeant Louis Flock, asking to be allowed full pay for time lost by him on account of an injury received while in the discharge of his duty, from May 16 to June 14, inclusive.

On motion, full pay was allowed Sergeant Flock for the period named, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, the old flagging and curbstones taken from the sidewalks of One Hundred and Tenth street were ordered disposed of at public auction.

On motion, the purchase of two monitors for use in sprinkling roads, etc., in parks north of the Harlem river was authorized by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

On motion, the purchase of 150 small settees for Corlears Hook Park was authorized by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), in the manner provided by chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, for the purpose of defraying the expense of paving and improving the Circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), in the manner provided by chapter 194, Laws of 1896, for the purpose of erecting additional greenhouses and improving the grounds adjacent thereto, in Central Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), in the manner provided by chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, for the purpose of improving St. Mary's Park in the Twenty-third Ward.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), in the manner

provided by chapter 194 Laws of 1896, for the purpose of improving Cedar Park, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), in the manner provided by chapter 194, Laws of 1896, for the purpose of defraying the expense of rip-rapping and cleaning the shores of the pond known as the "Pool," near One Hundred and Second street and Central Park, West, in Central Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the bill of William H. Burr, amounting to \$1,250, on account of services as Consulting Engineer in charge of the Harlem River Driveway, under appointment by resolution of this Board of February 21, 1896, be and the same hereby is approved, audited, and order transmitted to the Finance Department for payment chargeable against the fund provided for the construction of said Driveway.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

On motion the appointment of James Cassidy, team, and James L. Conry, cottage laborer, reported by the President, was approved and confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

The President reported the following changes in the arrangements for park concerts for the season :

1. The employment of Richard E. Sause's Band in place of M. D. Gottlieb's Band.
2. The transfer of Crowley's Eight Regiment Band from Van Cortlandt Park to Washington Square.
3. The assignment of Sause's Band to Van Cortlandt Park.

On motion the changes as reported by the President were approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

Commissioner McMillan reported progress in the matter of the application of Thilemann & Smith for the removal of the shore end of the old temporary Macomb's Dam bridge in order to facilitate work under their contract for regulating and grading Jerome avenue in the Twenty-third Ward.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, the Engineer of Construction was directed to confer with the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards with a view to establishing a permanent grade at the entrance to the Jerome avenue approach to Macomb's Dam bridge.

On motion, Frederick Diaper, architect, was directed to make an examination of the "House on the Hill" in Central Park and report an estimate of the cost of putting the same in proper repair.

The following named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Bent Bros., music.....	\$390 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	130 00
Chadborn & Coldwell Mfg. Co., lawn mower parts.....	970 10
Colwell Lead Co., gas-cocks, etc.....	1 80
Decker, W. Thompson & Sons, milk.....	11 16
Felix I. Eben, music.....	520 00
The E. R. Mill and Lumber Co., stakes.....	151 90
The E. R. Mill and Lumber Co., sawdust.....	20 00
J. M. Fiske, drinking-fountains.....	80 40
Lederhaus' Squadron "A" Band, music.....	130 00
The Manhattan Supply Co., galvanized pipe, etc.....	22 83
Sol. Sayles, beef.....	390 00
M. Stern's Met. Fish and Oyster Market, fish.....	15 50
S. Wasserman, bread.....	46 50
Whitman Saddle Co., summer sheets.....	37 50
M. D. Williamson, coal.....	124 50
Nathaniel Wise, lime.....	1 35
Chas. P. Woodworth, Son & Co., apples, etc.....	39 30
John Slattery, improvement Mulberry Bend Park.....	14,669 10

On motion, at 10.45 A. M., the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 7, at 10 A. M.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1896—ADJOURNED MEETING, 10 A. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles, Ely.

A representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President opened the estimate-box, and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received pursuant to an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD.

For Furnishing and Delivering Screened Gravel of the Quality known as the Roa Hook Gravel, where required, on the Central Park and Riverside Park and Avenue.

BIDDERS.	10,000 CUBIC YARDS.	AMOUNT.
	Price.	
Bouker Contracting Company.....	\$1 98	\$19,800 00
George F. Doak.....	2 19	21,900 00
Brown & Fleming.....	2 17	21,700 00

On motion, the reading of minutes was dispensed with.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, communicating action of said Board as follows :

1st. Authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$90,000, under chapter 194, Laws of 1896, for erecting park inclosing walls, etc., at entrances to Central Park. Filed.

2d. Authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$25,000 for the improvement of the "Circle," at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, under the same law. Filed.

3d. Authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$5,000 for rip-rapping and cleaning the shores of the "Pool," One Hundred and Second street and Central Park, West, under the same law. Filed.

From the President of the Aqueduct Commission, requesting permission to construct a roadway on a part of Mosholu Parkway shown on an accompanying plan. Referred to the President.

From the Moderation Society, requesting that the society's ice-water fountain at Paradise Park be guarded at night. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Boards, transmitting resolutions respecting the examinations of applicants for promotion on the uniformed force of the Department.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, the recommendations contained in said resolutions were adopted, and the Civil Service Boards were requested to cancel the present eligible list for Roundsmen.

From John F. Johnson, respecting his proposal for erecting a frame stable in Van Cortlandt Park.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, it was

Resolved, That all the bids or proposals received on the 10th ult., for erecting a frame stable in Van Cortlandt Park, be and the same are hereby rejected.

From the Department of Docks, in relation to the condition of the Corlears Hook Park water front.

On motion, the Engineer of Construction was directed to prepare and submit a map showing the area of the property referred to.

From Francis J. Schnugg, requesting permission to erect bay windows on a building to be erected at the southwest corner of One Hundred and Eleventh street and Seventh avenue. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, the Excelsior Steamboat Company and the New York and Long Branch Steamboat Company, each requesting permission to erect a sign at the boat landing at the Battery. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Henry Peters, complaining of the pasturing of cows in Bronx Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From A. W. Berle, M. D., respecting a proposed children's playground in Tompkins Square. Filed.

From Wood and Tolmie, applying for a further extension of time on their contract for erecting a public overlook in Corlears Hook Park.

On motion, the time for the completion of said contract was extended to June 9, 1896, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From Ethel M. Cooney and others, in relation to the improvement of grounds used for lawn tennis in Central Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From James R. O'Beirne, desiring that the consent of this Department be given to J. T. Jordan to obtain an excise license for the premises occupied by him in Pelham Bay Park. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting form of contract and amended specifications for paving with Telford pavement the Pelham Bridge road, from Eastchester Bay to the northerly line of Pelham Bay Park.

On motion, the same were approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting a report of accidents, etc., in the parks for the week ending July 4. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon the condition of the police horses for the month of June. Filed.

From John J. Doolady, Park Policeman, applying for leave of absence for one week, in addition to his summer vacation. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting upon a petition of Isaac Fromme and others for the restoration of the stile entrance to Central Park at West Ninety-second street. Laid over.

2d. Reporting as to the necessity of an improved system of irrigation in Central and Riverside Parks.

On motion, the recommendation of the Superintendent was approved, and a form of contract and specifications for doing the work were ordered prepared and advertised, the same to include provision for hydrants along Riverside Drive for sprinkling.

From the Committee on Police, reporting favorably upon the application of Sergeant J. B. Ferris for full pay for twelve days' time lost on account of an injury received while on duty.

On motion, pay was allowed Sergeant Ferris as applied for, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Committee on Police, reporting evidence taken in the trial of members of the Police Force, together with their findings and recommendations, as follows :

James A. Doyle, conduct unbecoming an officer, reprimanded.

Terrence McGovern, violation of rules and neglect of duty, fined three days' pay.

Stephen Haughey, violation of rules, fined ten days' pay, and ordered transferred to some other post.

Edward Crosby, violation of rules and neglect of duty, fined one day's pay.

Hugh J. Gribben, off post, violation of rules and neglect of duty, cautioned.

Jos. B. Conway, violation of rules and neglect of duty, cautioned.

James F. McIntyre, late for roll-call, fined one day's pay.

Thomas Dillon, off post and conduct unbecoming an officer, charge dismissed.

Reuben E. Hewitt, off post, violation of rules and neglect of duty, fined five days' pay.

John J. Cronin, violation of rules and neglect of duty, fined one day's pay.

Daniel F. Leary, violation of rules and neglect of duty, fined one day's pay.

J. B. Donnelly, violation of rules and neglect of duty, fined one day's pay.

Bernard Doyle, late for roll-call, cautioned.

John Cahill, violation of rules and neglect of duty, fined three days' pay.

Patrick Quinn, absent without leave, fined two days' pay.

William Niven, violation of rules and neglect of duty, fined one day's pay.

James Higgins, violation of rules and neglect of duty, reprimanded.

Jos. J. McLaughlin, off post, fined one day's pay.

James Coughlin, late for roll-call, reprimanded.

Thomas F. Hoey, late for roll-call, fined two days' pay.

Charles Baptist, absent without leave, cautioned.

Patrick Shanley, absent without leave, violation of rules and neglect of duty, cautioned.

James P. Treanor, off post, reprimanded.

John Wolf, Jr., late for roll-call, reprimanded.

John Moran, late for roll-call, reprimanded.

William J. Stephens, off post, cautioned.

Patrick Dooley, off post, cautioned.

Michael J. Burke, off post, violation of rules and neglect of duty, fined three days' pay.

On motion, the findings, penalties and disposition of charges as recommended by the Committee on Police were approved and confirmed, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Department of Docks, relative to the need for additional fencing on the Battery sea wall. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From the Department of Docks, in relation to the removal of bath-houses from East River Park at the foot of East Eighty-ninth street. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting plan for inclosing walls, etc., at the entrance to Central Park at West One Hundred and Sixth street.

On motion, said plan was approved.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, forms of contracts and specifications were ordered prepared for the erection of the park inclosing walls, etc., at West One Hundred and Sixth street, and also at entrances on Fifty-ninth street, in accordance with approved plans, and when prepared and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely— 4.

From Good Government Club X, suggesting that the name of Corlears Hook Park be changed to Jackson Park. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department in relation to the manner of expenditure of moneys appropriated under chapter 194, Laws of 1896. Filed.

The Treasurer presented a report of moneys received and deposited during month of June, which was ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:

NEW YORK, July 1, 1896.

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of moneys received during the month of June, 1896, and deposited in the City Treasury.

June	1. R. A. Gushee, license, Claremont, June.....	\$525 00
"	1. Otto Abrams, license, Battery Park, June.....	10 00
"	2. Case & Co., license, McGown's Pass, May.....	323 76
"	3. C. Vanderbilt, President, New York and Hudson River Railroad Co.....	300 00
"	5. O. P. Raynor, license, Pelham, June.....	40 00
"	6. William Keeler, license, Harlem Mere, 1896.....	200 00
"	9. Isidor Isaac & Co., license, Casino, May.....	1,013 84
"	9. Isidor Isaac & Co., license, Carrousel, May.....	161 07
"	9. Isidor Isaac & Co., license, goat carriages.....	27 14
"	11. Andrew Fletcher, bay window.....	40 00
"	11. Elisha P. Cronkhite, bay window.....	40 00
"	11. E. K. Beddall, bay window.....	40 00
"	12. Thomas Shields Clarke, bay window.....	402 50
"	18. Peter Woolley, license, East River Park, June.....	20 00
"	19. John Lucas, license, donkeys, Central Park, May.....	12 41
"	19. Otto Schwenk, license, Bronx Park, April.....	15 35
"	19. Otto Schwenk, license, Bronx Park, May.....	6 41
"	19. Oscar H. Riker, license, swings, Central Park, May.....	40 74
"	19. D. F. Sullivan, license, Van Cortlandt Park, May.....	4 68
"	30. Charles P. Hallock, agent, rents of houses.....	767 20
	Total.....	<u>\$3,990 10</u>

SAMUEL McMILLAN, Acting Treasurer.

On motion, an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for repaving the roadway of Transverse Road No. 1, crossing Central Park, in accordance with the plans and specifications heretofore approved, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction and the Superintendent of Parks be and hereby are directed to prepare and submit a plan for improving, as a public park, the lands recently acquired for park purposes in the Ninth Ward, and formerly known as St. John's Cemetery, together with an estimate of the cost of such improvement.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, the Captain of Police was directed to provide police protection for St. John's Park.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, the Superintendent of Parks was directed to make repairs at once to the urinals at Battery Park, and also provide for placing water in the basement of the overlook at Mulberry Bend Park.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and hereby is given to the erection of a projecting window on the building known as No. 12 Broadway, the same not to project more than twenty inches beyond the building line, as shown on a plan filed in this office by V. Hugo Koehler, architect. This consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to fifteen dollars per square foot of projection.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 11.25 A. M., the Board went into executive session.

Plans for laying-out grounds around General Grant's tomb were submitted, approved and referred to the Superintendent and Engineer of Construction, to make detail drawings and specifications so as to include this work in the contract for the improvement of Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets.

The President reported that, under authority heretofore given him, he had agreed with the Warren-Schaarf Asphalt Paving Company to extend the time for completion of the work on Cathedral Parkway to September 1, 1896, and on the first section of Riverside Park to December 31, 1896, informing them that no further extensions would be granted, and that, if not completed on those respective dates, the penalties under the contracts would be enforced. The action of the President was approved.

A report of the Superintendent, submitting rules for the regulation of fences and advertising thereon, under provisions of chapter 836, Laws of 1896, was approved, and the President authorized to promulgate the rules as the rules of this Department when the Counsel to the Corporation had approved of their form.

The bid of A. C. Gildersleeve of \$35,464.44, being the lowest bid for constructing Central Park inclosing walls, etc., at entrance on Fifth avenue, between Ninety-seventh and One Hundred and Tenth streets, was referred to the President, with power to accept the same when he had satisfied himself as to Mr. Gildersleeve's responsibility and capability.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks, the following discharges were confirmed :

Paul Marterello, with team.

B. J. Musante, with team.

Michael J. Whalen, Bridge-tender on Central Bridge, he having been given a hearing by the President June 26 on a charge of intoxication.

The following appointments were confirmed :

John McCracken, Carpenter, Paul Marterello, team ; Daniel Reynolds, Laborer, Walter L. Tremper, Office Boy, at \$25 a month ; F. W. Allen, Assistant, \$90 per month ; Frederick S. Smith, Assistant, \$75 per month ; Philip F. Smith, Inspector of Shops, \$100 per month.

The following licenses were confirmed :

Thomas J. Hogan, refreshments, Corlears Hook Park, at \$250 per annum ; Morton Britton, stand at Battery Park, at \$15 per month.

On motion, an extra amount of \$5 per month was added to the pay of Cottage Attendants for the months of July, August and September, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following resolution was offered :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of thirty-thousand dollars, in the manner provided by chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of paving and improving the Pelham Bridge Road, from East Chester Creek to the northerly line of Pelham Bay Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following named bills having been examined and audited were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

P. Berlinghoff's Military Band, etc., music.....	\$130 00
Bayne's Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music.....	130 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, etc., music.....	130 00

The Central Gas-light Company, gas.....	\$3 13
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries, etc., Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	6,689 82
D. Kenn's Band, music.....	390 00
Fred. Leiboldt, music.....	360 00
Lederhaus' Squadron "A" Band, music.....	130 00
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries, etc., American Museum of Natural History.....	5,594 19
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, grate bars.....	20 00
The New York Mutual Gas-light Company, gas.....	49 63
Richard E. Sause, music.....	390 00
Tefft, Weller & Co., toweling.....	5 52
Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company, asphalt paving.....	10,832 50
" " " ".....	9,839 93
New York Telephone Company, successors to Metropolitan Telephone, etc., telephonic service.....	<u>333 33</u>

On motion, at 12.05 P. M. the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, JULY 13, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles, Ely.

The minutes of the meetings of 29th ultimo and 7th instant were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting copies of resolutions of said Board, as follows :

- 1st. Authorizing the issue of bonds, to the amount of \$15,000, for the improvement of St. Mary's Park, under chapter 194, Laws of 1896. Filed.
- 2d. Authorizing the issue of bonds, to the amount of \$15,000, for the improvement of Cedar Park, under chapter 194, Laws of 1896. Filed.
- 3d. Authorizing the issue of bonds, to the amount of \$30,000, for erecting additional green-houses and improving the grounds adjacent thereto in Central Park, under chapter 194, Laws of 1896. Filed.
- 4th. Authorizing the issue of bonds, to the amount of \$35,000, for paving and repaving walks in Central Park with asphalt, under chapter 194, Laws of 1896.
- 5th. Referring to this Department, for report, plans, estimate, etc., for an underground public comfort station to be located in City Hall Park. Laid over.

From the Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, inclosing a copy of a report of the Inspector of the Museum Buildings in relation to the flooding of the cellar of the Museum during heavy rains.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Health be requested to send a Sanitary Engineer to this Department to report on the drainage, sewerage, waterway and sanitary condition of Central Park.

From Thornton N. Motley & Co., in relation to the delivery of settees under contract with F. F. Fox. Filed.

From the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, desiring permission to place a canvas sign on the iron frame at the Battery landing. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From S. W. Fairchild, acknowledging receipt of letter to Mrs. A. B. Tappen, containing a copy of the action of this Board taken upon the death of Ex-Commissioner Tappen. Filed.

From J. W. Rock, M. D., requesting that cricket and tennis playing be permitted on St. Mary's Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From J. H. Richardson, M. D., commending the arrangement of concerts at Washington Square. Filed.

From the Secretary of District Assembly No. 49, Knights of Labor, complaining that the prevailing rate of wages were not being paid by the contractor for the improvement of Mulberry Bend Park. Referred to the President to investigate.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, reporting in relation to the condition of the turn-table and turning machinery of the Madison Avenue Bridge across Harlem river. Filed.

From Howard & Cauldwell, architects, in relation to a "notice of violation" received from the Superintendent of Buildings affecting the public overlook structure in Corlears Hook Park. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting specifications and form of contract for laying a Croton water system in Riverside Park.

On motion, the same were ordered printed and submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for approval as to form, and when so approved an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing the work.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting upon the request of the Washington Heights Progressive Association for an entrance to Highbridge Park, between One Hundred and Seventieth and One Hundred and Seventy-third streets. Filed.

2d. Submitting a plan for the improvement of Cedar Park.

On motion, the same was approved and referred to the Engineer of Construction to prepare and submit an estimate of the cost.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting a report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the week ending July 11. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon the first year's service of Officers Owen McKenna, John Moran and Edward Crosby, and recommending that their pay be advanced in accordance with the rule.

On motion, the recommendation of the Captain was approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From Louis Levy, auctioneer, submitting a statement and return of sale at auction of surplus sheep, deer, etc. Filed.

Petitions demanding that action be taken in the matter of the proposed removal of the old temporary Macomb's Dam bridge from its present location to a point near One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, were received from the Local Improvement Society of the Twenty-third Ward, Edward Baxter and others, and referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Commissioner Stiles moved that Commissioner McMillan be authorized to confer with Mr. Hunt, Architect of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, to ascertain whether arrangements have been made for the drainage of the new wing, and if no arrangements have been made, to have them incorporated in the plans for the new building. Carried.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That fifty chairs be purchased for use in the Lorillard Mansion at Bronx Park ; that the first floor of the building be thrown open to the public, and that the Superintendent be directed to inquire into the sanitary condition of the building.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to lay out with plants and flowers the grounds around the building in Claremont Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

No—Commissioner Stiles—1.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the contract for constructing park inclosing wall, etc., at entrances to Central Park at Fifth avenue, between Ninety-seventh and One Hundred and Tenth streets, be awarded to A. C. Gildersleeve, the lowest bidder ; that his proposal be sent to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and, when so approved, that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, the Superintendent of Parks was directed to report on the condition of the wall and walks at Riverside Drive and Seventy-second street.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, E. D. Lindsey, Architect of the Aquarium, was requested to submit all working plans for improvements to the Aquarium Building.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, the Engineer of Construction was directed to submit a specific report of the progress and efficiency of all work under construction on Riverside Park, and also on specifications of work to be done.

On motion, at 3.30 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The President submitted a communication from N. L. Britton, Secretary of the Board of Managers of the New York Botanical Garden, transmitting resolutions appointing R. W. Gibson Architect of the Museum Building, and Lord & Burnham contractors for the construction of the horticultural houses, and forwarding certain preliminary plans to be approved by the Commissioners of Public Parks.

The President was requested to communicate with Mr. Britton and state that it is impossible for this Board to give its formal approval until full plans and specifications are submitted, with the location of the several buildings.

The President submitted a letter from William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, Harlem River Driveway, recommending that an agreement in writing be made with J. C. Rodgers, contractor, Second Section, Harlem River Driveway, for certain excavation ; it was thereupon

Resolved, That the President be authorized to make an agreement in writing with J. C. Rodgers, contractor, as authorized in Section "C" of his contract, to make the excavation within the limits of the one hundred feet strip named in Professor Burr's letter of July 9, at a price of two dollars (\$2) per yard.

An application of C. C. O'Rourke, Inspector of Masonry, for an increase of pay, was received.

On motion, the pay of C. C. O'Rourke was fixed at \$4 per day, to date from 15th instant, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The application of Dr. E. T. T. Marsh, Police Surgeon, for a vacation of twenty days, with permission to employ a substitute to care for any cases of sickness that may occur among the police force during his absence, was granted.

The President reported the following appointments, reinstatements and discharge on the working force :

Appointed.

George Ballard, Bridge Tender ; Henry Wingrove, Inspector of Paving ; Thomas J. Boylan, Painter, Letterer and Striper ; James Gillon, Laborer ; Patrick Trainor, Laborer ; Ernest A. Marsich, Team, Van Cortlandt Park ; Joseph Zahm, Team, Van Cortlandt Park.

Reinstated.

Daniel Reynolds, Sweeper ; Martin Klein, Laborer.

Discharged.

Nicholas Koelsch, Laborer.

On motion, the appointments, reinstatements and discharge reported by the President were confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, a license was ordered granted to Charles A. Gross to sell refreshments in Crotona Park, upon payment of a fee of \$25.

The application of John T. Jordan for the consent of the Commissioners to conduct a hotel at City Island Bridge, and of J. B. Hefter, Henry Castrop and William Ward to conduct restaurants in Pelham Bay Park, were granted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

No—Commissioner Ely.

The President submitted a report of Frederick Diaper, architect, that the cost of fitting up "The House on the Hill" in Central Park, near Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Second street, for use as a lavatory, would be about \$2,700. Laid over.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Brown & Fleming, gravel	\$917 90
John Elder, Jr., Estimate No. 1, repairing building, East River Park	1,600 00
Kane & Roach, tire-bending machine	577 00
J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 25, public driveway	21,136 00
The Anchor Post Company, posts	694 40
James S. Barron & Co., baskets	67 20
P. Berlinghoff's Military Concert Band, etc., music	130 00
Consolidated Gas Company of New York, gas	252 25
Consolidated Gas Company of New York, gas	2 40
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, etc., music	130 00
Daimler Motor Company, motor	250 00
Gilbert & Barker Manufacturing Company, gasoline	7 28
Frederick W. Hager, music	520 00
Lederhaus Squadron "A" Band, music	130 00
Manahan's Band, music	505 00
Marine Band, music	390 00
New York Trap-rock Company, trap-rock screenings	845 20
N. O'Donnell, coal	8 00

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Albert Ravekes & Son, carpenter work.....	\$900 00
W. B. Rogers, music.....	600 00
P. H. Spelman's Sons, drilling holes.....	200 00
Henry Weber's Military Band, music.....	390 00

On motion, at 4.35 P. M. the executive session arose and the Board adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, JULY 27, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles, Ely.

The meeting being open to the public, and a representative of the Comptroller being present, the Board proceeded to open bids received in accordance with an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD, as required by law, for the following-named works:

For the Construction and Improvement of the Riverside Park and Drive, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Streets, in the City of New York.

ITEMS.	BIDDERS.					
	Bart. Dunn.	P. J. Travis.	Neil McLaughlin.	William G. Leeson.	John Slattery.	De Witt C. Bouker, Jr.
Earth excavation, 6,000 cubic yards.	\$0 20	\$0 40	\$0 45	\$0 20	\$0 60	\$0 60
Rock excavation, 50 cubic yards....	1 50	2 50	1 75	3 00	1 00	2 00
Filling in place, 5,000 cubic yards ..	....	15	02	10	05	....
Mould in place, 25,000 cubic yards.	1 85	1 90	1 75	2 00	2 24	2 00
Granite-block pavement, 5,000 square yards.....	3 50	3 85	3 40	3 20	3 20	2 80
Gravel pavement, 2,200 square yards.....	1 50	2 00	1 95	1 75	1 85	1 75
New bridge-stone, 340 lineal feet...	50	1 21	75	50	50	90
5-inch new blue stone curb, 2,000 lineal feet.....	80	1 10	84	75	1 00	65
4-inch new blue stone curb, 550 lineal feet.....	70	1 00	75	60	90	55
Old curb and edging reset, 1,325 lineal feet.....	05	25	09	10	15	08
New blue stone flagging, 1,720 square feet.....	20	24½	22	18	20	21
Old flagging relaid, 880 square feet.	2½	05	03	05	04	03
8-inch blue stone curb curved, 164 lineal feet.....	1 75	3 02½	2 22	1 55	2 00	2 50

ITEMS.	BIDDERS.					
	Bart. Dunn.	P. J. Travis.	Neil McLaughlin.	William G. Leeson.	John Slattery.	De Witt C. Bouker, Jr.
8-inch granite curb curved, 1,700 lineal feet.....	\$2 20	\$3 74	\$2 22	\$1 75	\$3 00	\$1 75
Blue stone steps, 7,300 lineal feet...	90	1 43	1 07	80	1 00	90
Blue stone cheeks, 1,400 lineal feet.	75	61	84	60	90	65
Road-basins complete, 16.....	37 50	50 00	72 00	100 00	45 00	35 00
Walk-basins complete, 50.....	37 50	62 35	28 00	40 00	35 00	30 00
Surface-basins complete, 6.....	37 50	81 40	33 00	30 00	45 00	35 00
12-inch stoneware drain-pipe, 550 lineal feet.....	38	1 00	65	1 50	1 00	80
10-inch stoneware drain-pipe, 150 lineal feet.....	50	65	57	1 25	85	65
8-inch stoneware drain-pipe, 1,540 lineal feet.....	25	70	50	1 00	75	50
6-inch stoneware drain-pipe, 800 lineal feet.....	25	65	45	75	60	40
Rubble masonry, 1,000 cubic yards.	3 75	7 00	4 50	2 50	3 40	3 50
Concrete in place, 20 cubic yards...	3 75	5 00	5 50	4 00	4 00	4 50
Sod laid, 476,000 square feet.....	03¾	06	03½	03	03¾	03
Ground finished and seeded, 5.18 acres.....	62 50	100 00	70 00	50 00	70 00	100 00
Asphalt walks, 95,100 square feet.....	11½	30 00	19	12	20	18
Total.....	\$119,089 75	\$167,931 55	\$127,978 13	\$119,579 80	\$142,995 45	\$124,262 60

For Taking Up and Relaying Granite-block Pavement with Concrete Foundation, and Resetting Curb-stones in Transverse Road No. 1, Crossing the Central Park, from the Westerly Curb-line of Fifth Avenue, at Sixty-fifth Street, to the Easterly Curb-line of Central Park, West (Eighth Avenue), to Sixty-sixth Street.

ITEMS.	BIDDERS.			
	James Quinn.	John T. Smith.	John Batton.	P. J. Travis.
1,460 cubic yards of concrete in place.....	\$0 06	\$3 50	\$3 75	\$4 50
8,700 square yards of granite-block pavement relaid.....	1 14	33	23	75
312 square feet of new bridge-stone furnished and laid.....	50	45	43	60
5,070 lineal feet of old curb reset.....	10	06	09	20
550 lineal feet blue stone curb furnished and laid.....	1 20	1 10	79	1 40
Total.....	\$11,328 60	\$9,030 60	\$8,500 96	\$15,066 20

For Alterations of the Curb-stone and Roadway Pavement at the Corners, and Paving with Concrete and Mortar, of Portland Cement, Certain Exterior Sidewalks of Mount Morris Park.

ITEMS.	BIDDERS.				
	Cornelius O'Grady.	Joseph J. Haduven.	Macknight Flintic Stone Company.	John Batton.	Bart. Dunn.
New blue stone curb, 372 lineal feet.....	\$1 57	\$1 25	\$1 00	\$1 15	\$1 60
Asphalt pavement, 170 square yards.....	4 80	4 00	3 00	3 50	2 00
Granite-block pavement, 125 square yards.....	3 41	4 00	2 35	3 50	3 50
New bridge-stone, 412 square feet.....	76	60	39	43	60
Old curb-stone reset, 900 lineal feet.....	12	10	07	09	10
Walk pavement of concrete, etc., 31,000 square feet	17	22¾	16¾	22½	22 and 20
Receiving-basins and culverts to be altered.....	500 00	77 00	155 00	60 00	\$100 00
Total.....	\$8,017 41	\$9,111 70	\$6,746 93	\$8,753 46	{ \$8,629 90 8,009 90

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, whereupon Commissioner Stiles moved to amend the same by showing the vote taken on resolution directing the Superintendent of Parks to lay out with plants and flowers the grounds around the building in Claremont Park, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

No—Commissioner Stiles—1.

Which was carried and the minutes as amended were then approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Acting Mayor, forwarding a letter from the Secretary of State at Washington, with a copy of letter from the Legation of the United States at Caraccas, Venezuela, received from Governor Morton, expressing the desire of the Government of Venezuela to replace the present statue of Bolivar in Central Park, and to have the same erected at a different location than the present statue.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to acknowledge receipt of the correspondence and the matter was referred to the National Sculpture Society.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, transmitting a copy of a resolution, requesting that seats be placed on the ball grounds in Crotona and Claremont Parks for the accommodation of the public. Filed.

From the Comptroller, inclosing notice of violation received from the Superintendent of Buildings relative to plumbing work at Corlears Hook Park. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising of the confirmation, on the 7th inst., of the proceeding for acquiring title to a public park at St. Nicholas avenue and One Hundred and Seventeenth street. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising in relation to the proceeding for acquiring park lands on the east side of the city, between One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, and also the plot of ground bounded by One Hundred and Sixth street, West End avenue and the Boulevard. Filed.

From the City Island Railroad Company, calling attention to the condition of the draw of the City Island Bridge. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for examination and immediate report.

From the Secretary of the North Side Board of Trade :

1st. Forwarding resolutions adopted by said Board, urging the improvement of St. Mary's and Cedar Parks, and also resolutions relative to the allotment of ground in Bronx Park for the use of the New York Zoological Society. Filed.

2d. Communicating the desire of the Committee on Parks of said Board to appear before this Board in relation to proposed improvements in the parks above the Harlem river. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Cyclists' Federation, requesting that temporary wooden racks, for holding bicycles, be placed in the vicinity of Grant's Tomb on Riverside Park. Referred to Superintendent of Parks for report.

From Nathan Straus, applying for a renewal of the permit granted him last summer for the sale of milk at the Arsenal Building, Central Park.

On motion, the application of Mr. Straus was granted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

Noes—Commissioner Stiles—1.

From Clarence True, Architect, applying for permission to erect projections on three houses to be erected at the northeast corner of Seventy-sixth street and Riverside Drive. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From Andrew J. Griffen, calling attention to the sanitary condition of Bronx river, between Samuel street dam and the bridge at Boston road. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From John Begley, William M. Clark and others, requesting that the baths located at the foot of East Eighty-seventh and East Eighty-ninth streets be allowed to remain during the present summer season. Denied.

From Dr. Rudolph Wieczorak, in relation to the destruction of park foliage by insects. Referred to the Entomologist.

From William Schwarz, advising of the death of Charles Schwarz, licensee of the Washington Hotel at High Bridge Park. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting a time statement on the contract for regulating and paving, with telford pavement, the roadway of Mosholu avenue, between the Putnam Division of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad and Jerome avenue, in Van Cortlandt Park, recommending that no penalty for overtime be charged against the contractor for non-completion of the work within the time stipulated, on account of unavoidable delays not the fault of the contractor.

On motion, the report and recommendations of the Engineer were approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Submitting a time statement on the contract for regulating and paving, with telford pavement, the roadway of the City Island road, between Bartow Station and the westerly end of the approach to City Island Bridge, in Pelham Bay Park, recommending that no penalty be charged the contractor for overtime, inasmuch as there was no actual excess, considering the time the work was suspended by order of the Department.

On motion, the report and recommendation of the Engineer was approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

3d. Submitting plans, specifications and form of contract for paving with asphalt the circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue.

On motion, the plans and specifications, etc., as submitted, were approved and the specifications ordered printed, and when so printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, an advertisement was ordered published in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to whether part of the work of paving the circle may be required to be done by the railway companies whose tracks are laid thereon, and, if so, which of said companies may be so required.

4th. Reporting, as per order of the Board of July 13, on work under construction on Riverside Park and also on specifications of work to be done. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting upon the application of several steamboat companies for permission to erect signs at the Battery landing, recommending that signs of no greater dimensions than those used last year be permitted. Approved.

2d. Reporting adversely upon the application of the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company for permission to place a canvas sign on an iron frame at the Battery landing. Approved.

3d. Reporting upon the complaint of Henry Peters, relative to cows in Bronx Park, stating that instructions had been given to remedy the matter complained of. Filed.

4th. Reporting favorably upon the request of Ethel M. Cooney and others for the improvement of the tennis grounds at One Hundred and Sixth street and Central Park, West. Filed.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, submitting plans, specifications and form of contract for the crib fender of the Pelham Road Bridge.

On motion, said plans and specifications were approved and the specifications ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting reports of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the two weeks ending July 25, 1896. Filed.

2d. Calling attention to the inadequacy of the present quarters of the Park Ambulance, with suggestions for the improvement of the same. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Mounted Park Policeman James L. Havey, asking to be allowed full pay for five and one-half days' time lost on account of an injury received while on duty. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Mounted Park Policeman Henry Gartelman, asking to be allowed full pay for time lost from 15th to 19th instant on account of illness caused by injuries received while on duty. Referred to Committee on Police.

From Roundsman Phillip J. Marrin and Officers William Cavanagh and Joseph Harris, applying for leave of absence, in addition to their summer vacation, without pay. Referred to Committee on Police.

From E. D. Lindsey, Consulting Architect of the Aquarium :

1st. Reporting in relation to drawings, showing the work required for the completion of the Aquarium. Filed.

2d. Requesting that consideration of the matter of the tanks at the Aquarium be deferred until the next meeting of the Board, to afford time for a full report. Filed.

Commissioner McMillan, to whom was referred the communication from Messrs. Robinson & Wallace, requesting a rebate on the amount paid for the permit obtained from this Department to construct a vault in connection with the house No. 824 Fifth avenue, made a verbal report, recommending that the request be denied, the money received having been turned over to the City Treasury. Accepted.

Commissioner McMillan, to whom was referred, on the 1st ultimo, the communication from Thilemann & Smith, contractors for regulating and grading Jerome avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, relative to the necessity for removing the shore end of the old Macomb's Dam Bridge, in

order to facilitate work under their contract, made a verbal report stating that he had examined into the matter and found that the bridge as at present located does not in any way interfere with the work under said contract. Accepted.

Commissioner McMillan, from the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river, made a verbal adverse report in the matter of the approach to the Municipal Building in Crotona Park, on account of lack of funds. Accepted.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the application of Mounted Officer Matthew Horan for full pay for time lost on account of injuries sustained while on duty, made a verbal report, recommending that full pay be allowed Officer Horan, as applied for, namely from May 12 to 26, 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The Committee on Police also reported with reference to the meritorious conduct of Officer William J. Flynn for stopping a runaway horse in Central Park and of Officer James P. Treanor for capturing a burglar at Tompkins Square, and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That honorable mention is hereby made of the meritorious conduct of Officer William J. Flynn, for stopping a runaway horse in Central Park on April 18, 1896.

Resolved, That honorable mention is hereby made of the meritorious conduct of Officer James P. Treanor for capturing a burglar in the residence of J. L. Nascher, M. D., Tompkins Square, May 21, 1896.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan moved that the plans submitted for the approval of this Board by the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, showing a proposed sewer in Mosholu Parkway south, from the existing sewer in Webster avenue to Jerome avenue, and also a sewer, etc., in East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street, from the existing sewer in Third avenue to Crotona avenue, be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans received from the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, for an alteration of the Museum Building, for the purpose of repairs to old building and equipment of workrooms, be and the same are hereby approved, and that said plans be forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the concurrence of said Board, and that the said Board be respectfully requested to authorize the application of such portion of the proceeds of the half-million dollars of bonds by said Board on June 25, 1895, authorized to be issued under the

provisions of chapter 235, Laws 1895, as may be necessary to meet the cost of the said alteration covered by the plans herewith submitted.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the plan this day submitted by the Superintendent of Parks for the improvement of St. Mary's Park be and the same hereby is approved and referred to the Engineer of Construction, with directions to prepare and submit a form of contract and specifications for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he hereby is requested to initiate a proceeding to acquire title on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in and to the real estate mentioned and described in the first section of chapter 727, Laws of 1896, not already acquired* for the purpose of the extension of Riverside Park, as provided in section 1 of said act.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of the propeller, "Henry A. Crawford," amounting to twenty-five dollars, for services rendered in operating the draw of the Madison Avenue Bridge, July 3, 1896, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and order transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for Harlem River Bridges, 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Lawson N. Fuller appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to driveways on Riverside Park, the repairing of roads in Riverside and Central Parks, and also in relation to Macomb's Dam Bridge.

Dr. J. C. Lay appeared and was heard in relation to the improvement of small parks in East Forty-second street.

On motion, at 3.50 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The President submitted a letter from W. H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, stating he had prepared plans and specifications for the alteration of the crib-bulkhead of Section 1 of the Harlem River Driveway and also the alteration of the easterly portion of the subway. It was ordered,

that the work be advertised should the Corporation Counsel decide that the Board can legally take this course.

On the recommendation of Consulting Engineer Burr, the salary of J. A. Lockwood, Assistant Engineer, Harlem River Driveway, was increased to \$3,000 per annum from August 1, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, permission was given to Joseph Schoch to apply for an Excise license for the house occupied by him at Bartow Station, Pelham Bay Park, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

Noes—Commissioner Ely—1.

The President submitted a letter from George B. Post, Consulting Architect, Metropolitan Museum of Art, in relation to his compensation. Which was referred to the President for report as to the same, after conference with Mr. Post.

An estimate of T. Cockerill & Son, of \$794, submitted by J. C. Cady & Company, architects, for building gallery on third floor of the American Museum of Natural History and other work, was approved, and an order was authorized to be issued for doing the work at a cost not to exceed the amount of said estimate, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of E. D. Lindsey, amounting to five hundred and seventy-three dollars and sixty-five cents, for professional services as Consulting Architect of the Aquarium in the preparation of drawings, specifications and contracts for work at the Aquarium, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable to the fund provided under chapter 254, Laws of 1893.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following appointments and discharges were confirmed :

Appointments.

Joseph D. Bliss, Painter ; Nils J. Rose, Gardener ; William Balser, Gardener ; Amedee Hans, Gardener ; John T. Cahill, Teamster with team ; George W. Hebert, Rodman ; Thomas E. Vermilye, Rodman ; William P. Hennessy, Rodman ; Thomas S. McPherson, Inspector of Regulating and Grading ; Michael J. Daly, Inspector of Masonry ; Louisa Willson, Cottage Attendant ; Joseph V. Tracy, Horseshoer ; David W. Meeker, Transitman ; Gustave A. Burggraf, Carpenter on rustic work ; Frank J. Carroll, Bridgetender.

Reinstated.

Robert Montgomery, Inspector of Masonry.

Discharged.

Laborers—George T. Flanagan, John Butch, J. Coffey, J. Reardon, John Witt, Richard W. Stone, Patrick O'Connor, P. O'Shaughnessey, Thomas McKenna, Thomas Farley, William Davis, James Brennén, Michael Luby, J. Schecker, Philip Krass, Michael McGinty, Michael Quinn, Samuel P. Gray, Patrick Fleming, D. Ganey, John Reilly.

Philip Sheridan, Rockman ; Thomas Ryan, Driver ; John Curran, Laborer ; William E. Stilleck, Mower ; Henry Bains, Laborer ; Thomas Gallagher ; Philip Brady, Mower ; Richard Shea ; John Burns, Cart ; James Coyle, Gardener ; Thomas O'Donnell, Laborer ; Frank Carr, Laborer ; John Beck ; Peter Hagan, Laborer ; Carl Heuser, Laborer ; James Purcell ; James Connolly, Laborer ; Peter Tully ; Daniel Kennedy ; John McGrath, Laborer.

The President reported that he had been served with a writ of certiorari in the suit of F. H. D. Mason for reinstatement. It was ordered that the same be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, with all the facts in the case.

The President submitted an opinion of the Corporation Counsel, in reference to the claim of James D. Leary for damages incurred by reason of the suspension of work on section 1, Harlem River Driveway, and stating that this Board has not the power to make a compromise settlement ; that under section 123 of the Consolidation Act this power is vested in the Comptroller.

A report of W. H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, as to under-pinning of wall at One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and the Harlem Driveway was laid on the table.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That contracts, for which proposals have been this day received, be awarded as follows :

1. For repaving the Roadway of Transverse Road No. 1, crossing Central Park, to John Batten.
2. For alterations of curb-stones and roadway pavement at corners and paving exterior sidewalks of Mount Morris Park, to the Macknight Flintic Stone Company, they being the lowest bidders ; that their proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and, when so approved, that the President be authorized to sign said contracts for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Edward Callanan's Son, leather tops, etc.....	\$120 00
F. E. Carpenter, sickles.....	10 50
Colgate & Company, soap.....	5 62
Donegan & Swift, bushings.....	1 32
Thomas C. Dunham, glass, etc.....	68 00
East River Mill and Lumber Company (The), boards.....	9 75

J. W. Fiske, drinking-fountains.....	\$279 10
Frazer Lubricator Company, axle grease.....	36 00
G. W. Gallaway, oil, etc.....	39 00
G. W. Grote, whiting.....	74 97
Hodgman Rubber Company, boots.....	15 30
Keuffel & Esser Company, paper.....	11 20
D. K. Martin Roofing and Manufacturing Company, tanks.....	356 00
E. M. Merrill, charcoal.....	9 00
Thomas Moore, sprinklers.....	72 00
Cornelius S. Mitchell, welding compound.....	1 40
J. W. Mason & Co., use of chairs.....	62 50
Henry Nungesser & Co., grass seed.....	47 25
E. H. Ogden & Co., ash, etc.....	128 94
J. Edward Ogden, shovels.....	13 25
Charles Plunkett, brooms.....	27 00
Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company, nails, etc.....	21 13
A. G. Spalding & Bro., tennis marker.....	10 00
E. Thiele, cement.....	15 25
T. & W. Thorn & Co., hay, etc.....	17 50
Whitman Saddle Company, harness, leather, etc.....	85 49
West Disinfecting Company of New York, naphthalene.....	440 00
Yellow Pine Company, pine.....	14 72
Bent Bros., music.....	390 00
P. Berlinghoff's Military Concert Band, etc., music.....	130 00
Baynes' Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music.....	130 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, etc., music.....	130 00
Felix I. Eben, music.....	520 00
Frederic W. Hager, music.....	260 00
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, sundry bills Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	577 46
D. Kenn's Band, music.....	130 00
Lederhaus' Squadron "A" Band, music.....	130 00
F. Leiboldt, music.....	120 00
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills American Museum of Natural History.....	1,307 33
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Manahan's Band, music.....	260 00
Henry Weber's Military Band, music.....	130 00
DeWitt C. Bouker, Jr., payment acceptance, macadamizing roads.....	8,675 82
Gregory Cox, payment acceptance, paving Mosholu avenue, etc.....	5,408 43
Charles L. Doran, sod.....	1,160 17

On motion, at 5.30 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned to meet Friday, 31st instant, at 10.30 A. M.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1896—ADJOURNED MEETING, 10.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles and Ely.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the contract for which proposals were received on the 27th instant, for the improvement of Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets, be awarded to Bart. Dunn, he being the lowest bidder ; that his proposal be sent to the Comptroller for approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign said contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan, to whom was referred the application of Clarence True, architect, for permission to erect projecting windows on three proposed houses at the northeast corner of Seventy-sixth street and Riverside Drive, presented a report thereon and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and the same hereby is given to the erection of projecting windows on three proposed houses at the northeast corner of Seventy-sixth street and Riverside Drive, as shown on plans filed in this office by Clarence True, architect ; this consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection for the privilege.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President reported the following appointments :

William Ryan, team ; James Reilly, team ; Benjamin Friedman, slate and metal roofer's helper.

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On motion, the appointments reported by the President were approved and confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 10.55 A. M., the Board adjourned, to meet subject to the call of the President.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan and Stiles.

A representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President opened the estimate-box and publicly opened and read all estimates or proposals which had been received in accordance with an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD, for the following-named works :

For Repairing and Repaving with Rock Asphalt the Walks within and around the City Parks, other than Central Park, in the City of New York.

	PAVEMENT OF ASPHALT WITH CONCRETE BASE, 91,000 SQUARE FEET.	PAVEMENT OF ASPHALT WITHOUT CONCRETE BASE, 125,000 SQUARE FEET.	
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	\$0 18	\$0 10	\$28,380 00
T. Hugh Boorman.....	14 $\frac{2}{10}$	8 $\frac{7}{10}$	23,797 00

For Paving and Repaving with Asphalt, the Walks of the Central Park, in the City of New York.

	PAVEMENT OF ASPHALT WITH CON- CRETE BASE, 90,000 SQUARE FEET.	PAVEMENT OF ASPHALT WITHOUT CONCRETE BASE, 150,000 SQUARE FEET.	
Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company.....	\$0 14	\$0 11	\$29,100 00
The Barber Asphalt Paving Company.....	14	08 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 350 00
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	34,800 00

For Paving with Asphalt the Sidewalks of Transverse Road No. 4, Crossing the Central Park at Ninety-seventh Street, from Fifth Avenue to Central Park, West (Eighth Avenue), in the City of New York.

	PAVEMENT OF ASPHALT WITH CONCRETE BASE AND RUBBLE-STONE FOUNDATION 30,450 SQUARE FEET.	
Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company.....	\$0 20½	\$6,242 25
The Barber Asphalt Paving Company.....	19	5,785 50
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	24	7,308 00

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

The following communications were received :

From the Mayor, urging economy in the preparation of the Departmental Estimate for the coming year. Referred to the President.

From the Comptroller, requesting that the Departmental Estimate for the year 1897 be forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the 7th proximo. Referred to the President.

From the Counsel to the Corporation :

1st. Returning proposed rules, as revised by him, to govern fences in front of Parks, as provided by chapter 836 of the Laws of 1896, as follows :

Rules and Regulations.

Adopted by the Commissioners of Public Parks, regulating and determining the height and character of fences in or about vacant or unimproved lands fronting upon or adjacent to public parks, squares and places, and regulating the exhibition of advertisements thereon, or structures intended for the exhibition of advertisements, and ordaining penalties for violation thereof, under the authority of section 688 of the Consolidation Act, as amended by chapter 836 of the Laws of 1896.

1. No fence in or about any vacant or unimproved land fronting upon or adjacent to any public park, square or place in the City of New York, shall be erected until a plan, showing the height, character and method of construction of the proposed fences, has been submitted to the Commissioners of Public Parks, approved by them, and a permit, in writing, issued therefor.

2. No poster or advertising device shall be placed upon any fence or other structure intended for advertisement or the exhibition of advertisements in, about or upon any vacant or unimproved land fronting upon or adjacent to any public park, square or place in the City of New York, until a description or drawing of the same shall be filed with the Commissioners of Public Parks, approved by them, and a permit, in writing, issued therefor.

3. Owners of existing fences, or other structures intended or used for advertisements, or the exhibition of advertisements, now existing in, about or upon any vacant or unimproved lands fronting upon or adjacent to any public park, square or place in the City of New York are hereby required, on or before the first day of September, 1896, to file with the Commissioners of Public Parks, a plan showing the height, character and method of construction of fences or other structures intended or used for advertisements, and a description or drawing of any poster or advertising device thereon. The Commissioners, if they approve the said fences, structures, posters or advertising devices, may issue a permit, in writing, for the continuance thereof, or may direct such change or modification therein as they may determine, and issue a written permit therefor. On and after said first day of September, 1896, no existing fence, structure intended or used for advertising purposes, device or advertisement shall be continued unless with the approval of the Commissioners of Public Parks, obtained as hereinbefore required and evidenced by their written permit.

4. Any person violating any of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be subject to a penalty of two hundred and fifty (250) dollars.

On motion, the foregoing rules were adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

2d. Advising in relation to the pavement of a portion of the circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue by railway companies whose tracks are now laid thereon, recommending that each of the companies affected be served with a formal notice requiring them to do their portion of the work of paving.

On motion, this recommendation was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

3d. Advising the Department in the matter of the disposition of the burials on the property recently acquired for St. John's Park.

On motion, the suggestion made by the Counsel to the Corporation was approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

From the President of the Aqueduct Commission, requesting permission for the construction of a section of the new Croton Aqueduct on a line close to and parallel with the old Aqueduct in Van Cortland Park, from a point near Mosholu avenue to the land recently taken for the Jerome Park Reservoir, as shown on accompanying plan.

On motion, the consent of the Department to the proposed work was given by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

From M. J. Early, Chairman of the Committee appointed to confer with this Board in relation to the building of a new bridge connecting Pelham Bay Park with City Island, provided for by chapter 507, Laws of 1896, in relation to the necessity for such bridge, and urging that action be taken to secure its construction without delay.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river, and also to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

From the Secretary of Good Government Club, of the Nineteenth Assembly District, forwarding a petition for the improvement of the grass plot in the centre of the Grand Boulevard. Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works.

From the Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in relation to the duty performed by the Park Police Officer stationed at the Museum building. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Chairman of the Building Committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, relative to the necessity for excavating trenches, to determine the foundation of the proposed Art Museum wing, and to facilitate the work of its erection. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From F. M. Chapman, acknowledging, for the American Museum of Natural History, the receipt from the Aquarium of a collection of fishes, etc. Filed.

From the President of Kneipp Verein No. 1, requesting permission for the members of that association to pass, barefooted, over park lawns. Referred to Superintendent of Parks for report.

From C. H. P. Gilbert, Architect, requesting permission to erect projections on proposed buildings of Sarah H. Corwith and A. S. Post, on Riverside Drive, north of One Hundred and First street, as shown on accompanying plans. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From Arthur H. Ely, suggesting that the old house on Riverside Park, at the foot of West Eighty-seventh street, be repaired and adapted to the uses of a police station, etc. Filed.

From Thomas H. Bassford, on behalf of George H. Huber, asking that the portion of the building known as Huber's Hotel, at Jerome avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-second street, acquired by the City in the proceeding for the Jerome avenue approach to the new Macomb's Dam Bridge, be sold at public auction.

On motion, the portion of the building referred to, belonging to the City, was ordered disposed of at auction sale by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

From the Bloomingdale Boat Club, petitioning for a reduction of the fee charged for the maintenance of its boat-house at the foot of West Seventy-eighth street, and for the privilege of having access to the building through the Riverside Park retaining-wall at that point. Referred to the President.

From W. C. Anderson and John J. Zabriskie, relative to the pavement of the sidewalk of the circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From W. H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, reporting upon the condition of the work on the second section of the Harlem River Driveway. Referred to the Committee on Harlem River Driveway.

From Frederick Diaper, submitting estimate of the cost of making the necessary repairs to the High Bridge Park Hotel. Filed.

From the Director of the Menagerie, submitting report upon the condition of the Menagerie for the month of July. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting specifications and form of contract for constructing a roadway and appurtenances in the Bronx and Pelham Parkway, between Bronx and Pelham Bay Parks.

On motion, the specifications and form of contract, as submitted, were approved and ordered printed and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

2d. Reporting upon the condition of the City Island Bridge, with a recommendation as to the work necessary to make the same temporarily safe. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks to proceed with the work of repairs as recommended by the Engineer.

3d. Submitting map, showing area of property lying between the southerly line of Corlears Hook Park and the bulkhead of the water-front at that point.

On motion, the same was ordered filed, and the Corporation Counsel was requested to advise this Board as to the title to the property shown on said map.

4th. Reporting the depleted condition of the appropriation for surveys, maps and plans, and stating that a further amount would be required for work of that character. Referred to the President.

5th. In relation to the preparation of maps for filing by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of a proposed park bounded by Jefferson street, East Broadway, Canal and Division streets, etc. Filed.

6th. Submitting a time statement on the contract for constructing a driveway, bridge, etc., for an entrance at One Hundred and Tenth street and Central Park, West, and reporting upon a communication from the contractor asking to be relieved of the penalty for overtime. Referred to the President.

7th. Submitting specifications and form of contract for constructing walks and granite steps and otherwise improving the grounds surrounding the tomb of Gen. Grant on Riverside Park.

On motion, said form of contract and specifications were approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Submitting rules for regulating the character and height of fences and advertising devices, etc., upon lands adjacent to public parks, in conformity with the provisions of chapter 636 of the Laws of 1896. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon a communication from J. W. Kock, M. D., in relation to the playing of cricket and tennis in St. Mary's Park. Filed.

3d. Submitting a plan showing a proposed fence to be erected on the Battery sea-wall, as suggested by the Department of Docks. Referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street.

4th. In relation to the planting of trees and shrubs on Riverside Park, and recommending that the same be proceeded with as soon as funds can be made available for the purpose.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the expenditure for planting trees and shrubs and other work in connection with the improvement of Riverside Park, the balance amounting to \$19,585.37 remaining unexpended of the fund provided under chapter 575 of the Laws of 1887, for the construction of retaining-walls, etc., on said park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

5th. Recommending that the work of completing the approaches to Morningside Park and the planting of trees along the sidewalks be proceeded with, including the purchase of a quantity of mould required in connection with the planting work.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the expenditure of the balance remaining of the amount appropriated by said Board March 5, 1891, under chapter 444, Laws of 1889, for the construction of parapet wall and railing on the southerly and westerly sides of Morningside Park, said balance, amounting to \$14,509.38, for the purpose of planting trees and other work of ornamentation of the sidewalks bounding said park, as shown on plan approved June 23, 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for furnishing and delivering 5,000 cubic yards of garden mould where required on Morningside Park.

6th. Submitting bill of Dailey's Towing Line, amounting to \$10, for the detention of the Propellor "Italian," at Madison Avenue Bridge on the 2d instant. Filed.

7th. Reporting as to the necessity for repairing draw, etc., of the Madison Avenue Bridge and recommending that an appropriation be secured for the purpose.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of ten thousand dollars, in the manner provided by

chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, for the purpose of making the necessary repairs to the Madison Avenue Bridge and Drive crossing the Harlem river.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

8th. Recommending that a street be laid out through St. John's Park, in connection with the improvement of said Park, as shown on accompanying map. Laid over.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting reports of accidents, injuries, etc., occurring in the Parks for the three weeks ending 15th instant. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon the condition of the Police horses for the month of July. Referred to the Committee on Police.

The Treasurer presented a statement of moneys received by the Department and deposited in the City Treasury during the month of July, which was ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows :

NEW YORK, July 31, 1896. *To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners :*

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of moneys received during the month of July, 1896, and deposited in the City Treasury :

July 3. New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, privilege, Bronx Park, to July 1897	\$100 00
" 3. Thomas J. Hogan, license, Corlears Hook Park.....	20 80
" 7. Isaac & Sexton, license, Casino, Central Park.....	797 26
" 7. Isidor Isaac, license, carrousel, Central Park.....	85 37
" 7. Isidor Isaac, license, goat carriages, Central Park.....	13 57
" 10. Title Guarantee and Trust Company, bay-window, Riverside Drive and One Hundred and Eighth street	24 80
" 10. Louis Levy, auctioneer, zoological	391 50
" 11. Case & Meyer, license, McGown's Pass Tavern, June.....	330 32
" 10. Isaac Hall's Son, license, Battery Park, 1896.	1,200 00
" 11. R. A. Gushee, license, Claremont, July.....	525 00
" 15. New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, occupancy of sheds, Van Cortlandt Park, 1895.....	45 00
" 15. D. F. Sullivan, license, Van Cortlandt Park, June.....	5 78
" 16. Oscar H. Riker, license, swings, Central Park, June.....	15 24
" 20. John Lucas, license, donkeys, Central Park, June.....	5 79
" 20. Mrs. Annie Reynolds, license, refreshments, Claremont, 1896.....	25 00
" 21. Peter Woolley, license, East River Park, July.....	20 00
" 24. Charles Lighte, license, Tompkins Square, May.....	25 12
" 24. Charles Lighte, license, Tompkins Square, June.....	16 94
" 28. Carl H. Schultz, license, Central Park, 1896.....	500 00

July 29. O. P. Raynor, license, Pelham Bay Park, July	\$40 00
“ 29. A. T. Campbell (Law Department), rent, William Smith	7 50
“ 31. Charles P. Hallock, agent, rents of houses	952 42
Total	\$5,147 41

WILLIAM A. STILES, Treasurer.

Henry F. Charles appeared and was heard with reference to the application of Kneipp Verein No. 1, for permission for its members to pass over the park lawns. He was requested to confer with the Superintendent of Parks, to whom the matter had been referred.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, the old house located at the southerly end of East River Park was ordered disposed of at auction sale and removed, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

Commissioner Stiles offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Captain of Police report to this Board whether there is any foundation for the charges of disorderly conduct in the vicinity of the carrousel.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

Commissioner Stiles offered the following :

Resolved, That the Acting Captain of Police be instructed to take steps for the more efficient protection of Morningside Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

On motion, at 3.15 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were received :

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, forwarding applications of William S. McDonald and Clarence Crane, employees on the Harlem River Driveway, asking for an increase of their salaries.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, the salary of William S. McDonald, Assistant, was fixed at \$125 per month, and that of Clarence Crane, Assistant, was fixed at \$100 per month, both to take effect on the 16th instant, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles— 3.

From William F. Richards, Topographical Draughtsman, asking that his rating or designation be changed to that of Assistant Engineer. Referred to the President, with power.

From Isaac A. Train, Thomas O’Shea and Henry J. Dwyer, Acting Roundsmen, requesting that their vacations be extended to the period allowed Roundsmen (ten days). Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Samuel Conover, applying for re-employment as General Inspector, for duty in the new parks north of the Harlem river, and from Samuel Cockran, applying for reinstatement with his team on the ground of his being a Veteran Fireman. Referred to the Secretary for investigation as to the records of the petitioners.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the work done under the contract for paving the roadway of the Jerome Avenue Approach to the new Macomb's Dam Bridge. Referred to the President, with power.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer :

1st. Reporting as to the desirability of filling the back bays between the west line of the second section of the Harlem River Driveway and the bluff to the west of it. Referred to the President, with power.

2d. Reporting relative to the damage to the timber bulkhead of the second section of the Harlem River Driveway, caused by a shifting from its normal position into the river. Referred to the President, with power.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the contracts, for which proposals have been this day received, be awarded as follows :

1. For repairing and repaving with rock asphalt the walks in and around City Parks : to T. Hugh Boorman.

2. For paving and repaving with asphalt the walks of Central Park : to the Barber Asphalt Paving Company.

3. For paving with asphalt the sidewalks of Transverse Road No. 4, crossing Central Park : to the Barber Asphalt Paving Company, they being the lowest bidders ; that their proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties thereon, and, when so approved, that the President be authorized to sign the several contracts for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

The President reported the following appointment and discharges,

Appointed.

William B. Taylor, Chainman, \$65 per month, until November 1 next.

Discharged, to take effect August 7, 1896.

M. Hogan, Laborer ; David Ahearn, Laborer ; M. McBride, Laborer ; Louis Celkers, Laborer ; William McCausland, Laborer ; Thomas Lynch, Laborer ; John Foy, Laborer ; Edward J. Smith, Laborer ; D. Sullivan, Laborer ; Michael Hackett, Laborer ; F. Broadbeck, Laborer ; T. Healy, Laborer ; Joseph Miller, Laborer ; Ogden C. Lowell, Laborer ; John McHale, Laborer ; Michael Walsh, Laborer ; Thomas Dwyer, Laborer ; John Hogan, Laborer ; William Fogarty, Laborer ;

Michael Carmody, Laborer ; Peter Monohan, Laborer ; John McGehen, Laborer ; John Kehoe, Laborer ; Thomas Kelly, Laborer.

Discharged, to take effect August 1, 1896.

John O'Rourke, Laborer ; Michael Kearns, Mower ; A. Parkenheim, Laborer ; D. Bremmer ; John Murphy ; Edward Simms, Laborer ; George Hilt ; Con. Callahan, Laborer ; D. Whalen ; Jeremiah Creedon, Laborer ; John T. Lyon ; Arthur M. Thompson ; Daniel Blake, Laborer ; John Dooley ; Peter Duckett ; Joseph Urga, Laborer ; Benjamin Connolly ; Dennis Broderick ; Patrick Quinn, No. 1 ; George S. Simpson, Laborer ; Patrick Brown ; James Hasson ; Peter McDonald.

On motion, the appointment and removals reported by the President were approved and confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

On motion, John Connors, Laborer, was discharged for insubordination, and Walter Moran, with team, was discharged for inefficiency, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

From Arthur Nichols, applying for permission to obtain an excise license for the premises occupied by him in Pelham Bay Park.

On motion, the application was denied, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

From the Acting Captain of Police, recommending that Officers John W. England, Jr., Henry J. Foley and Robert H. McGill, who have served one year in the Department, be advanced in grade and pay, under the rule. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Henry Gartelman, Mounted Policeman, applying for full pay for time lost on account of an injury received while on duty. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Officer John F. McGinty, applying for full pay for time lost on account of an injury received while on duty. Referred to the Committee on Police.

Commissioner Stiles moved that John W. Hutchinson be appointed Purchasing Agent of this Department. Debate was had thereon and the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 26, Public Driveway	\$57,932 00
D. C. Bouker, Jr., Estimate No. 1, Riverside Park Improvement	15,757 42
Baynes' Sixty-Ninth Regiment Band, music	130 00
Berlinghof's Band, music	130 00
Bent Bros., music	260 00

Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	\$255 00
D. Kenn's Band, music.....	130 00
Marine Band, music.....	260 00
Richard E. Sause, music.....	130 00
F. V. Smith, Estimate No. 3, Cathedral Parkway Improvement.....	14,104 30
John Slattery, Estimate No. 1, Mulberry Bend Park Improvement.....	6,722 73
Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Co., Estimate No. 3, Cathedral Parkway Improvement	25,508 00
Henry Weber's Military Band, music.....	260 00

On motion, at 4.15 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1896—ADJOURNED MEETING, 10.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles, Ely.

A representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President opened the estimate-box and publicly opened and read all proposals which had been received in accordance with an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD for the following-named works :

No. 1.—For Regulating and Paving with Telford Pavement the Pelham Bridge Road, between East Chester Bay and the Northerly Line of Pelham Bay Park, in Pelham Bay Park, in the City of New York.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	FRANK W. MOLLOY.		FRANK J. GALLAGHER.		WILLIAM V. MOLLOY.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Telford pavement.....	32,000 square yards.....	\$0 81½	\$26,080 00	\$1 29	\$41,280 00	\$0 71	\$22,720 00
2. Dry rubble masonry.....	60 cubic yards.....	2 40	144 00	4 50	270 00	2 50	150 00
3. Vitrified stoneware pipe.....	15,000 pounds.....	01	150 00	03	450 00	01½	225 00
4. Excavation of all kinds.....	4,000 cubic yards.....	25	1,000 00	1 10	4,400 00	45	1,800 00
5. Rubble or cobble stone pavement.....	500 square yards.....	20	100 00	45	225 00	75	375 00
Total.....	.....	.....	\$27,474 00	.....	\$46,625 00	.....	\$25,270 00

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	PENNELL & O'HERN.		GEORGE F. DOAK.		THOMAS F. MYERS.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Telford pavement.....	32,000 square yards.....	\$1 18	\$37,760 00	\$1 24	\$39,680 00	1 20	\$70,400 00
2. Dry rubble masonry.....	60 cubic yards.....	2 00	120 00	2 50	150 00	1 50	90 00
3. Vitrified stoneware pipe.....	15,000 pounds.....	01¼	187 50	01	150 00	05	750 00
4. Excavation of all kinds.....	4,000 cubic yards.....	75	3,000 00	24	960 00	1 00	4,000 00
5. Rubble or cobble stone pavement.....	500 square yards.....	50	250 00	50	250 00	70	350 00
Total.....	.....	.....	\$41,317 50	.....	\$41,190 00	.....	\$75,590 00

No. 2—For Furnishing, Delivering and Laying Water-mains and Appurtenances in the Riverside Park and Drive, from One Hundred and Twentieth Street to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Street, in the City of New York.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	JOHN SLATTERY.		GEORGE CLARK.		BART. DUNN.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Rock excavation.....	50 cubic yards.....	\$3 00	\$150 00	\$3 00	\$150 00	\$0 30	\$15 00
2. Earth excavation.....	1,540 ".....	35	539 00	20	308 00	30	462 00
3. Filling.....	1,600 ".....	30	480 00	10	160 00	15	240 00
4. Four-inch cast-iron straight pipe.....	35 tons.....	21 50	752 50	22 00	770 00	21 50	752 50
5. Cast-iron branch-pipes, special.....	c. $\frac{7}{10}$ ".....	44 00	31 68	46 00	33 12	49 00	35 28
6. Four-inch cast-iron pipe.....	3 235 lincal feet.....	15	485 25	18	582 30	12	388 20
7. Two-inch wrought-iron pipe.....	635 ".....	35	222 25	14	88 90	15	95 25
8. One and one-half-inch wrought-iron pipe.....	870 ".....	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	282 75	14	121 80	13	113 10
9. Four-inch stop-cock and boxes.....	3.....	17 00	51 00	20 00	60 00	30 00	50 00
10. Two-inch stop-cock and box.....	1.....	10 00	10 00	7 00	7 00	9 00	9 00
11. One and one-half-inch stop-cocks and boxes.....	3.....	7 00	21 00	4 00	12 00	9 00	27 00
12. Street-washers and boxes.....	17.....	6 00	102 00	10 00	170 00	12 00	204 00
13. Blow-offs.....	4.....	4 00	16 00	5 00	20 00	12 00	48 00
14. Air-cock.....	1.....	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
15. Brick masonry.....	2 cub'c yards.....	14 00	28 00	12 00	24 00	12 00	24 00
Total.....	.....	.....	\$3,175 43	.....	\$2,510 12	.....	\$2,506 33

No. 2—For Furnishing, Delivering and Laying Water-mains and Appurtenances in the Riverside Park and Drive, from One Hundred and Twentieth Street to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Street, in the City of New York—Continued.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	PATRICK COSTELLO.		STEEBS & BENSEL.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Rock excavation.....	50 cubic yards.....	\$3 40	\$170 00	\$4 10	\$205 00
2. Earth excavation.....	1,540 ".....	50	770 00	26	400 40
3. Filling.....	1,600 ".....	20	320 00	24	384 00
4. Four-inch cast iron straight pipe.....	35 tons.....	21 50	752 50	27 33	956 55
5. Cast-iron branch-pipes, special.....	0.100 ".....	56 00	40 32	54 66	39 36
6. Four-inch cast-iron pipe.....	3,235 lineal feet.....	14	452 90	06	194 10
7. Two-inch wrought-iron pipe.....	635 ".....	24	152 40	24	152 40
8. One and one-half-inch wrought iron pipe.....	870 ".....	16	139 20	24	208 80
9. Four-inch stop-cock and boxes.....	3.....	19 75	59 25	38 33	114 99
10. Two-inch stop-cock and box.....	1.....	21 00	21 00	9 86	9 86
11. One and one-half-inch stop-cocks and boxes.....	3.....	11 00	33 00	5 66	16 98
12. Street-washers and boxes.....	17.....	12 50	212 50	10 00	170 00
13. Blow-offs.....	4.....	28 00	112 00	38 33	153 32
14. Air-cock.....	1.....	23 50	23 50	4 00	4 00
15. Brick masonry.....	2 cubic yards.....	18 00	36 00	16 00	32 00
Total.....	.....	.....	\$3,594 57	.....	\$3,041 76

No. 3 - For Furnishing, Delivering and Laying Water-mains and Appurtenances in the Riverside Park and Drive, from Ninety-sixth Street to One Hundred and Twentieth Street, in the City of New York.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	BART DUNN.		GEORGE CLARK.		JOHN SLATTERY.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Rock excavation	400 cubic yards.....	\$0 30	\$120 00	\$2 50	\$1,000 00	\$3 00	\$1,200 00
2. Earth excavation	2,200 "	30	660 00	20	440 00	35	770 00
3. Filling	2,600 "	15	390 00	10	260 00	30	780 00
4. Four-inch cast-iron straight pipe.....	72 ⁵⁸ / ₁₀₀ tons.....	21 50	1,560 47	22 00	1,596 76	20 00	1,451 60
5. Cast-iron branch pipes, special.....	0 ⁸⁸ / ₁₀₀ "	49 00	43 12	46 00	40 48	45 00	39 60
6. Four-inch cast-iron pipe.....	6,700 lineal feet.....	12	804 00	18	1,206 00	14 ³ / ₄	988 25
7. Four-inch stop-cocks and boxes.....	6.	30 00	180 00	No price in bid.		16 00	96 00
8. Street washers	32.	12 00	384 00	\$10 00	320 00	6 00	192 00
9. Blow-offs	7.	12 00	84 00	5 00	35 00	5 00	35 00
10. Air-cocks	2.	3 00	6 00	3 00	6 00	4 00	8 00
11. Brick masonry.....	3 cubic yards.....	12 00	36 00	12 00	36 00	14 00	42 00
Total .....	.....	.....	\$4,267 59	.....	.....	.....	\$5,602 45

No. 3—For Furnishing, Delivering and Laying Water-mains and Appurtenances in the Riverside Park and Drive, from Ninety-sixth Street to One Hundred and Twentieth Street, in the City of New York—Continued.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	DE WITT C. BOUKER, JR.		STEEKS & BENSEL.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Rock excavation.....	400 cubic yards.....	\$2 25	\$900 00	\$3 10	\$1,240 00
2. Earth excavation.....	2,200 ".....	10	220 00	26	572 00
3. Filling.....	2,600 ".....	04	104 00	24	624 00
4. Four-inch cast-iron straight-pipe.....	72 ⁸⁸ / ₁₀₀ tons.....	18 40	1,335 47	27 33	1,983 61
5. Cast-iron branch pipes, special.....	0 ⁸⁸ / ₁₀₀ ".....	42 00	36 96	54 66	43 10
6. Four-inch cast-iron pipe.....	6,700 lineal feet.....	28	1,876 00	06	402 00
7. Four-inch stop-cocks and boxes.....	6.....	12 55	75 30	30 58	183 48
8. Street washers.....	32.....	5 00	160 00	10 00	320 00
9. Blow-offs.....	7.....	11 00	77 00	38 33	268 31
10. Air-cocks.....	2.....	1 00	2 00	4 00	8 00
11. Brick masonry.....	3 cubic yards.....	10 00	30 00	16 00	48 00
Total.....			\$4,816 73		\$5,697 50

No. 4—For Furnishing, Delivering and Laying Water-mains and Appurtenances in the Riverside Park and Drive, from Seventy-ninth Street to Ninety-sixth Street, in the City of New York.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	BART. DUNN.		STEEBS & BENSEL.		JOHN SLATTERY.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Rock excavation.....	420 cubic yards.....	\$0 30	\$126 00	\$4 10	\$1,722 00	\$3 00	\$1,260 00
2. Earth excavation.....	1,660 ".....	30	498 00	26	431 60	35	581 00
3. Filling.....	2,000 ".....	15	300 00	24	480 00	32	640 00
4. Four-inch cast-iron straight pipe.....	50 ⁸⁸ / ₁₀₀ tons.....	21 50	1,088 97	27 33	1,384 26	20 00	1,013 00
5. Cast-iron branch pipes, special.....	0 ⁸⁸ / ₁₀₀ ".....	49 00	32 34	54 66	36 03	45 00	29 70
6. Four-inch cast-iron pipe.....	4,675 lineal feet.....	12	561 00	06	280 50	15	701 25
7. Two-inch wrought-iron pipe.....	265.....	15	39 75	19	50 35	45	119 25
8. One and one-half inch wrought-iron pipe.....	1,000.....	13	136 50	19	199 50	35	367 50
9. Four-inch stop-cocks and box s.....	4.....	30 00	120 00	38 33	153 32	18 00	72 00
10. Two-inch stop-cock and box.....	1.....	9 00	9 00	9 86	9 86	14 00	14 00
11. One and one-half inch stop-cocks and boxes.....	5.....	9 00	45 00	5 66	28 30	10 00	50 00
12. Street washers and boxes.....	24.....	12 00	288 00	10 00	240 00	4 00	96 00
13. Blow-offs.....	7.....	12 00	84 00	38 33	268 31	6 00	42 00
14. Air cocks.....	2.....	3 00	6 00	4 00	8 00	3 00	6 00
15. Brick masonry.....	5 cubic yards.....	12 00	60 00	16 00	80 00	14 00	70 00
Total.....	.....	.....	\$3,394 56	.....	\$5,372 08	.....	\$5,061 70

No. 4—For Furnishing, Delivering and Laying Water mains and Appurtenances in the Riverside Park and Drive, from Seventy-ninth Street to Ninety-sixth Street, in the City of New York—Continued.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	GEORGE CLARK.		PATRICK COSTELLO.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Rock excavation.....	420 cubic yards.....	\$2 50	\$1,050 00	\$2 97	\$1,247 40
2. Earth excavation.....	1,660 ".....	20	332 00	35	581 00
3. Filling.....	2,000 ".....	10	200 00	40	800 00
4. Four-inch cast-iron straight pipe.....	50 ⁵⁵ / ₁₀₀ tons.....	22 00	1,114 30	21 50	1,088 97
5. Cast-iron branch pipes, special.....	0 ⁵⁶ / ₁₀₀ ".....	46 00	30 35	56 00	36 96
6. Four-inch cast-iron pipe.....	4,675 lineal feet.....	18	841 50	14	654 50
7. Two-inch wrought-iron pipe.....	265.....	14	37 10	34	90 10
8. One and one-half-inch wrought-iron pipe.....	1,050.....	14	147 00	17	178 50
9. Four-inch stop-cocks and boxes.....	4.....	20 00	80 00	21 00	84 00
10. Two-inch stop-cock and box.....	1.....	7 00	7 00	16 00	16 00
11. One and one-half-inch stop-cocks and boxes.....	5.....	4 00	20 00	11 00	55 00
12. Street washers and boxes.....	24.....	10 00	240 00	12 50	300 00
13. Blow-offs.....	7.....	5 00	35 00	28 00	196 00
14. Air cocks.....	2.....	3 00	6 00	3 50	7 00
15. Brick masonry.....	5 cubic yards.....	12 00	60 00	10 00	50 00
Total.....	.....	.....	\$4,200 26	.....	\$5,385 43

No. 5 -- For Furnishing and Delivering Garden Mould Where Required on Morningside Park.

BIDDERS.	PRICE.	AMOUNT.
Bart Dunn, 5,000 cubic yards.....	\$1 80	\$9,000 00
E. J. Shafer, 5,000 cubic yards.....	1 45	7,250 00
John Slattery, 5,000 cubic yards.....	1 69	8,450 00

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, all the bids or proposals received for the improvement of Pelham Bridge road, in Pelham Bay Park, were rejected, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Ely—3.

The minutes of the meetings of July 27 and 31 and of August 17 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Alderman, transmitting copies of resolutions adopted by said Board, as follows :

1st. Authorizing the making of contracts without public letting for additional work for the completion of the first section of the Harlem River Driveway, at a cost not to exceed \$130,000, and also for the necessary work to remedy defective portions of said Driveway, at a cost of, not to exceed \$150,000. Filed.

2d. Authorizing the purchase by contract, without public letting, of exhibition cases and pedestals for the American Museum of Natural History, at a cost not to exceed \$70,000, payable from the fund authorized by chapter 235, Laws of 1895. Filed.

From the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, requesting permission to use paving blocks recently removed from the roadway of Cathedral Parkway for the maintenance of the pavement, where like stones are used, on Eighth avenue.

On motion, the request was granted, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Hudson River Boat Club, applying for permission to construct a bridge leading over Riverside Park to their boat-house at the foot of West Ninety-second street, in accordance with an accompanying plan. Referred to the President.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting plan and specifications for regulating and grading and for widening the roadway of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, between Seventh avenue and Macomb's Dam Bridge road for an approach to the new Macomb's Dam Bridge, and setting curb-stones and grading and paving with asphalt the sidewalks surrounding the plot of land north of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, between Seventh avenue and Macomb's Dam road.

On motion, the said plan and specifications were approved and the specifications ordered printed and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, a notice

was ordered published in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

2d. Submitting specifications and form of contract for erecting a sea-wall with granite coping and piers and iron railing on the northerly side of the extension of East River Park.

On motion, said specifications and form of contract were approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, a notice was ordered published in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

3d. Submitting working drawings for the construction of walks, granite steps and otherwise improving the grounds surrounding the tomb of General Grant on Riverside Park, in accordance with specifications and form of contract approved on the 17th ultimo.

On motion, the said plans or working drawings were approved.

4th. Recommending the employment of an inspector of masonry and two inspectors of paving for works now under contract. Filed.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting report of accidents and injuries, etc., in the parks for the two weeks ending August 29. Filed.

2d. Reporting in relation to the charges of disorderly conduct in the vicinity of the Carrousal in Central Park.

Commissioner McMillan moved that the Carrousal be closed on Sunday, which was lost by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Ely—2.

Noes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles—2.

Commissioner Stiles moved that the Carrousal be closed at sundown daily, including Sundays, which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Director of the Menagerie, submitting a report upon the condition of the Menagerie for the month of August. Filed.

From S. T. Terwilliger, Park Policeman, applying for leave of absence for eight days, without pay, in addition to his vacation. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting in relation to the proposed location of the Peter Cooper Monument and recommending a site, as shown on an accompanying plan.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the locality in the northerly end of the triangular plot known as Cooper Union Park, as shown on plan submitted by the Superintendent of Parks and marked "A," be and the same hereby is designated as the site for the proposed monument to Peter Cooper.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Reporting upon the application of Kneipp Verein No. 1 for permission for its members to pass barefooted over the park lawns, for health purposes, and recommending that permission be granted for such use of the open lawns of that portion of Central Park between Transverse Road No. 4, the East and West Drives and the Cross Drive from One Hundredth street and Eighth avenue leading to McGown's Pass Tavern, between the hours of 6 and 8 A. M., for one week only.

On motion, the recommendation of the Superintendent was approved and permission ordered granted accordingly.

From the Custodian of the Post Office Building, submitting plan, showing proposed changes on the southerly side of Mail street to facilitate handling of mail, for the consideration of this Department. Laid over.

From E. D. Lindsey, Consulting Architect, recommending a change in the main staircase of the Aquarium, at an expense of \$450.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street, with power, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, in relation to the jurisdiction of the avenues crossing West Seventy-second street at the points of their intersection with said street.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

From W. H. Burr, Consulting Engineer :

1st. Submitting for the consideration of the Board a communication relative to the construction of walls in the vicinity of the building formerly known as Ile's Hotel, on the line of the second section of the Harlem River Driveway.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Committee on Harlem River Driveway, with power, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Forwarding application of F. S. Smith, Assistant, for leave of absence without pay pending severe illness, and recommending that the same be granted.

On motion, leave of absence was granted Mr. Smith, as applied for, without pay.

From Henry F. Cook, Architect, applying for permission to erect projections on the proposed buildings at the corner of Riverside Drive and Eighty-sixth street, as shown on an accompanying plan.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and the same hereby is given to the erection of projections on the proposed building at the northeast corner of Eighty-sixth street and Riverside Drive, as shown on a plan filed by Henry F. Cook, Architect ; this consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a sum equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection. Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan, from the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river, reported upon matters which had been referred to said committee as follows :

1st. In the matter of the request of the Common Council of December last, that provision be made for lighting certain parks, that no funds are available for the purpose.

2d. Regarding the plans for a drive system through the grounds allotted to the use of the Botanical Garden in Bronx Park, that no definite action can be taken until such time as the site of the proposed building is determined upon.

On motion, said report was accepted.

On motion, permission was granted the People's Choral Union to sing in connection with a concert to be given in Central Park on Sunday, 20th instant.

Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Church, representing the Society of Colonial Dames, appeared before the Board and were heard in reference to the occupation by said Society of the Van Cortlandt Mansion in Van Cortlandt Park.

On motion, at 11.50 A. M., the Board went into executive session.

The President reported that, owing to the small number of masons employed on maintenance work and the depleted condition of the appropriation therefor, Edward Cunningham, Foreman of Masons had been discharged on the 22d ultimo.

On motion, the discharge of Edward Cunningham, as reported by the President, was approved, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion of President Cruger, Edward Cunningham was restored to duty as Foreman of Masons and transferred to the Engineer Corps of the Department by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President reported that the discharge of Henry S. Maley, Bridge Tender on Macomb's Dam Bridge, had been ordered, to take effect on the 27th ultimo, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks, for intoxication while on duty.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President also reported the restoration, on the 27th ultimo, of John T. Lyon and William Fogarty, as Laborers, which was approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Stiles offered the following :

Resolved, That John W. Hutchinson be, and he hereby is appointed Purchasing Agent of the Department, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the working force of the Department be placed on half time, on account of the depleted condition of the maintenance appropriation.

On motion, the matter was referred to the President, with power to place such of the force as he deems proper on half time, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to issue bonds to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars, as provided by chapter 194, Laws of 1896, to meet the expense of certain park improvements, as follows :

1. For rebuilding Gapstow Bridge in Central Park.
2. For repairing Battery sea-wall.
3. Furnishing and laying water-pipes in Central Park and avenues adjoining Morningside Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the pay and grade of David M. Callender were reduced from Foreman to Assistant Foreman, at \$75 per month, to take effect on the 5th instant, and he was ordered assigned to duty at the stables, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The matter of charges of inefficiency and neglect of duty preferred against Foremen William H. Hines and James Earle was referred to the President to give the accused a hearing, and with power to discharge said foremen if the charges are sustained, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President preferred charges against Foreman Patrick W. St. John, stating he had found him generally inefficient and careless in the performance of his duties, and in not visiting parks for which car-fare was charged, as shown in an affidavit which the President presented.

Commissioner Cruger then offered the following :

Resolved, That Foreman Patrick W. St. John be and he hereby is discharged, to take effect September 15, for general neglect of duty and falsification of car-fare returns.

Which was lost by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stiles, Ely—2.

On motion of Commissioner Ely, it was

Resolved, That all foremen of this Department who have been detailed to other work for more than one month, be returned to their legal duties.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the quantity of gravel to be furnished and delivered under contract dated July 23, 1896, with the Bouker Contracting Company, be and the same hereby is reduced twenty-five per centum, as provided by the terms of said contract.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the buildings in Pelham Bay Park situated east of the railroad, south of the road to Bartow Station and north of the Town Hall, along the Pelham Bay road, were ordered disposed of at auction sale and removed from the Park, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, Patrick Trainor, appointed July 13, 1896, and employed as a Cottage Laborer at Union Square, was ordered allowed pay from June 26, 1896, the date upon which he was placed at work by the Superintendent of Parks, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioner Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Bouker Contracting Company, gravel.....	\$6,503 66
Bent Bros., music.....	260 00
Bayne's Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music.....	260 00
P. Berlinghoff's Band, music.....	255 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	260 00
Felix I. Eben, music.....	650 00
John Elder, Jr., repairs building East River Park.....	995 00

Howard & Cauldwell, professional services.....	\$566 25
Marine Band, music.....	260 00
J. G. Rampone, ".....	780 00
W. B. Rogers, ".....	800 00
" ".....	395 00
" ".....	800 00
Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company, Riverside Park and Drive Improvement..	6,948 98
Wood & Tolmie, Overlook, Mulberry Bend Park.....	12,268 75

On motion, at 1.10 P. M., the executive session arose, and the Board adjourned to meet Thursday 10th instant, at 2 P. M.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1896—ADJOURNED MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles and Ely.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that the appeals taken in the matter of the confirmation of the proceeding for acquiring title to a public park at St. Nicholas avenue and One Hundred and Seventeenth street had been withdrawn and that this Department may proceed with the construction or improvement of the said park. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Board of Health, stating in response to the request of this Department for the services of an Inspector to report upon the sanitary condition of Central Park, that there is no Inspector in said Department whose services could be spared for the length of time required for the work. Filed.

From the Postmaster, in relation to certain proposed changes on the southerly side of Mail street and requesting that early action be taken by this Board in relation thereto. Filed.

From John W. Hutchinson, Jr., in relation to the present condition of the drinking-fountain for horses at the northerly side of Union Square. Filed.

From the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, applying for permission to lay additional cross over tracks at the westerly terminus of the railroad in Transverse Road No. 3, crossing Central Park. Referred to the President.

From C. A. Bode and P. H. J. Daly, in relation to the use of park lawns by barefooted persons. Filed.

From A. F. Reinhold, requesting that the privilege granted the members of the Kneipp Society to pass over park lawns barefooted be extended for three months.

On motion, said privilege was ordered continued until further order of the Board, upon the same lawn and conditions hitherto named.

From C. P. H. Gilbert, Architect, applying for permission to erect projections on the proposed dwelling of Philip Kleeberg on Riverside Drive, about 104 feet south of Seventy-third street.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and hereby is given to the erection of projections on the building of Philip Kleeberg on Riverside Drive, at a point about 104 feet south of Seventy-third street, as shown on a plan filed in this office by C. P. H. Gilbert, Architect ; this consent to take effect upon payment to this Department of a sum equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

From George H. Huber, complaining of the drainage from the Jerome avenue approach to the new Macomb's Dam Bridge.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction.

From the Babcock Fire Extinguisher Company, recommending that an examination be made of the fire extinguishers at the Arsenal building and the Park Stables.

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Samuel Quincy, applying for an extension of time on his contract for constructing the Gapstow Bridge in Central Park.

Referred to the President.

From the Property Owners' Union, in relation to certain high board advertising signs serving as fences opposite the upper portion of Central Park. Filed.

From the New York Advertising Sign Company, applying for permission to erect advertising signs facing Central Park on Fifty-ninth street and Broadway. Filed.

From L. E. LaTour & Co., for permission to erect an advertising sign at the southwest corner of Madison avenue and One Hundred and Twentieth street, in accordance with design submitted.

On motion, the application was denied.

From the Engineer of Construction, in relation to the improvement of transverse roads crossing Central Park.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the expenditure of the aggregate amount of the following-named balances of funds provided under chapter 11, Laws of 1894, for the improvement of transverse roads crossing Central Park, for the purpose of completing the pavement of the sidewalks and other work on Transverse Roads

Nos. 2 and 3, viz. : Transverse Road No. 1, \$589.55 ; Transverse Road No. 2, \$147.36 ; Transverse Road No. 3, \$278.38—Total, \$1,015.29.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely.—4.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting upon the application of the Standard Gas Company for permission to lay 10-inch mains on the north and south sides of West Seventy-second street, between Central Park, West, and Amsterdam avenue, and recommending that the same be granted upon proper conditions, covering restoration of the pavement, etc., under the direction of this Department and the supervision of an Inspector to be employed at the expense of said company.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendations were approved and a permit was authorized to be issued in accordance therewith.

2d. Inclosing bill of J. W. Mason & Co., amounting to \$43.75 for the use of chairs at the reviewing stand in Union Square on the occasion of the Municipal Review tendered to Li Hung Chang.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of J. W. Mason & Co., amounting to \$43.75, for the use of chairs for reviewing stand be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.," for the current year.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

3d. Asking to be advised as to the disposition of a quantity of grapes at the Lorillard Mansion in Bronx Park.

On motion, the fruit in Bronx and Van Cortlandt Parks was ordered sent to the Departments of Charities and Correction, for use in the hospitals and other institutions.

From F. Diaper, Architectural Draughtsman, submitting a time statement on the work done under contract for fitting up, etc., the building at the northerly end of East River Park, recommending that no penalty be charged against the contractor for overtime, on account of delays not the fault of the contractor.

On motion, said statement was approved and the recommendations adopted, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioner Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the week ending with the 5th instant. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon the condition of the police horses for the month of August. Filed.

The Treasurer submitted a report of moneys received by the Department during the month of August, and deposited in the City Treasury, which was ordered entered upon the minutes as follows :

NEW YORK, September 1, 1896.

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of moneys received during the month of August, 1896, and deposited in the City treasury :

August 1.	R. K. Walsh, license, Mount Morris Park.....	\$125 00
" 3.	Edgar Baker, rent St. John's Park, July and August.....	50 00
" 6.	C. B. Meyers, bay window, East End avenue.....	75 00
" 6.	I. Isaac & Co., license, Casino, July.....	833 46
" 6.	I. Isaac, license, carrousel, July.....	109 26
" 6.	I. Isaac, license, goat carriages, July.....	14 30
" 10.	Oscar H. Riker, license, swings, Central Park, July.....	18 60
" 10.	Case & Meyer, license, McGown's Pass, July.....	355 90
" 11.	Thos. J. Hogan, license, Corlears Hook Park.....	20 90
" 17.	Henry Wilson, license, Battery Park.....	400 00
" 17.	Thomas J. Brown, license, park carriages.....	1,000 00
" 17.	Otto Schwenk, license, Bronx Park.....	19 72
" 18.	S. Lasarovitz, on account of license, East River Park.....	100 00
" 18.	R. A. Gushee, license, Claremont.....	525 00
" 18.	Morton Britton, license, Battery Park.....	15 00
" 18.	D. F. Sullivan, license, Van Cortlandt Park.....	7 24
" 19.	August Braun, license, boats, Central Park.....	2,025 00
" 31.	Charles P. Hallock, agent, rents of houses.....	946 17
	Total.....	<u>\$6,640 55</u>

W. A. STILES, Treasurer.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department as to the formality of bids received on the 1st inst., for regulating and paving, etc., the Pelham Bridge road in Pelham Bay Park.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the action of this Board of the 1st inst. in rejecting all bids or proposals received that date for regulating and paving the Pelham Bridge road in Pelham Bay Park be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to return security deposits to the bidders, excepting the lowest in each case, for works for which proposals were received on the 1st inst., as

follows : 1. Regulating and paving Pelham Bridge road. 2. Furnishing mould on Morningside Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That contracts for which proposals were received on 1st inst, for furnishing and laying water pipes, etc., on the three sections of Riverside Park and Drive be and the same are hereby awarded to Bart. Dunn, he being the lowest bidder on each section; that his proposals be sent to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign said contracts for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

From the Standard Structural Company, applying for permission to erect projections on the Bowling Green Building, in course of erection at Nos. 5, 7, 9 and 11 Broadway and Nos. 5, 7, 9 and 11 Greenwich street.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and hereby is granted to the erection of projections on the fifteenth story of the building now being erected at Nos. 5, 7, 9 and 11 Broadway, and Nos. 5, 7, 9 and 11 Greenwich street, as shown on a plan filed in this office by the Standard Structural Company.

This consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection, for the privilege.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan presented a report in the matter of the application of Francis J. Schnugg, for permission to erect projections on building at the southwest corner of One Hundred and Eleventh street and Seventh avenue, and offered the following :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and hereby is given to the erection of projections on the building of Francis J. Schnugg, at the southwest corner of One Hundred and Eleventh street and Seventh avenue, as shown on the plan filed in this office.

This consent to take effect upon payment to this Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection, for the privilege.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan presented a report upon the applications of C. P. H. Gilbert, Architect, for the consent of this Department to the erection of projections on dwellings of Sarah H. Corwith and A. S. Post. on Riverside Drive, between One Hundred and First and One Hundred and Second streets, and offered the following :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and hereby is given to the erection of projections on the proposed dwelling of Sarah H. Corwith, to be erected on Riverside Drive, about 76 feet 5 inches north of One Hundred and First street, as shown on a plan filed in this office by Charles P. H. Gilbert, Architect.

This consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection, for the privilege.

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and hereby is given to the erection of projections on the proposed dwelling of A. S. Post, on Riverside Drive, about 52 feet north of One Hundred and First street, as shown on a plan filed in this office by Charles P. H. Gilbert, Architect.

This consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection, for the privilege.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting in relation to the rounding of the corners at Fifth avenue and One Hundred and Twentieth street, on the approach to Mount Morris Park, and suggested by the Department of Public Works and shown on an accompanying plan.

On motion, the proposed alteration to curb was approved, the work to be done by the Department of Public Works, upon the lines indicated by the Engineer of Construction, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

From the Captain of Police, reporting Officer William I. Warren, for having been absent from duty five days without leave.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Edward A. Miller, Assistant to Engineer of Construction, applying for an increase of pay. Filed.

The President presented a draft of notice relative to the removal of human remains from St. John's Cemetery lands, recently acquired for park purposes, which was approved and ordered published, as follows :

St. John's Cemetery, Hudson, Clarkson and Leroy streets.

To whom it may concern :

Notice is hereby given that title to this property has been acquired by the City of New York, and that it is to be laid out as a public park. Persons desirous of removing any remains therein interred will, upon application to this Department, be given permits to make such removals until November 15, 1896. After that date work upon the park will be started, the remains of the dead will not be disturbed, but the gravestones will be buried.

By order of the Department of Public Parks.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, September 10, 1896.

On motion, at 3.35 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

On motion, the pay of D. McRae Livingston, Rodman, was fixed at the rate of \$1,400 per annum, to take effect on the 15th inst., by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

The President reported the following appointments, discharges, reinstatements, etc. :

Appointed—Martin Daiss, Teamster with team, Bronx Park ; George Janvrin, Chainman ; Thomas Lockwood, Bridgetender.

Discharged—George White, Thomas Scanlon and Owen E. Owens, Painters.

Reinstated—Thomas Ryan and Peter Monahan, Laborers.

Team formerly in the name of Joseph Meyer, placed on roll in name of Frank Keegan.

On motion, the appointments, discharges, reinstatements, etc., reported by the President were approved and confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

The President, to whom was referred the matter of overtime on the contract of C. W. Collins for the construction of driveway, bridge, etc., for entrance to Central Park at One Hundred and Tenth street and Central Park, West, together with the report of the Engineer of Construction relative thereto, made a verbal report, recommending that the contractor be charged with 133½ days overtime, at the rate of \$4 per day, as a penalty for excess of time in completing his contract.

On motion, the report of the President was accepted and his recommendations approved, by the following vote :

Ayes : Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely—4.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Bayne's Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music.....	\$260 00
Bent Bros., music.....	130 00
Berlinghoff's P. Military Concert Band, etc., music.....	260 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Military Band, etc., music.....	130 00
Cassidy & Adler, earthen taps, etc.....	9 64
Consolidated Gas Company of New York, gas.....	2 85
Consolidated Gas Company of New York, gas.....	219 38
Central Gas-light Company, The, of New York City, gas.....	2 75
Hitchcock, Hiram, Treasurer, salaries, etc., Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	6,513 76
Johnson Bros., repairs lighting structure.....	786 70
Lederhaus' Squadron A Band, music.....	650 00
Lanier, Chas., Treasurer, salaries, etc., American Museum Natural History.....	5,436 88

Lanier, Chas., Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum Natural History.....	\$1,091 34
New York Mutual Gas-light Company, The, gas.....	39 00
Tufts, Walter B., pig lead, etc.....	9 72
Valentine & Co., varnish, etc.....	138 05
Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, copying ribbons.....	36 00
Whitehead, John T., connecting, etc., wires.....	113 28
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On motion, at 4.05 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned to meet Monday September 21, at 2 P. M.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles, and Ely.

A representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President opened the estimate box and publicly opened and read all estimates or proposals which had been received, in accordance with an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD, for the following-named works :

For Constructing a Roadway and Appurtenances in the Bronx and Pelham Parkway, between Bronx and Pelham Bay Parks, in the City of New York.

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No.	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	PENNELL & O'HERN.		MICHAEL REDMOND.		DUNCAN D. MCBEAN.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Grubbing and cleaning.....	6 acres.	\$40 00	\$240 00	\$50 00	\$300 00	\$50 00	\$300 00
2	Earth excavation.....	34,000 cubic yards.	25	8,500 00	30	10,200 00	25	8,500 00
3	Rock excavation.....	11,000 "	1 00	11,000 00	1 25	13,750 00	1 10	12,100 00
4	Filling to be furnished.....	55,000 "	48	26,400 00	33	18,150 00	45	24,750 00
5	5-ft. brick culvert.....	100 lineal feet.	6 00	600 00	10 00	1,000 00	10 50	1,050 00
6	3-ft. by 4-ft. brick culvert.....	130 "	4 50	585 00	8 00	1,040 00	6 50	845 00
7	2 ft. 4-in. by 3 ft. 6-in. brick culvert.....	348 "	4 00	1,392 00	6 00	2,088 00	6 25	2,175 00
8	Double 30 in. pipe culvert.....	63 "	7 00	441 00	5 00	315 00	6 00	378 00
9	2-ft. pipe culvert.....	48 "	2 95	141 60	4 00	192 00	2 75	132 00
10	12-in. drain pipe.....	1,600 "	1 25	2,000 00	50	800 00	90	1,440 00
11	8-in drain pipe.....	700 "	75	525 00	30	210 00	55	385 00
12	Receiving-basins.....	6 complete.	125 00	750 00	100 00	600 00	50 00	300 00
13	Broken range quarry-faced masonry.....	142 cubic yards.	15 00	2,130 00	15 00	2,130 00	9 00	1,278 00
14	Brick masonry.....	55 "	10 00	550 00	15 00	825 00	10 50	577 50
15	Rubble-stone masonry.....	110 "	4 00	440 00	8 00	880 00	5 00	550 00
16	Concrete.....	50 "	5 00	250 00	5 00	250 00	6 00	300 00
17	Piles.....	2,200 lineal feet.	30	660 00	20	440 00	25	550 00
18	Timber and plank.....	7,000 feet, B. M.	30 00	210 00	30 00	210 00	35 00	245 00
19	Telford pavement.....	42,700 square yards.	95	40,565 00	90	38,430 00	90	38,430 00
20	Cobble-stone pavement.....	1,820 "	50	910 00	25	455 00	60	1,092 00
	Total.....	.....	.....	\$98,289 60	.....	\$92,265 00	.....	\$95,377 50

For Constructing a Roadway and Appurtenances in the Bronx and Pelham Parkway, between Bronx and Pelham Bay Parks, in the City of New York.—Continued.

No.	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	E. J. SHAFER.		BART. DUNN.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Grubbing and cleaning.....	6 acres.	\$50 00	\$300 00	\$25 00	\$150 00
2	Earth excavation	34,000 cubic yards.	25	8,500 00	20	6,800 00
3	Rock excavation	11,000 "	1 80	19,800 00	80	8,800 00
4	Filling to be furnished.....	55,000 "	85	46,750 00	44	24,200 00
5	5-ft. brick culvert.....	100 lineal feet.	18 25	1,825 00	12 00	1,200 00
6	3-ft. by 4-ft. brick culvert	130 "	9 25	1,202 50	10 00	1,300 00
7	2 ft. 4-in. by 3 ft. 6-in. brick culvert.....	348 "	8 00	2,784 00	5 00	1,740 00
8	Double 30-in. pipe culvert.....	63 "	10 50	648 90	4 00	252 00
9	2-ft. pipe culvert	48 "	5 00	240 00	2 00	96 00
10	12-in. drain pipe	1,600 "	65	1,040 00	1 00	1,600 00
11	8-in. drain pipe	700 "	42	294 00	30	210 00
12	Receiving-basins	6 complete.	200 00	1,200 00	100 00	600 00
13	Broken range quarry-faced masonry.....	142 cubic yards.	18 00	2,556 00	24 00	3,408 00
14	Brick masonry.....	55 "	10 30	566 50	14 00	770 00
15	Rubble-tone masonry	110 "	5 00	550 00	5 00	550 00
16	Concrete	50 "	6 90	345 00	7 00	350 00
17	Piles.....	2,200 lineal feet.	30	660 00	15	330 00
18	Timber and plank.....	7,000 feet, B. M.	30 00	210 00	30 00	210 00
19	Telford pavement.....	42,700 square yards.	1 20	51,240 00	1 10	46,970 00
20	Cobble-stone pavement	1,820 "	25	455 00	30	546 00
	Total.....	.....	.....	\$141,166 90	.....	\$100,082 00

For Constructing a Roadway and Appurtenances in the Bronx and Pelham Parkway, between Bronx and Pelham Bay Parks, in the City of New York—Continued.

No.	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	F. V. SMITH.		WOOLFOLK & SILLERY.		DEWITT C. BOUKER, JR.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Grubbing and cleaning.....	6 acres.	\$50 00	\$300 00	\$80 00	\$480 00	\$25 00	\$150 00
2	Earth excavation.....	34,000 cubic yards.	25	8,500 00	35	11,900 00	25	8,500 00
3	Rock excavation.....	11,000 "	1 00	11,000 00	1 10	12,100 00	1 00	11,000 00
4	Filling to be furnished.....	55,000 "	40	22,000 00	60	33,000 00	55	30,250 00
5	5-ft. brick culvert.....	100 lineal feet.	12 00	1,200 00	14 00	1,400 00	11 00	1,100 00
6	3-ft. by 4-ft. brick culvert.....	130 "	8 00	1,040 00	9 50	1,235 00	7 50	975 00
7	2 ft. 4-in. by 3 ft. 6-in. brick culvert.....	348 "	7 00	2,436 00	7 50	2,610 00	6 00	2,088 00
8	Double 30-in. pipe culvert.....	63 "	15 00	945 00	10 00	630 00	9 00	567 00
9	2-ft. pipe culvert.....	48 "	5 00	240 00	5 00	240 00	5 00	240 00
10	12-in. drain pipe.....	1,600 "	1 50	2,400 00	70	1,120 00	80	1,280 00
11	8-in. drain pipe.....	700 "	1 00	700 00	50	350 00	60	420 00
12	Receiving-basins.....	6 complete.	160 00	560 00	155 00	930 00	150 00	900 00
13	Broken range quarry-faced masonry.....	142 cubic yards.	10 00	1,420 00	16 00	2,272 00	10 00	1,420 00
14	Brick masonry.....	55 "	15 00	825 00	14 00	770 00	11 00	605 00
15	Rubble-stone masonry.....	110 "	6 00	660 00	7 00	770 00	5 00	550 00
16	Concrete.....	50 "	7 00	350 00	9 00	450 00	6 00	300 00
17	Piles.....	2,200 lineal feet.	25	550 00	30	660 00	25	550 00
18	Timber and plank.....	7,000 feet, B. M.	25 00	175 00	30 00	210 00	28 00	196 00
19	Telford pavement.....	42,700 square yards.	1 10	46,970 00	1 40	59,780 00	83	35,441 00
20	Cobble-stone pavement.....	1,820 "	20	364 00	25	455 00	30	546 00
	Total.....			\$103,035 00		\$131,362 00		\$97,078 00

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No.	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	RODGERS & YEARELL.		JOHN B. McDONALD.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Grubbing and cleaning	6 acres.	\$50 00	\$300 00	\$50 00	\$300 00
2	Earth excavation	34,000 cubic yards.	30	10,200 00	20	6,800 00
3	Rock excavation	11,000 "	1 00	11,000 00	80	8,800 00
4	Filling to be furnished	55,000 "	40	22,000 00	30	16,500 00
5	5-ft. brick culvert	100 lineal feet.	8 00	800 00	12 00	1,200 00
6	3-ft. by 4-ft brick culvert	130 "	7 00	910 00	9 00	1,170 00
7	2-ft. 4-in. by 3 ft. 6-in. brick culvert	348 "	6 00	2,088 00	7 50	2,610 00
8	Double 30-in. pipe culvert	63 "	5 00	315 00	8 00	504 00
9	2-ft. pipe culvert	48 "	2 00	96 00	4 00	192 00
10	12-in. drain pipe	1,600 "	1 25	2,000 00	50	800 00
11	8-in. drain pipe	700 "	1 00	700 00	35	245 00
12	Receiving-basins	6 complete.	150 00	900 00	100 00	600 00
13	Broken range quarry-faced masonry	142 cubic yards.	10 00	1,420 00	9 00	1,278 00
14	Brick masonry	55 "	10 00	550 00	10 00	550 00
15	Rubble-stone masonry	110 "	6 00	660 00	5 00	550 00
16	Concrete	50 "	6 00	300 00	6 00	300 00
17	Piles	2,200 lineal feet.	25	550 00	30	660 00
18	Timber and plank	7,000 feet, B. M.	40 00	280 00	30 00	210 00
19	Telford pavement	42,700 square yards.	1 50	64,050 00	80	34,160 00
20	Cobble-stone pavement	1,800 "	50	910 00	50	910 00
	Total			\$120,029 00		\$78,339 00

For Completing the Construction of Park Enclosing Walls and Erecting Fiers, Posts, etc., for Entrances at Seventy-ninth Street and Fifth Avenue; on Fifty-ninth Street, at Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Central Park, West (Eighth Avenue); at One Hundred and Sixth Street and Central Park, West (Eighth Avenue), and (One Hundred and Tenth Street) Cathedral Parkway and Central Park, West (Eighth Avenue).

No.	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	P. J. MORAN.		THOMAS DWYER.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Rubble-stone masonry in cement.....	120 cubic yards.	\$6 50	\$780 00	\$7 00	\$840 00
2	Park enclosing wall, dressed face, at Fifty-ninth street.....	305 lineal feet.	14 00	4,270 00	13 00	3,965 00
3	Park enclosing wall, dressed face, with blue-stone base.....	16 "	14 00	224 00	15 00	240 00
4	Park enclosing wall, rock-faced.....	450 "	17 50	7,875 00	15 00	6,750 00
5	Blue-stone posts furnished and set.....	20.	75 00	1,500 00	70 00	1,400 00
6	Blue-stone sub-base.....	26 lineal feet.	2 00	52 00	4 00	104 00
7	Angle and 2 ft. by 2 ft. gneiss piers.....	11.	75 00	825 00	70 00	770 00
8	Gneiss piers to be rebuilt.....	2.	25 00	50 00	40 00	80 00
9	Octagonal gneiss pier.....	1.	300 00	300 00	350 00	350 00
10	Gneiss piers, 3 ft. by 3 ft. 9 in. (rock-faced).....	6.	250 00	1,500 00	100 00	600 00
11	Blue-stone sills.....	43 lineal feet.	3 00	144 00	5 00	240 00
	Total.....	.....	.....	\$17,520 00	.....	\$15,339 00

For Completing the Construction of Park Enclosing Walls and Erecting Piers, Posts, etc., for Entrances at Seventy-ninth Street and Fifth Avenue; on Fifty-ninth Street, at Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Central Park, West (Eighth Avenue); at One Hundred and Sixth Street and Central Park, West (Eighth Avenue), and (One Hundred and Tenth Street) Cathedral Parkway and Central Park, West (Eighth Avenue)—Continued.

No.	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	QUINCY & CRAWFORD.		GILDERSLEEVE & ROLF.		HUGHES, SCANLON & THOMSON.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Rubble-stone masonry in cement	120 cubic yards.	\$7 50	\$900 00	\$4 50	\$540 00	\$3 90	\$468 00
2	Park enclosing wall, dressed face, at Fifty-ninth street.	305 lineal feet.	11 00	3,355 00	13 96	4,257 80	8 90	2,714 50
3	Park enclosing wall, dressed face, with blue-stone base.	16 "	12 98	207 68	13 96	223 36	11 55	184 80
4	Park enclosing wall, rock-faced	450 "	13 50	6,075 00	13 96	6,282 00	11 55	5,197 50
5	Blue-stone posts furnished and set	20.	90 00	1,800 00	50 00	1,000 00	65 00	1,300 00
6	Blue-stone sub-base	26 lineal feet.	5 30	137 80	2 00	52 00	1 60	41 60
7	Angle and 2 ft. by 2 ft. gneiss piers	11.	100 00	1,100 00	64 00	704 00	135 00	1,485 00
8	Gneiss piers to be rebuilt	2.	25 00	50 00	64 00	128 00	35 00	70 00
9	Octagonal gneiss pier	1.	475 00	475 00	64 00	64 00	525 00	525 00
10	Gneiss piers, 3 ft. by 3 ft. 9 in. (rock-faced)	6.	125 00	750 00	64 00	384 00	300 00	1,800 00
11	Blue-stone sills	48 lineal feet.	4 50	216 00	3 50	168 00	3 75	180 00
	Total .....	.....	.....	\$15,066 48	.....	\$13,803 16	.....	\$13,966 40

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Postmaster Charles W. Dayton appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to proposed changes on the southerly side of Mail street, to facilitate the work of the Post-office. Further consideration of the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

The following communications were received :

From the Mayor, in relation to the Public Comfort station, proposed to be erected in City Hall Park.

Commissioner Stiles offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Board of Park Commissioners deem it inexpedient to take so large a portion of the City Hall Park for a Public Comfort station, and therefore respectfully returns the plans to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment with the recommendation that if it is determined to build such Public Comfort station in that part of the city, it be placed under Mail street, with an entrance from City Hall Park.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to ask the Commissioner of Public Works to consider the question of constructing the proposed Public Comfort station in the small park at Sixth avenue and Thirty-third street before beginning the one which it is proposed to construct in City Hall Park.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the President of the Society of Colonial Dames, in relation to the proposed lease of the Van Cortlandt Mansion, Van Cortlandt Park. Referred to the President.

From the Secretary of the National Sculpture Society, acknowledging receipt of the reference to that Society of the matter of the proposed statue of Bolivar to replace the present statue in Central Park. Filed.

From F. M. Campbell, making inquiry as to the closing of the drinking-fountain at Twenty-third street and Madison avenue. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Henry S. Thompson, complaining of a flow of water from the rocks on Morningside Park on the southerly side of West One Hundred and Twenty-third street, east of Amsterdam avenue. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Edward Somers, complaining of unsightly advertising fences on the east side of Fifth avenue, opposite Central Park. Filed.

From Hall & Ruckel, applying for permission to erect a bulletin-board facing Morningside avenue, on the easterly side of Morningside Park, between One Hundred and Eighteenth and One Hundred and Nineteenth streets. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Hall & Ruckel, applying for permission to erect a bulletin-board facing Riverside Drive, north of One Hundred and Sixteenth street. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From D. C. Bouker, Jr., contractor for the improvement of Riverside Park, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets, in relation to the disposition of large stone on the line of his work at Ninety-seventh street.

On motion, the stone referred to was ordered disposed of at auction sale.

From W. H. Burr, Consulting Engineer of the Harlem River Driveway, submitting specifications and form of contract for repairs and renewals of operating machinery, etc., on the Madison Avenue Bridge.

On motion, said specifications and form of contract were approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation and funds are available for the purpose, that an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Engineer of Construction, in relation to the construction of a system of drainage on the lower portion of East River Park, in advance of the work of paving and repaving the walks of said park between Eighty-fourth and Eighty-sixth streets. Referred to the President with power.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to the insufficiency of mould on the lawns of Riverside Park. Referred back to the Superintendent for further report.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting reports of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks during the two weeks ending on the 19th instant. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon the condition of the horses used by the Park Police. Referred to the Committee on Police.

3d. Forwarding applications of Officers James E. Fitch and Michael Kelly, for full pay for time lost on account of sickness. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Park Policeman Patrick H. Fox, applying for full pay for time lost on account of injuries received while on duty. Referred to the Committee on Police.

Alfred Craven, Division Engineer, in charge of the Jerome Park Reservoir, appeared and was heard in relation to certain improvements in connection with Mosholu parkway.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Committee on Parks north of the Harlem river.

J. W. Walters, representing the New York State Division of the League of American Wheelmen, appeared and was heard with reference to street crossings on West Seventy-second street.

A representative of the New York Advertising Sign Company appeared and was heard with reference to the height and character of fences and advertising boards adjacent to the parks.

A representative of the Oak Point Yacht Club appeared and asked for a reduction in the rental of the premises known as the Hall House occupied by said club in Pelham Bay Park.

On motion, the matter was referred to Commissioner McMillan.

The President presented a communication from Carrere & Hastings, architects, accompanied by plans and transverse section of the proposed St. John's Park, and also a number of photographs suggestive of the details and minor effects intended. Filed.

The matter of the Departmental Estimate for the year 1897 was taken up and considered, and the items, as agreed upon, were read as follows :

DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATE FOR 1897.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

Salaries—To pay entirely the salaries of the President, Secretary, Superintendent of Supplies and Repairs, Superintendent of Parks, Engineer of Construction, Meteorologist, Entomologist, Director of the Menagerie, Landscape Architect, Purchasing Agent, and general Clerical Force :

President.....	\$5,000 00	
Secretary, Superintendent, Engineer, Clerks, etc.....	35,755 00	
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Police :

Salaries of Captains, Surgeons, Sergeants, Roundsmen, Patrolmen, Doormen, Special Keepers, and wages of all persons employed in the Police Stables.....	\$377,870 00	
For Supplies and Repairs.....	15,000 00	
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Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, Construction and Repairs—For General Maintenance.....		450,000 00
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Zoological Department—For the increase and the keeping, preservation, additions to, and exhibition of the collection in the Zoological Department of the Central Park, including repairs to buildings used for that purpose.		30,000 00
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Maintenance of Museums :

For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collection in the American Museum of Natural History, the Museum to be kept open in pursuance of law.....	\$95,000 00	
For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collection in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum to be kept open in pursuance of law.....	95,000 00	
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Maintenance and Construction of New Parks North of Harlem River, including Surveying and Monumenting.....		100,000 00
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Music—Central Park and the City Parks.....		30,000 00
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Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance :

For General Maintenance and Repairs.....		39,500 00
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Telephonic Service—For Maintaining Telephonic Service for the Department....		4,000 00
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Surveys, Maps and Plans—For Making Surveys and Maps for laying-out Parks or Places, for use of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment.....	\$1,500 00
Aquarium—For the Keeping, Preservation, Exhibition and Increase of the Collection in the Aquarium at Castle Garden.....	44,850 00
Improvement of "Ryan" Park (chapter 622, Laws of 1896).....	5,000 00
Total.....	<u>\$1,328,475 00</u>

On motion, the estimate as read was adopted and ordered transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and a copy thereof to the Board of Aldermen, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 3. 50 P. M. the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were received :

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending that the pay of Robert Montgomery, Inspector of Masonry, be fixed at four dollars per day from the 7th instant, that being the regular pay for such services. Referred to the President with power.

From the Superintendent of Parks, in relation to the pay of N. J. Rose, Gardener on the work of completing the planting on Morningside Park.

On motion, the pay of N. J. Rose, Gardener, was fixed at three dollars per day, to take effect on the 21st instant, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Counsel to the Corporation :

1st. Advising the Department in relation to the proposed filling-in of the back bays on the second section of the Harlem River Driveway.

2d. In relation to making certain repairs to the crib-work on a portion of the second section, stating that in his opinion such work may be properly done under section C of the contract with J. C. Rodgers.

On motion, the Consulting Engineer was authorized to direct the contractor to proceed with the work of filling the back bays on the second section of the Harlem River Driveway, under the provisions of his contract, as advised by the Counsel to the Corporation.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the Consulting Engineer was authorized to direct the contractor for the second section of the Harlem River Driveway to proceed with the reconstruction of the front face of a portion of the crib-bulkhead, so as to bring the same to the proper line and grade at a total cost not to exceed \$1,600, as advised by the Counsel to the Corporation.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the swings in the vicinity of the Carrousal in Central Park were ordered closed at sundown daily.

President Cruger, to whom was referred the matter of charges of inefficiency against Foreman W. H. Hines, reported that he had sustained the charges, and recommended that Foreman Hines be requested to resign, and upon his refusal to do so, that he be discharged.

The recommendations of the President were approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President reported the following discharges and appointments :

Discharged.

Thomas Heffernan, Laborer ; James Kearney, Teamster, with team.

Appointments.

Andrew Brown, Teamster, with team ; Michael Dooley, Winfred H. Roberts, Inspectors of Masonry, thirty days.

Which were approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That contracts, for which proposals have been this day received, be awarded as follows : For constructing a roadway on the Bronx and Pelham parkways, to John B. McDonald ; for completing park-inclosing walls for entrances to Central Park, to Gildersleeve & Rolf, they being the lowest bidders ; that their proposals be transmitted to the Comptroller for approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to execute the contracts for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From Case & Meyer, licensees, applying for permission to obtain a hotel excise license for McGown's Pass Tavern. Laid over.

The following-named bills, having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Bloomingdale Brothers, gas stoves, etc	\$2 42
P. Berlinghoffs, music	130 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music	260 00
Cady, Berg & See, professional services, American Museum of Natural History	998 40
T. Cockerill & Son, Estimate No. 5, American Museum of Natural History	39,936 03
Dey & Somerville, tanks, etc.	249 45

Keuffel & Esser Company, paper.....	\$0 75
William H. Knight, index.....	75 00
McKesson & Robbins, witch-hazel.....	3 80
Carl Smith's Son, manure.....	375 00
Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company, asphalt walks.....	<u>3,866 80</u>

On motion, at 4.40 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles and Ely.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Cyrus Clark appeared and was heard in relation to the planting and care of trees on West End avenue, asking that provision be made therefor in the departmental estimate for the coming year, under chapter 46, Laws of 1894.

On motion, the matter was referred to the President with power to include an item for that purpose in the departmental estimate for the year 1897, if he deems proper.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Common Council, transmitting resolution, requesting that Crotona Park, North, be lighted by electricity.

On motion, it was ordered that application be made to the Gas Commission to make provision for lighting Crotona Park, North, as requested by the Common Council.

From the Cement, Asphalt and Artificial Stone Constructors' Union No. 1, alleging fraud on the part of contractors in the performance of work under contracts with the City. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for investigation and report.

From William A. Hall, applying for a renewal of the privilege of mooring his floating bath at the Battery, for a period of two years.

On motion, the President was authorized to grant Mr. Hall a renewal of his license for the period of two years upon the same terms and conditions.

From Paul Boyton, applying for permission to moor and operate his floating chute at the Battery.

On motion, the application was denied.

From J. M. McGuire, protesting against the proposed mooring of a floating chute at the Battery. Filed.

From the New York Advertising Sign Company, requesting permission to erect bulletin boards or fences for advertising at Seventh avenue and One Hundred and Tenth street, Sixty-sixth street and Central Park, West, and Broadway and Fifty-ninth street. Referred to the President.

From Mrs. A. Speri, applying for permission to erect a fence facing Riverside Drive, between Ninety-third and Ninety-fourth streets, as a protection to hot-beds and vegetable garden at that point. Referred to the President.

Commissioner Ely offered the following :

Resolved, That all applications now pending or which may be hereafter made to the Department for permission to erect fences, signs or bulletin boards adjacent to the parks, pursuant to law, be referred to the President, with power to grant, modify or deny the same.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From J. C. Rodgers, asking to be advised as to the disposition of timbers belonging to the Department at Kingsbridge. Referred to the Committee on Harlem River Driveway.

From J. C. Rodgers, contractor for the second section of the Harlem River Driveway, requesting permission to use the northerly approach to the temporary Macomb's Dam Bridge for the purpose of loading boats with loam. Referred to the Commission on Harlem River Driveway.

From Ralph A. Gushee, applying for permission to obtain an excise license permitting the service of wines and liquors with food at Claremont on Sundays.

On motion, the consent of the Board was given to the making of applications by the licensees of McGown's Pass Tavern and Claremont for excise licenses, permitting the sale of wines and liquors when served with meals in those restaurants on Sundays, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

No—Commissioner Ely—1.

From William J. Lynch, Park Policeman, applying for full pay for time lost in consequence of injuries received while on duty. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From James D. Cotter, Park Policeman, applying for full pay for time lost on account of injuries received while on duty. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting plans and specifications for constructing a parapet wall on the west side of Riverside Drive, between the existing walls at Eighty-sixth and Eighty-eighth streets. Referred to the President with power.

2d. Reporting in relation to the condition of the flooring of the City Island Bridge, between the railway tracks, and recommending that the City Island Railway Company be required to renew the same.

On motion, the City Island Railway Company was ordered notified to renew the flooring of the City Island Bridge, between their tracks, as recommended by the Engineer of Construction.

3d. Submitting a time statement on the contract of F. V. Smith for regulating and paving, etc., the approach to the New Macomb's Dam Bridge, between One Hundred and Sixty-first and One Hundred and Sixty-second streets, with recommendations for the adjustment of the amount to be paid the contractor, and recommending also that the stipulated penalty for the excess of time in completing the work (thirty-nine days) be remitted, upon condition of the contractor's acceptance of the proposed adjustment of compensation for the defective portion of the work.

On motion, the report and recommendations of the Engineer were approved and adopted.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Submitting time statement on the contract for furnishing and delivering five hundred settees for the parks, and recommending that no penalty be charged for overtime, inasmuch as the total quantity of settees were delivered within the period of ninety days, as provided by the contract.

Approved:

2d. Recommending that provision be made for obtaining mould for the Riverside Park lawns to a depth of six inches, in addition to the depth of one foot covered by present contracts for Riverside improvements.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

3d. Calling attention to the necessity for repairing the boilers and heating apparatus in the Central Park greenhouses and enclosing estimate of Thomas W. Weathered's Sons for doing the work at an expense of \$454.

On motion, the work of repairing the heating apparatus at the greenhouses was ordered proceeded with, and an order for doing the work was authorized to be issued at an expense not to exceed \$454, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

4th. Reporting upon a communication of W. W. Seymour, in regard to golf playing in Van Cortlandt Park, and recommending that the "caddies" be licensed by the Department and required to follow a fixed rate of charges for their services.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was approved, and it was ordered that hereafter only licensed "caddies" be permitted to charge for services on the park golf links.

5th. Reporting relative to the fire extinguishers at the Arsenal Building and in the Park stables. Filed.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting a report of accidents and injuries in the parks during the week ending with the 26th inst. Filed.

2d. Recommending that Officer James J. Kelly, who had been in the employ of the Department for more than one year past, be advanced in grade and pay under the rule. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Captain and Surgeon of Police, reporting the death on the 23d inst. of Officer Thomas R. McIntyre, who was killed while in the performance of his duty in stopping a runaway horse on West Seventy-second street.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, The death of Officer Thomas R. McIntyre, which occurred on the 23d inst., while in the discharge of his duty in stopping a runaway horse, has removed from the Police force of the Department a brave and efficient officer, with a record of over ten years of faithful service ;

Resolved, That this Board learns of his untimely death with regret, and extends its sympathy to his bereaved family.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the contract for which proposals were received on the 1st inst., for regulating and paving with Telford paving the Pelham Bridge road, between East Chester Bay and the northerly line of Pelham Park, be and the same is hereby awarded to William V. Molloy, the lowest bidder ; that his proposal be sent to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and, when so approved, that the President be authorized to execute the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Postmaster, as custodian of the U. S. court-house and post-office, submitting a proposed plan for removing the sidewalk and rearranging the southerly side of Mail street, opposite the post-office.

On motion of Commissioner Stiles, the matter was laid on the table by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President, from the Committee on Police, to whom was referred applications of Officers James E. Fitch, Michael Kelly and P. H. Fox for full pay for time lost on account of illness, made a verbal report recommending that the same be granted.

On motion, the report was accepted and full pay was allowed the officers as applied for, as follows :

James E. Fitch, August 12 to 15, 3 days ; Michael Kelly, August 12 to 27, 15 days ; P. H. Fox, September 8 to 15, 7 days, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to whether under the provisions of chapter 444 of the Laws of 1889, the expenditure therein authorized may be applied to work of ornamentation, etc., on the inside face of the enclosing walls of Morningside Park and adjacent thereto, as well as on the sidewalks on the exterior side of the walls.

On motion, at 3.10 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were received :

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, in relation to his compensation for services rendered in connection with the Pelham Road Bridge, and also the Madison Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of William H. Burr for the preparation of plans and specifications for the works of repairing the Pelham Road Bridge, in Pelham Bay Park, and the Madison Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river, be and the same hereby is approved, and that his compensation, which shall include the supervision of said works, be and hereby is fixed as follows : Pelham Road Bridge, \$300 ; Madison Avenue Bridge, \$250, which amounts shall be due and payable one-half upon completion of plans and specifications and one-half upon completion of the works.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From Fred. C. Willett, Leveler, applying for an increase of compensation. Laid over.

The President reported the following appointment, promotion, reinstatement and resignations :

Appointed—Thomas J. Mangin, Inspector of Masonry.

Promoted—William F. Richards, Topographical Draughtsman to Assistant Engineer.

Reinstated—Ogden C. Lowell, Laborer.

Resigned—Benjamin Smith, Laborer ; Adolph Weideman, Gardener.

On motion, the appointment, promotion and reinstatement reported by the President were approved and the resignations accepted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President reported that he had been served with a summons and complaint in a suit of A. Van Beuren & Co., brought to restrain the Department from interfering with the erection or maintenance of fences and bulletin boards adjacent to the parks.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation with a request that he take the necessary steps to protect the interests of the Department.

The following bills having been examined and audited were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment:

The American District Telegraph Company, messenger service, \$3.25; Charles W. Collins, improvement northwest corner Central Park, \$7,085.75; F. F. Fox, settees, \$2,668.75; Lederhaus' Squadron A Band, music, \$26c; J. G. Rampono's Band, music, \$390; Ryan & McFerren, shelter, Van Cortlandt Park, \$1,787.13; John Slattery, improvement Mulberry Bend Park, \$9,797.27; Felix I. Eben, music, \$130.

On motion, at 3.40 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

President—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles and Ely.

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 for the following-named works, in accordance with an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD, were publicly opened and read :

For the Construction of Walks, Granite Steps, and Otherwise Improving the Grounds Surrounding the Tomb of General U. S. Grant, Riverside Park.

No.	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES	W. J. RODGERS.		P. J. MORAN.		WILLIAM BOOTH.		JOHN T. BRADY.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation	425 cubic yards.	\$0 25	\$106 25	\$0 50	\$212 50	\$0 30	\$127 50	\$0 10	\$85 00
2	Filling	7,375 "	25	1,843 75	05	368 75	01	73 75	05	368 75
3	Mould	3,075 "	1 50	4,612 50	1 80	5,535 00	1 40	4,305 00	1 85	5,688 75
4	Sod	55,000 square feet.	03	1,650 00	05	2,750 00	02½	1,375 00	03	1,650 00
5	Rubble masonry	450 cubic yards.	2 50	1,125 00	2 50	1,125 00	2 50	1,125 00	2 00	900 00
6	Rubble masonry in cement	615 "	5 00	3,075 00	5 00	3,075 00	4 50	2,767 50	3 00	1,845 00
7	Granite platforms	444 square feet.	1 50	666 00	3 75	1,665 00	1 76	781 44	2 00	888 00
8	Granite steps	1,475 lineal feet.	2 00	2,950 00	2 50	3,687 50	1 85	2,728 75	2 25	3,318 75
9	Granite coping	1,715 "	2 50	4,287 50	7 80	13,377 00	7 20	12,348 00	6 75	11,576 25
10	Granite posts	33 (each).	5 00	165 00	35 00	1,155 00	21 00	693 00	22 00	726 00
11	Walk-basins	11 "	25 00	275 00	35 00	385 00	25 00	275 00	29 00	319 00
12	Surface-basin	1 "	15 00	15 00	50 00	50 00	40 00	40 00	32 00	32 00
13	8-inch drain pipe	450 lineal feet.	30	135 00	50	225 00	50	225 00	26	117 00
14	6-inch drain pipe	200 "	20	40 00	40	80 00	50	100 00	25	50 00
15	Walk pavement	53,600 square feet.	20	10,720 00	18	9,648 00	14¾	7,906 00	20	10,720 00
	Totals .....	.....	.....	\$31,666 00	.....	\$43,338 75	.....	\$34,800 94	.....	\$38,284 50

*For the Construction of Walks, Granite Steps and Otherwise Improving the Grounds Surrounding the Tomb of General U. S. Grant,
Riverside Park—Continued.*

No.	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	STEERS & BENSEL.		BART. DUNN.		THOMAS DWYER.		JOHN SLATTERY.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation	425 cubic yards.	\$0 35	\$148 75	.....	.....	\$0 40	\$170 00	\$0 45	\$191 25
2	Filling	7,375 "	25	1,843 75	\$0 30	\$2,212 50	20	1,475 00	.....	.....
3	Mould	3,075 "	1 50	4,612 50	1 50	4,612 50	1 50	4,612 50	1 60	4,900 00
4	Sod	55,000 square feet.	05	2,750 00	03½	1,925 00	04	2,200 00	03¼	1,787 50.
5	Rubble masonry	450 cubic yards.	2 50	1,125 00	1 20	540 00	3 00	1,350 00	2 25	1,012 50
6	Rubble masonry in cement	615 "	3 50	2,152 50	3 50	2,152 50	5 00	3,075 00	3 40	2,091 00
7	Granite platforms	444 square feet.	2 10	932 40	1 50	666 00	3 00	1,332 00	2 10	932 40
8	Granite steps	1,475 lineal feet.	2 60	3,835 00	1 60	2,360 00	2 00	2,950 00	2 45	3,613 75
9	Granite coping	1,715 "	7 90	13,548 50	6 75	11,576 25	7 00	12,005 00	7 10	12,176 50
10	Granite posts	33 (each).	28 00	924 00	22 00	726 00	20 00	666 00	26 50	874 50
11	Walk-basins	11 "	25 00	275 00	30 00	330 00	50 00	550 00	34 50	379 50
12	Surface-basin	1 "	35 00	35 00	30 00	30 00	50 00	50 00	34 50	34 50
13	8-inch drain pipe	450 lineal feet.	60	270 00	12½	56 25	50	225 00	40	180 00
14	6-inch drain pipe	200 "	60	120 00	12½	25 00	50	100 00	30	60 00
15	Walk pavement	53,600 square feet.	13½	7,236 00	20	10,720 00	20	10,720 00	15	8,040 00
	Totals .....	.....	.....	\$39,808 40	.....	\$37,932 00	... ..	\$41,474 50	.....	\$36,293 40

For the Erection of a Sea-wall with Granite Coping and Piers and Iron Railing on the Northerly Side of the Extension of the East River Park, in the City of New York.

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No.	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	STEPHEN RUDDY.		WOOLFOLK & SILLERY.		BART. DUNN.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Excavation of all kinds.....	610 cubic yards.	\$0 70	\$427 00	\$1 50	\$915 00	\$2 00	\$1,220 00
2	Filling to be furnished in place.....	1,300 "	01	13 00	10	130 00	20	260 00
3	Wall masonry.....	1,300 "	16 00	20,800 00	7 40	9,620 00	14 50	18,850 00
4	Concrete in foundation.....	40 "	7 00	280 00	6 80	272 00	7 00	280 00
5	Granite coping, furnish and set.....	382 lineal feet.	5 00	1,910 00	3 50	1,337 00	4 00	1,528 00
6	Granite piers above coping.....	5.	75 00	375 00	90 00	450 00	200 00	1,000 00
7	Galvanized iron railing.....	346 lineal feet.	1 90	657 40	2 25	778 50	2 00	692 00
	Totals.....			\$24,462 40		\$13,502 50		\$23,830 00

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No.	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	THOMAS DWYER.		A. McMILLAN & Co.		JOHN SLATTERY.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Excavation of all kinds.....	610 cubic yards.	\$1 00	\$610 00	\$0 75	\$475 50	\$2 25	\$1,372 50
2	Filling to be furnished in place.....	1,300 "	10	130 00	25	325 00	.....	.....
3	Wall masonry.....	1,300 "	10 10	13,130 00	9 20	11,960 00	10 00	13,000 00
4	Concrete in foundation.....	40 "	10 00	400 00	10 00	400 00	7 00	280 00
5	Granite coping, furnish and set.....	382 lineal feet.	7 00	2,674 00	3 00	1,146 00	5 50	2,101 00
6	Granite piers above coping.....	5.	100 00	500 00	112 10	560 00	210 00	1,050 00
7	Galvanized iron railing.....	346 lineal feet.	1 00	346 00	1 26	435 96	1 75	605 50
	Totals.....			\$17,790 00		\$15,284 46		\$18,409 00

For Regulating and Paving with Asphalt Pavement, on Present Macadam Pavement, the Carriageway of "The Circle," at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, in the City of New York.

BIDDERS.	PAVEMENT OF ASPHALT, 11,225 SQUARE YARDS.	NEW BLUESTONE CURB, STRAIGHT AND CURVED, 8 INCHES, 25 LINEAL FEET.	AMOUNT.
The Barber Asphalt Paving Company	\$2 75	\$0 70	\$30,886 25
The California Asphalt Company.....	2 68	0 68	30,100 00
Fruin-Bambrick Construction Company....	3 06	1 10	34,376 00
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	2 63 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 95	29,654 69
Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company...	2 85	0 70	32,008 75
Kelly & Booth	2 65	4 00	29,846 25

For Constructing and Putting in Place a Crib Fender, including the Squared Timber Framing for the Pelham road Draw-bridge, in Pelham Bay Park, in the City of New York.

BIDDERS.	STONE-FILLED CRIBWORK, INCLUDING SQUARED FACE TIMBERS ABOVE MEAN LOW WATER, 64,400 CUBIC FEET.	SQUARED TIMBER-WORK IN RIBBON PIECE RUNWAY PLANK, SHEATH- ING AND FRAMEWORK, 25,000 FEET B. M.	AMOUNT.
John W. Flaherty.....	\$0 09 $\frac{3}{4}$	\$37 50	\$7,216 50
Charles F. Mairs.....	06 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 00	4,694 50
Steers & Bensel.....	09 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 00	6,803 60
J. Henry Staats.....	06 $\frac{1}{10}$	40 00	5,443 60
Spearin & Preston.....	07	35 00	5,383 00
W. H. Jenks.....	09 $\frac{3}{4}$	32 00	7,079 00

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Counsel to the Corporation :

1st. Advising as to the powers and duties of this Department, under chapter 836, Laws of 1896, relative to the regulation of the height and character of fences facing public parks. Filed.

2d. In relation to the jurisdiction of West Seventy-second street at points of intersection with the avenues, stating that, in his opinion, under chapter 179, Laws of 1887, the spaces covered by such intersections were transferred to the care and control of this Department. Filed.

From Francis Mahon, applying for reinstatement as a Park Policeman. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From W. H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, submitting plans showing repairs and renewals of the turning machinery of the Madison Avenue Bridge, covered by the specifications and form of contract approved on the 21st instant.

On motion, said plans were approved.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting upon the condition of the Menagerie for the month of September. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting a time statement on the contract for the improvement of Cathedral Parkway, from Seventh avenue to Columbus avenue, and reporting as to the causes which led to the delay in the completion of the work, which, in his opinion, entitled the contractor to an extension of time.

On motion, the time for the completion of the work under said contract was extended to September 5, 1896, the date of its completion, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Submitting a time statement on the contract for laying water-pipes, etc., in Central Park, and sidewalks of avenues adjoining Morningside Park, and showing six days' overtime in the completion of said work, and recommending that no penalty be charged against the contractors for non-completion within the specified time, inasmuch as the overtime was due to unavoidable delays not the fault of the contractors.

On motion, the Engineer's report and recommendation were approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

3d. Reporting upon the complaint of the Cement, Asphalt and Artificial Stone Constructors' Union No. 1, alleging fraud on the part of contractors engaged in laying pavement for this Department, stating that personal inspections, made by his assistants and by himself from time to time, have shown the material used to be of proper quality and laid of the proper thickness. Filed, with directions that a copy be forwarded to the complainants.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Calling attention to the necessity for the adoption of rules regulating the use of Cathedral Parkway.

On motion, the rules now in force on West Seventy-second street were ordered applied to Cathedral parkway.

2d. Suggesting that the Elevated Railway Company be requested to place drip-pans under their tracks over Cathedral Parkway, between Eighth and Columbus avenues, to prevent the falling of hot cinders, etc., from the engines.

On motion, the Superintendent's suggestion was approved, and it was ordered that the Manhattan Railway Company be requested to place drip-pans on their elevated structure at the point indicated.

3d. Recommending the purchase of a quantity of mould, required for planting trees and shrubs on Riverside and Central Parks.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was approved, and the matter was referred to the President with authority to advertise for bids for furnishing the requisite quantity of mould, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Reporting upon the condition of horses used by the Park Police during the month of September. Referred to the Committee on Police.

2d. Reporting a list of accidents, injuries, etc., on the parks during the week ending with the 3d inst. Filed.

The Treasurer presented a report of moneys received by the Department and deposited in the City Treasury during the month of September, which was ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows :

NEW YORK, October 5, 1896. *To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners :*

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of moneys received during the month of September, 1896, and deposited in the City Treasury.

Sept.	2.	Clarence True, bay-window, Seventy-sixth street and Riverside Drive....	\$805 00
"	8.	Isidor Isaac & Co., Casino, August	706 37
"	8.	Isidor Isaac, carrousel, August	95 81
"	8.	Isidor Isaac, goat carriages, August	13 94
"	9.	Bloomingdale Boat Club, license	75 00
"	10.	Case & Co., McGown's Pass Tavern, August	302 96
"	10.	Edgar Baker, rent St. John's Park, September	25 00
"	11.	Oscar H. Riker, swings, Central Park, August	15 44
"	15.	R. A. Gushee, Claremont, September	525 00
"	19.	Morton Britton, license, Battery Park	15 00
"	24.	C. P. H. Gilbert, bay window	106 25
"	24.	C. P. H. Gilbert, bay window	95 00
"	24.	C. P. H. Gilbert, bay window	22 70
"	19.	Charles Lighte, license, Tompkins Square, July	28 28
"	19.	Charles Lighte, license, Tompkins Square, August	26 21
"	19.	John Lucas, license, Central Park, July	6 93
"	19.	John Lucas, license, Central Park, August	8 98
"	30.	Charles P. Hallock, rents of houses	760 05
Total			<u>\$3,633 92</u>

W. A. STILES, Treasurer.

The Committee on Police, to whom were referred communications of the Captain of Police, recommending the advancement in grade and pay of Officers England, Foley, McGill and Kelly, who have been employed one year on the force, presented a report, recommending that the said officers be advanced to the \$1,100 per annum grade, to take effect as follows: Officers John W. England, Jr., Henry J. Foley and Robert H. McGill, from August 21, 1896; Officer James J. Kelly, from September 19, 1896.

On motion, said report was received and the recommendation adopted by the following vote:
Ayes—Commissioners Cruger McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President, to whom were referred the plans and specifications submitted by the Engineer of Construction for constructing a parapet wall on the westerly side of Riverside Drive, between Eighty-sixth and Eighty-eighth streets, reported that he has examined the same and recommended that said plans and specifications be approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work.

On motion, the report and recommendation of the President were approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following:

Resolved, That hereafter no charge be made for the care of bicycles taken by the Park Police from persons injured on the parks.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 3.10 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

Communications were received from W. H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, recommending the employment of William E. Welch and Matthew E. Dunne, as Inspectors of Masonry on the Harlem River Driveway.

On motion, William E. Welch and Matthew Dunne were appointed Inspectors of Masonry for duty on the Harlem River Driveway, by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following:

Resolved, That the contract for furnishing and delivering mould on Morningside Park, be and hereby is awarded to E. J. Shafer, the lowest bidder; that his proposal be sent to the Comptroller for approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved, that the President be authorized to execute the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners, Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills, having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

The Anchor Post Company, posts, etc.....	\$496 00
H. Aschenbach, whip, etc.....	49 22
H. Aschenbach, polishing paste, etc.....	116 47
Martin B. Brown, letter files, etc.....	19 92
Martin B. Brown, binding reports.....	25 00
Bouker Contracting Company, gravel.....	8,339 56
De Witt C. Bouker, Jr., Riverside Park and Drive, Completing Construction of, from Ninety-sixth to One Hundred and Twentieth street.....	19,305 30
Alger C. Gildersleeve, inclosing wall, etc.....	5,375 30
The Communipaw Coal Company, coal.....	393 00
Gwynne & Richardson, glue, etc.....	92 51
Gwynne & Richardson, screws, etc.....	18 03
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries and wages, Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	6,331 70
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries and wages, American Museum of Natural History.....	5,159 81
Marine Band, music.....	390 00
W. B. Rogers, music.....	800 00
Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company, Riverside Park, Construction of.....	15,664 47
Steers & Bensel, laying water pipe, Central Park, etc.....	2,846 60
F. V. Smith, Cathedral Parkway, Improvement of.....	21,776 43

On motion, at 3.25 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned, to meet subject to the call of the President.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1896—ADJOURNED MEETING, 1 P. M., AT No. 187 FULTON STREET.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles and Ely.

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

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That contracts, for which proposals were received on the 5th instant, be awarded as follows :

The erection of a sea-wall, with granite coping and piers and iron railing, on the northerly side of the extension of the East River Park, in the City of New York, to Woolfolk & Sillery.

For constructing and putting in place a crib-fender, including the squared timber framing, for the Pelham road drawbridge, in Pelham Bay Park, in the City of New York, to Charles F. Mairs.—they being the lowest bidders ; that their proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contracts for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

1st. Authorizing the expenditure of \$7,500 for planting trees etc., on the sidewalks of Morningside Park. Filed.

2d. Authorizing the expenditure of unexpended balances on the sidewalks of Transverse Roads Nos. 2 and 3. Filed.

3d. Authorizing the expenditure of unexpended balance for planting trees, etc., Riverside Park. Filed.

4th. Authorizing the expenditure under chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, of the sum of \$14,000 for Gapstow bridge, Battery sea-wall, and furnishing and laying water-pipes in Central Park and avenues adjoining Morningside Park. Filed.

5th. Authorizing \$29,000 for paving and improving the Pelham Bridge road, from the Eastchester creek to the northerly line of Pelham Bay Park. Filed.

6th. Notifying the Department of the issue of bonds not to exceed \$43,250, for awards to acquire title to a public park at Avenue St. Nicholas, Seventh avenue and One Hundred and Seventeenth street. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the discharge of the following-named teamsters with teams, October 6: Thomas J. McMahon, Andrew Doolin, M. Doyle, Thomas Gaffney, William H. Smith, J. McCrave and P. McPartland. Approved.

From the West End Association, transmitting copy of resolution requesting this Department to ask the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to provide for replacing the dead trees in West End avenue. Referred to the President.

From the Committee on Police :

1st. Reporting evidence taken in the trials of members of the Police force, together with their findings and recommendations, as follows :

Theodore F. Werdann, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Fined three days' pay.

Edward J. Dougherty, conduct unbecoming an officer. Charge dismissed.

Charles Herget, off post and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

Francis J. Maguire, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Fined two days' pay.

Henry Terpeny, off post, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Fined three days' pay.

James B. Cassidy, neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

Patrick McNeaney, neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

Joseph McLaughlin, absent from duty without leave. Charge dismissed.

Patrick Meehan, neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

Edmund Tobin, off post, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

Joseph B. Donnelly, absent from duty without leave. Charge dismissed.

Thomas E. Henry, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.

Thomas E. Henry, late for roll-call (two charges). Charge dismissed.

Edward A. McNamara, absent from duty without leave. Fined two days' pay.

John Moran, absent from duty without leave. Fined three days' pay.

Patrick Linehan, absent without leave and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

James E. Fitch, neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

Henry Andereya, absent from duty without leave. Charge dismissed.

John W. Wolff, Jr., gross violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Fined five days' pay.

- Thomas R. McIntyre, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.
- James J. Kelly, neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.
- Martin D. Corbett, not properly patrolling and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.
- John J. Mitchell, absent without leave. Charge dismissed.
- Thomas Wallace, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.
- Edward O'Laughlin, neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.
- Albert W. McKean, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.
- Albert W. McKean, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.
- Joseph Higgins, neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.
- David Sheehan, off post. Charge dismissed.
- William J. Flynn, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.
- James J. Kelly, absent without leave. Charge dismissed.
- George Schaffner, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.
- Andrew J. McNulty, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.
- John V. Taylor (1), late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.
- John V. Taylor (2), violation of rules and neglect of duty. Fined five days' pay.
- Isaac Train, absent without leave. Charge dismissed.
- John F. Mahoney, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.
- Theo. F. Werdann, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Fined two days' pay.
- James Walsh, neglect of duty. Fined three days' pay.
- Thomas F. Hoey, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Fined five days' pay.
- Owen Delaney, not properly patrolling. Fined two days' pay.
- James A. Farrell, late for roll-call. Cautioned.
- Alexander McMurray, late for roll-call. Reprimanded.
- Joseph O'Brien, neglect of duty and sleeping on post. Fined ten days' pay.
- Charles Bertram, off post, violation of rules, neglect of duty, disobedience of orders and conduct unbecoming an officer. Fined five days' pay.
- Charles Bertram, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.
- On motion, the findings, penalties and disposition of charges, as recommended by the Committee on Police, were approved and confirmed by the following vote :
- Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Reporting favorably upon the following applications for full pay for time lost on account of injuries received while on duty :

James L. Havey, May 19 to 25, 5½ days ; Henry Gartelman, July 15 to 19, 5 days ; John F. McGinty, July 14 to 21, 8 days ; James D. Cotter, September 1 to 10, 9 days ; William J. Lynch, August 28 to September 4, 8 days.

On motion, full pay, as above set forth, was allowed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From John T. Brady, protesting against the award of contract for regulating and grading around the tomb of General Grant in Riverside Park. Filed.

The President submitted a proposed form for the second modification of the contract with James D. Leary for the first section of the Harlem River Driveway, drawn by William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, and dated October 7, together with two communications from the Consulting Engineer dated October 8.

The President stated that he and Commissioner McMillan had had frequent conferences with the contractor, and recommended the acceptance of the modified contract as proposed by the Consulting Engineer.

On motion, it was directed that the proposed contract be submitted to the Corporation Counsel for approval as to form, and when so approved, that the President be authorized to execute the same, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 2 P. M., the Board adjourned to meet on Monday, October 12.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1896.—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles and Ely.

The minutes of the meetings of October 5 and 8 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising of the adjournment to the 12th inst. of the case of Van Beuren & Pratt against this Department for an injunction to prevent interference with their advertising fences and bill-boards. Filed.

From the Secretary of the National Sculpture Society, in relation to the statue of Bolivar, favoring the site of the present statue in Central Park, and advising that, as soon as the completed model of the proposed new statue can be seen and examined, a report will be made as to its artistic merits.

On motion, the opinion of the Society as to a site for the statue of Bolivar was concurred in and the matter was ordered communicated to the Venezuelan Government.

From Levi Morris, commending Mounted Officer No. 264 (John Hoey), for stopping a runaway horse in the Central Park. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Alexander Hamilton Post, G. A. R., desiring permission to plant 13 small trees in one of the public parks to commemorate the original trees planted by Alexander Hamilton on Washington Heights. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

A petition signed by residents of East Ninety-ninth street and vicinity, asking that an entrance be made to Central Park, at Fifth avenue and Ninety-ninth street, was received and referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the members of the Mounted Squad of the Park Police, in relation to the disposition of prizes offered by the National Horse Show Association, and asking that the same may be used for the purchase of new blouses for the squad. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Vernon & Moore, inclosing bill for a gas-governor furnished by them and attached to the gas meter at the Arsenal building in May last.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Vernon & Moore, amounting to sixty dollars, for one forty-five light gas-governor, supplied to the Department, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., for 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, recommending the issue of an order to J. C. Rodgers, contractor on the second section of the Harlem River Driveway, for resetting coping and rejoining the corrugated iron-work necessary at the pumping station at One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street and also for relaying coping north of and under the Washington Bridge, at a cost not to exceed \$200 in all.

On motion, the Engineer's recommendation was approved, and an order was authorized issued to the contractor for doing the work at an expense not to exceed in cost \$200 by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From Irene McIntyre, widow of Officer Thomas R. McIntyre, applying for a pension. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From William I. Warren, in relation to his application for reinstatement as a Park Policeman. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Cady, Berg & See, architects, recommending the purchase of four desk-cases for the American Museum of Natural History, at an expense of \$950. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From J. C. Rodgers, contractor, asking that scows used in connection with his work of constructing the Harlem River Driveway be allowed to pass through the draw-bridges. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting death of a horse at the Central Park Stables. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, submitting report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks during the week ending with the 10th inst. Filed.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of John F. Erdmann, M. D., amounting to eighty-nine dollars, for professional services rendered to members of the Park Police Force during the absence of the Police Surgeon, from August 11 to 26, inclusive, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered

transmitted to the Finance Department for payment chargeable against the appropriation for police supplies for the current year.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President presented bills of William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, for payments on account of services rendered in connection with the Madison avenue and Pelham Road Bridges, and offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of William H. Burr, amounting to one hundred and fifty dollars, on account for services rendered in connection with the Pelham Road Bridge, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for Maintenance and Construction of New Parks north of Harlem River, etc., for the year 1896.

Resolved, That the bill of William H. Burr, amounting to one hundred and twenty-five dollars, on account for services rendered in connection with the Madison Avenue Bridge, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for Harlem River Bridges, 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 2.55 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the working force now employed on half time be employed five days per week, from the 17th inst. to the 1st prox., and thereafter on full time until further orders.

On motion, the recommendation of the Superintendent was approved.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, the pay of Robert Montgomery, Inspector of Masonry, was increased from \$3.50 to \$4 per day, as recommended by the Engineer of Construction, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, it was

Resolved, That this Board, deeming it to the public interest so to do, hereby rejects all the bids or proposals received on the 5th instant, for constructing walks, granite steps and otherwise improving the grounds around the tomb of General Grant on Riverside Park.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, the discharge of the following-named men, employed with carts, was ordered, in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks :

Peter Clonan, Thomas Noonin, Hugh Flynn and John McGivney, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting new bids or proposals for constructing walks and improving the grounds around the tomb of General Grant on Riverside Park.

The following-named bills, having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

F. W. Barrett, Southdown ram.....	\$105 00
Consolidated Gas Company of New York, gas.....	3 36
The Central Gas-light Company of New York City, gas.....	3 63
F. W. Devoe & C. T. Raynolds Company, liquid dryer.....	2 75
Peter Duryee & Co., galvanized pails.....	10 00
T. W. Decker & Sons, milk.....	13 02
The Elko Mining, Milling and Manufacturing Company, paint, etc.....	47 50
Herbert Greason, roof, etc., Bird House.....	305 00
George W. Grote, plaster paris, etc.....	26 80
A. Haas's Sons, beef.....	596 25
Peter Henderson & Co., hemp seed, etc.....	8 05
Horace Ingersoll, ground oats.....	5 50
J. A. Leighton, D. V. S., medicines, etc.....	428 90
New York Belting and Packing Company (Limited), hose, etc.....	46 00
The New York Mutual Gas-light Company, gas.....	51 50
E. H. Odgen & Co., yellow pine, etc.....	148 42
Charles Plunkett, brooms.....	4 50
J. C. Rodgers, Public Driveway, Constructing.....	52,314 00
Louis Ruhe, bird food.....	6 00
Swan & Finch Co., oil, etc.....	6 30
M. Sterns' Metropolitan Fish and Oyster Market, fish.....	46 00
Shady Hill Nurseries, plants.....	71 00
Felker L. Temple, plants.....	58 50
Walter B. Tufts, iron pipe.....	28 56
S. Wasserman, bread, etc.....	140 50
T. Wallace, sawdust.....	15 00
Charles P. Woodworth's Son & Co., carrots, etc.....	44 87
T. Hugh Boorman, laying asphalt walks.....	5,488 70
Cady, Berg & See, professional services.....	552 59
T. Cockerill & Son, American Museum of Natural History, Addition.....	22,103 53

J. C. Cady & Co., professional services	\$39 70
T. Cockerill & Son, removing cases, etc.....	794 00
MacKnight Flintic Stone Company, Mount Morris Park, Improving	3,587 28
The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephonic service	333 33
National Calcium Light Company, calcium lights....	555 00
F. V. Smith, concrete walks, etc.....	6,061 50

On motion, at 3.25 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles and Ely.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Common Council, transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing the erection of two reviewing stands on the westerly side of Madison Square for use on the 31st inst. Filed.

From the Postmaster and Custodian of the United States Court-house and Post-office, communicating further suggestions as to the treatment of the southerly side of Mail street, proposed for the convenience of the Post-office.

On motion, the Postmaster was requested to submit designs, showing the posts proposed to be placed on the line between the sidewalk and driveway.

From the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas, stating that the removal of the unused lamp-posts in Bryant Park had been ordered. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation :

1st. Advising the Department of the discontinuance of the suit of A. Van Beuren et al. against this Department for an injunction to prevent interference with the erection of advertising fences, bill-boards, etc., adjacent to parks. Filed.

2d. Advising the Department as to the application of the expenditure authorized by chapter 444, Laws of 1889, providing for the improvement of the enclosure of Morningside Park. Filed.

Commissioner Stiles offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the expenditure of the balance remaining of the amount appropriated by said Board March 5, 1891, under chapter 444, Laws of 1889, for the construction of parapet wall and railing on the southerly and westerly sides of Morningside Park, said balance amounting to \$7,009.38,

for the purpose of planting trees and other work of ornamentation of the boundaries and enclosures of said park, as shown on the revised plan this day submitted by the Superintendent of Parks.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes--Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely--4.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, communicating the action of that Board in approving plans of alterations and changes in the building of the American Museum of Natural History and making applicable for that purpose the funds authorized to be issued under chapter 235, Laws of 1895. Filed.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, suggesting the laying of asphalt strips on Fifth avenue, between Eighty-fourth and Ninetieth streets, for the use of bicyclists. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, submitting revised plans showing the work covered by the proposed modification of the contract for the first section of the Harlem River Driveway.

On motion, said plans were approved and adopted.

From the Secretary of the National Horse Show Association of America requesting that the mounted squad of the Park Police be allowed to participate in the annual horse show. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, giving notice of the semi-annual closing of the Museum building, for cleaning and rearrangement of the collections. Filed.

2d. Enclosing a copy of a communication from R. H. Hunt, Architect, relative to the expense of making preliminary trenches to determine the location, etc., of water-mains under the site of the new wing of the Art Museum Building. Filed.

From the North side Board of Trade, forwarding copy of resolutions proposing a certain tract of land bounded by Sedgwick and Cedar avenues, at Morris Heights, for a public park. Filed.

From the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, in relation to the completion of the work under their contract for paving the southerly sidewalks of Transverse Roads Nos. 1, 2 and 3, crossing Central Park, and requesting that the work be accepted. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

From Henry W. Taft, enclosing petition of the Harlem River and Portchester Railroad Company for permission to occupy certain lands in Pelham Bay Park for the purpose of constructing an overhead highway crossing adjacent to the Bartow Station of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the complaint of G. H. Huber, in relation to the drainage from the Jerome avenue approach to the new Macomb's Dam Bridge.

On motion, the Engineer of Construction was directed to consult with the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards with a view to remedying the matter complained of.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting upon a communication from the contractor for the second section of the Harlem River Driveway, asking that his scows be allowed to pass through the Harlem river bridges during the hours that the same are closed, and stating that instructions had been given the Engineers to open the bridges at all hours for the boats of the Driveway contractors and certain others. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon the petition of residents of East Ninety-ninth street and vicinity for the construction of an entrance to Central Park at Ninety-ninth street and Fifth avenue, stating that an opening had been left in the wall now in progress of erection for an entrance at the point indicated. Filed and ordered communicated to the petitioners.

3d. Inclosing bill of Carter & Collins, amounting to \$2.37, for services rendered the Department in an emergency, and recommending its payment.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Carter & Collins, amounting to \$2.37, for repairs to machinery of Macomb's Dam Bridge, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable to the appropriation for Harlem river bridges for the current year.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes - Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely - 4.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks during the week ending with the 17th instant. Filed.

From Roundsman Hubert L. Howard, applying for full pay for time lost on account of an injury received while on duty. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Henry Hardwicke, applying for permission to erect and maintain a stand for the sale of newspapers, etc., under the stairway leading to the Elevated Railway station on the easterly side of City Hall Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting that in the prosecution of the improvement of Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets, the construction of a walk ten feet in width upon the slope between the retaining-wall of the railroad and the main walk at top of slope, as shown upon the plans, had been found to be impracticable by reason of the steepness of the slopes and the many large trees that the excavation for the walk would destroy, recommending that the plans be modified so as to leave out the entire walk westerly from the main walk at the top of the slope as originally designed, between One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets.

On motion, the recommendation of the Engineer was approved and adopted and notice thereof was ordered sent to the contractor.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of the Phenix Insurance Company, amounting to twenty-five dollars for premium of insurance on the building known as The Casino in Central Park be and the same hereby is audited approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., for the current year.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, Limited, of London, amounting to six hundred and twenty-one dollars and fifteen cents, for premium of insurance on buildings and contents in the Central Park be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., for the current year.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From Austin Corbin, Jr., suggesting that in view of the fact that the enclosure set apart for the buffalo at Van Cortlandt Park is much smaller than intended and specified, the agreement be so modified that the entire number of buffalo to be sent shall not exceed 25.

On motion, the suggestion of Mr. Corbin was approved and the President was authorized to modify the agreement for the placing of buffalo in Van Cortlandt Park, so as to provide for a maximum number of 25, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize an issue of bonds to the amount of five thousand dollars, under the provision of chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, for the purpose of paving with asphalt the Circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, in addition to the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, heretofore provided for that purpose, which last-named sum has been found to be insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Stiles offered the following :

Resolved, That upon the allowance by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the additional sum asked for, for the pavement of the Circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, the contract therefor be awarded to the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, they being the lowest bid-

der, that their proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties and, when so approved, that the President be authorized to execute the said contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 2.55 P. M. the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were received :

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting favorably upon the probationary service of Thomas Lockwood, Bridge Tender.

On motion, the employment of Thomas Lockwood was ordered continued by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the resignation of Thomas O'Meara, Laborer. Accepted.

From the Superintendent of the Aquarium, reporting the resignation of John McCarthy, and recommending the employment of a man in his place.

On motion, the resignation was accepted, and the pay of Ogden C. Lowell, a Laborer in the Aquarium, was fixed at \$2 per day, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan reported that he had given a hearing to Charles Brown (veteran), a Laborer, charged with inefficiency and neglect of duty, and recommended his discharge.

On motion, the discharge of Charles Brown was ordered to take effect August 17 last, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Engineer of Construction, forwarding resignation of Edward Cunningham, Inspector of Masonry. Accepted.

The President reported that he had given a hearing to James Mahoney (veteran), a Laborer, charged with inefficiency and neglect of duty, and recommended his discharge.

On motion, the discharge of James Mahoney was approved and ordered by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, James Coyle, formerly employed as a Gardener, was ordered reinstated and transferred to the Department of Public Works, as requested by that Department, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Albert G. Bogert & Bro., review stand	\$225 00
William J. Beirsto, hose	58 80
James Biggart & Co., hay, etc	371 63
Blackfords, clams, etc	102 88
Bloomington Bros., chairs	32 50
Bonner & Van Court Steam Heating Co., valves	2 80
Consolidated Gas Co. of New York, gas	266 12
Columbia Rubber Works Co., storage tanks	225 00
Colwell Lead Co., hose, etc	78
Chesebro, Whitman & Co., ladders	26 00
Peter Duryee & Co., horseshoes, etc	28 05
Peter Duryee & Co., pliers, etc	3 00
F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Co., plumb bob, etc	19 23
Thomas C. Dunham, tennis white	73 97
T. W. Decker & Sons, milk	11 16
F. Eckel, steel tape	15 00
George W. Grote, whiting	69 42
John A. Gifford, shafts, etc	10 32
Hodgman Rubber Co., hose	3 30
Alex. D. Hurst, phaeton	250 00
Keuffel & Esser Co., tracing cloth	11 25
Keuffel & Esser Co., steel tape, etc	21 26
H. Lange & Co., coal	21 50
James McLaughlin, sand	36 00
Robert McClenahan, coal	7 80
William McDonagh, white lead	20 00
John F. McHugh, flags	6 30
McKesson & Robbins, soda, etc	11 00
E. M. Merrill, charcoal	9 00
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., hose, pipe, etc	82 81
T. N. Motley & Co., cotton waste	9 09
Theo. W. Morris & Co., glass	660 00
New York Belting and Packing Co., Limited, hose, etc	125 53
E. H. Ogden & Co., chestnut, pine, etc	918 92
William J. Peck, cement	48 75
The Prince Manufacturing Co., paint	70 72
Charles Plunkett, brooms	81 00
Price & Carl, plate glass	841 50
Albert Ravekes & Son, carpenter work	1,270 00
W. & J. Sloane, shades, etc	235 72

Swan & Finch Co., linseed oil.....	\$30 89
Swan & Finch Co., linseed oil, etc.....	13 65
Swan & Finch Co., oil, etc.....	18 17
Walter B. Tufts, yarn, etc.....	28 46
James Taylor, iron centre pieces.....	9 50
James Thompson, plaster, etc.....	2,740 00
T. Wallace, sawdust.....	1 80
Wallace & Cary, resetting radiators.....	150 00
Vought & Williams, axle boxes.....	1 71
The Barber Asphalt Paving Co., asphalt sidewalks.....	5,089 89
Charles Doll, scraping walls, etc.....	235 00
Theodore P. Huffman, hay, etc.....	4,567 04
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Co., three per cent. retained.....	144 05
Nunan & Co., wheels, etc.....	130 80
Olin J. Stephens, coal.....	127 50
A. G. Spalding & Bros., flags.....	18 00
Walter B. Tufts, iron pipe, etc.....	61 83

On motion, at 3.25 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles and Ely.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the estimates or proposals which had been received, pursuant to an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD for the construction of walks, granite steps and otherwise improving the grounds surrounding the tomb of General Grant on Riverside Park, were publicly opened and read.

Table of Bids.

No.	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	WILLIAM BOOTH.		JOHN J. HOPPER.		JOHN SLATTERY.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation.....	425 cubic yards.	\$0 25	\$106 25	\$0 50	\$212 50	\$0 40	\$170 00
2	Filling.....	7,375 "	.....	.....	15	1,106 25	.....	.....
3	Mould.....	3,075 "	1 40	4,305 00	2 00	6,150 00	1 60	4,920 00
4	Sod.....	55,000 square feet.	02½	1,375 00	05	2,750 00	03¾	1,787 50
5	Rubble masonry, dry.....	450 cubic yards.	2 00	900 00	2 70	1,215 00	2 00	900 00
6	Rubble masonry in cement.....	615 "	4 00	2,460 00	4 00	2,460 00	3 40	2,091 00
7	Granite platforms.....	444 square feet.	1 76	781 44	2 60	1,154 40	2 00	888 00
8	Granite steps.....	1,475 lineal feet.	1 85	2,728 75	2 85	4,203 75	2 20	3,245 00
9	Granite coping.....	1,715 "	7 20	12,348 00	8 35	14,320 25	6 00	10,290 00
10	Granite posts.....	33 (each.)	21 00	693 00	38 50	1,270 50	26 00	858 00
11	Walk basins.....	11 "	25 00	275 00	30 00	330 00	34 50	379 50
12	Surface basin.....	1	35 00	35 00	40 00	40 00	34 00	34 00
13	Eight-inch drain pipe.....	450 lineal feet.	50	225 00	25	112 50	40	180 00
14	Six-inch drain pipe.....	200 "	50	100 00	15	30 00	30	60 00
15	Walk pavement.....	53,600 square feet.	14¾	7,906 00	20	10,720 00	15	8,040 00
	Total.....	.....	.....	\$34,238 44	.....	\$46,075 15	.....	\$33,843 00

No.	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	BART. DUNN.		JOHN T. BRADY.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation	425 cubic yards.	.....	.....	\$0 10	\$42 50
2	Filling.....	7,375 "	\$0 25	\$1,843 75	10	737 50
3	Mould.....	3,075 "	1 40	4,305 00	1 50	4,612 50
4	Sod.....	55,000 square feet.	03½	1,925 00	03	1,650 00
5	Rubble masonry, dry.....	450 cubic yards.	1 20	540 00	2 00	900 00
6	Rubble masonry in cement.....	615 "	3 50	2,152 50	3 00	1,845 00
7	Granite platforms.....	444 square feet.	1 50	666 00	1 75	777 00
8	Granite steps.....	1,475 lineal feet.	1 60	2,360 00	1 99	2,935 25
9	Granite coping.....	1,715 "	6 75	11,576 25	5 80	9,947 00
10	Granite posts.....	33 (each.)	22 00	726 00	23 00	759 00
11	Walk basins.....	11 "	30 00	330 00	30 00	330 00
12	Surface basin.....	1	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00
13	Eight-inch drain pipe.....	450 lineal feet.	12½	56 25	30	135 00
14	Six-inch drain pipe.....	200 "	12½	25 00	30	60 00
15	Walk pavement.....	53,600 square feet.	18	9,648 00	19	10,184 00
	Total.....	.....	.....	\$36,183 75	.....	\$34,944 75

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, advising the Department of the action of said Board in providing an additional sum of \$5,000 for the work of paving with asphalt and improving the Circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, communicating the action of said Board in referring to this Department for report thereon a proposed resolution for the opening of Crotona Park, East, from Prospect avenue to the Southern Boulevard. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river.

From the Comptroller, in relation to the expenditure of the several amounts provided by the issue of bonds under chapter 511 of the Laws of 1894, for the construction and improvement of Corlears Hook Park.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the application of the balance remaining of the amount of \$7,000; provided March 26 last, under chapter 511, Laws of 1894, for fencing grass plots, furnishing settees, sodding lawns and other work necessary to complete the construction and improvement of Corlears Hook Park (or so much of said balance as may be required), to complete the payment of the contract for the erection of an overlook on said park, the same being in connection with the construction and improvement of said park, as contemplated by the act cited.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From Charles H. T. Collis, protesting against the erection of high fences on vacant lots on Fifth avenue facing Central Park. Referred to the President.

From the City Island Railway Company, stating that instructions had been given for compliance with the request of this Department for replanking the trackway of the City Island Bridge. Filed.

From the Acting General Manager of the Manhattan Railway Company, stating that drip pans would be erected over the Cathedral Parkway, between Eighth and Columbus avenues, as requested by the Department. Filed.

From H. C. Stone, Architect, applying for permission to erect projections on an apartment house in course of erection on the south side of Eighty-third street, eighty feet east of Riverside Drive. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From the Union Boat Club, desiring permission to locate their boat-house on the east side of the Harlem river, north of the Washington Bridge. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river.

From Howard & Cauldwell, Architects :

1st. Reporting the completion of the shelter on the parade ground in Van Cortlandt Park. Filed.

2d. Reporting relative to unsatisfactory work done in connection with the building of the shelter on Mulberry Bend Park and the refusal of the contractors to comply with directions to take down and rebuild the condemned work. Referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street.

From the Superintendent of the Aquarium, recommending that the slate removed in rebuilding the gallery tanks be disposed of and removed from the building.

On motion, the matter of removing the slate was referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting a time statement on the contract for repairing the masonry of the Battery sea wall between Pier "A," North river, and the westerly line of the property of the United States Government and recommending that no penalty for overtime be charged against the contractor, for the reason that the delay of seven and one-half days in the completion of the work was not due to fault on his part.

On motion, the recommendation of the Engineer was approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Reporting upon a communication from the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, asking that the work under their contract for paving the sidewalks of the Transverse roads crossing Central Park be accepted as completed, and recommending that the request of the company be granted and that a certificate of payment on acceptance of the work be prepared and forwarded to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the report and recommendation of the Engineer were approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting favorably upon a communication of the Commissioner of Public Works, suggesting the laying of a strip of asphalt on either side of Fifth avenue, between Eighty-fourth and Ninetieth streets, for the use of bicycle riders. Filed.

2d. Reporting adversely upon an application of Henry Hardwicke for permission to erect a stand for the sale of newspapers under the stairway leading to the Elevated Railway on the easterly side of City Hall Park. Approved.

From the Captain of Police, reporting a list of accidents, collisions and runaways in the parks during the week ending with the 26th instant. Filed.

Commissioner McMillan, to whom was referred the application of Youngs, Bergeson & Cornell, Architects, for permission to erect projections on the building No. 41 Union Square, presented a favorable report and offered the following :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and hereby is given to the erection of projections on the building known as No. 41 Union Square, as shown on a plan filed in this Department by Youngs, Bergeson & Cornell, Architects, such consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to fifteen dollars per square foot of the area of projection.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That, pursuant to the terms of the contract entered into with E. J. Shafer, under date of October 17, 1896, for furnishing and delivering mould on Morningside Park, the quantity of mould to be furnished and delivered under said contract be and the same hereby is decreased by a quantity equal to twenty-five per cent.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That, pursuant to the terms of the contract entered into with F. F. Fox, under date of May 19, 1896, for furnishing and delivering settees, the number of settees to be delivered under said contract be and hereby is increased by a quantity not exceeding twenty-five per centum, the increase (one hundred and twenty-five) to be furnished and delivered on Corlears Hook Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the application of Roundsman Hubert L. Howard for full pay for time lost, from September 26 to October 11, on account of an injury received while on duty, made a favorable report, recommending that full pay be allowed as applied for.

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee was approved and Roundsman Howard was allowed full pay for the time lost by him (16 days), by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 3.05 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

On motion, Richard W. Humphreys was restored to duty as Inspector of Paving, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the contract for which proposals have been this day received, for the construction of walks, granite steps and otherwise improving the grounds around the tomb of Gen. Grant on Riverside Park, be and hereby is awarded to John Slattery, the lowest bidder, that his proposal be transmitted to the Comptroller for approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That on account of illness, leave of absence be and hereby is granted to Charles H. Woodman, temporarily appointed Superintendent of Supplies and Repairs, pending Civil Service examination, until December 1, 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered forwarded to the Finance Department for payment :

Baker, Voorhis & Co., \$5 ; E. C. Bridgman, photo, etc., maps Central Park, \$110 ; F. E. Brandis' Sons & Co., repairing transit, \$26 ; James Biggart & Co., hay, etc., \$107.77 ; A. F. Brombacher & Co., pumps, etc., \$9.50 ; Bethlehem Foundry and Machine Company, fire guards, \$65 ; F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Co., coach black, etc., \$11.40 ; F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Co., paper, \$5.40 ; Peter Duryee & Co., polishing paste, etc., \$31.67 ; Joseph Edwards & Co., repairs Madison Avenue Bridge, \$160 ; Thomas J. Fitzpatrick, shoeing horses, \$45 ; S. A. French, badges, \$122.50 ; John A. Gifford, elm hubs, \$95.16 ; Gwynne & Richardson, scoop, etc., \$2.25 ; George W. Grote, glass, \$11.40 ; A. Haas' Sons, beef, \$269.10 ; Peter Henderson & Co., hemp seed, etc., \$4.55 ; Leon Hirsh & Son, chloride lime, \$25.56 ; Charles Hvass, brooms, etc., \$45 ; Horace Ingersoll, ground oats, \$17.60 ; Keuffel & Esser Company, tape, etc., \$7.93 ; E. H. Ogden & Co., yellow pine, \$31.50 ; Albert Radler, new trestle, \$70 ; Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company, sprinkler, etc., \$355 ; The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, repairing pavement, \$137.50 ; Swan & Finch Company, linseed oil, etc., \$14.30 ; James Taylor, harrow teeth, etc., \$40 ; Walter B. Tufts, rubber rings, etc., \$32.13 ; M. D. Williamson, coal, \$124.50 ; Willson, Adams & Co., stakes, \$13.75 ; The Barber Asphalt Paving Company, asphalt walks, Central Park, \$6,377 ; Thomas Dwyer, masonry sea-wall, \$3,324.58 ; Di Matteo's Madison Square Park Regimental Band, music, \$660 ; John Slattery, amount retained, \$216.04.

On motion, at 3.25 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

* A quorum not being present, no business was transacted.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles, Ely.

A representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President opened the estimate-box and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD for the following-named works :

For Constructing Parapet Wall on Westerly Side of Riverside Drive, from the Existing Wall near Eighty-sixth Street to Eighty-eighth Street, in the City of New York.

No.	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	JOSEPH BENEDETTO.		P. J. MORAN.		PATRICK F. CURRAN.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Concrete in foundation	75 cubic yards.	\$5 00	\$375 00	\$6 00	\$450 00	\$5 00	\$375 00
2	Rubble masonry in cement.....	112 "	7 00	784 00	6 00	672 00	2 50	280 00
3	Parapet wall rebuilt.	330 lineal feet.	60	198 00	2 00	660 00	1 50	495 00
4	Parapet wall to be built.....	166 "	2 20	365 20	5 00	830 00	8 25	1,369 50
5	Granite coping reset.....	330 "	95	313 50	1 00	330 00	40	132 00
6	Granite coping furnished and set.	166 "	4 00	664 00	4 00	664 00	2 50	415 00
	Total.....	.....	....	\$2,699 70	....	\$3,606 00	....	\$3,056 50

For Regulating and Grading for Widening the Roadway of One Hundred and Fifty-third Street, between Seventh avenue and Macomb's Dam Road, for an Approach to the New Macomb's Dam Bridge, and Setting Curb-stones and Grading and Paving with Asphalt the Sidewalks Surrounding the Plot of Land North of One Hundred and Fifty-third Street, between Seventh Avenue and Macomb's Dam Road.

No.	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	PATRICK F. CURRAN.		T. HUGH BOORMAN.		JOHN SLATTERY.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Excavation of all kinds	1,600 cubic yards.	\$1 50	\$2,400 00	\$2 75	\$4,400 00	\$1 60	\$2,560 00
2	Garden mould	275 "	1 75	481 25	2 00	550 00	1 45	398 75
3	Blue-stone curb, straight and curved	990 lineal feet.	1 35	1,336 50	1 25	1,237 50	1 24	1,227 60
4	Walk pavement, of asphalt	9,000 square feet.	25	2,250 00	14½	1,305 00	14	1,260 00
	Total.....	.....	....	\$6,467 75	.....	\$7,492 50	....	\$5,446 35

For Furnishing and Delivering Garden Mould where required on Central and Riverside Parks.

NAMES.	QUANTITIES.		AMOUNT.
	Garden Mould where required on Riverside and Central Parks, 6,000 cubic yards.		
William Young		\$1 75	\$10,500 00
Floyd S. Corbin.....		1 39	8,340 00
Gollick & Smith.....		1 39	8,340 00
E. J. Shafer.....		1 35	8,100 00
John Slattery.....		1 65	9,900 00
Bart Dunn.....		1 48½	8,910 00

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Common Council, transmitting a copy of a resolution requesting that action be taken in regard to unseemly advertisements displayed on sign boards on Fifth avenue, between Ninetieth and One Hundred and Tenth streets. Filed.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, advising the Department of the action of that Board, as follows :

1st. Making applicable to the purpose of planting trees and other work of ornamentation of the boundaries and enclosures of Morningside Park the sum of \$7,009.38 remaining unexpended

of the proceeds of bonds issued under chapter 444 of the Laws of 1889, for the construction of parapet wall and railing on the southerly and westerly sides of said park. Filed.

2d. Authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$10,000, under chapter 194, Laws of 1896, for the purpose of defraying the expense of making necessary repairs to the Madison Avenue Bridge and drive crossing the Harlem River. Filed.

3d. Authorizing the expenditure of the balance of proceeds of bonds issued for the improvement of Corlears Hook Park, for the purpose of completing payment of the contract for the erection of an overlook in said park. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department of the confirmation, on the 7th of August, 1896, of the proceedings for acquiring title, under chapter 581, Laws of 1894, to the lands to be designated as Fort Washington Park. Filed.

On motion, the Superintendent of Parks was directed to examine and report upon the present condition of Fort Washington Park property, with a view to providing the necessary protection, and the Engineer of Construction was directed to prepare and submit a map showing said park.

From the Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, transmitting a copy of a resolution of the trustees, requesting that the expenditure of the sum of \$500 be authorized for making preliminary trenches to determine the location of water-mains under the site of the proposed new Museum wing:

On motion, the making of preliminary trenches on the site of the proposed Museum wing was approved, and the trustees were authorized to proceed with the work at an expense not to exceed the amount named, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From S. S. Howland, complaining of meetings held nightly in the vicinity of the Worth Monument. Referred to the Captain of Police for report.

From Henry S. Brewster, suggesting that an approach be constructed leading to the bridle road on the westerly side of Central Park, near Seventy-fourth street. Filed.

From the Prince & Kinkel Iron Works, requesting permission to erect an iron awning in front of the ladies' entrance to the Hotel New Netherlands, Fifty-ninth street and Fifth avenue. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From George E. Bissell, sculptor, in relation to a change of site of the De Peyster Statue in Bowling Green. Referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street.

From Charles P. Hallock, agent, reporting upon the condition and management of the dwelling-houses in the parks above the Harlem river. Referred to the President with power.

From F. Thilemann, Jr., requesting to be relieved of further responsibility in relation to the condition of the north approach to the temporary Macomb's Dam Bridge, which he agreed to maintain during the period he used said approach under permission of this Department.

On motion, Mr. Thilemann's request was granted.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting an estimate of the cost of laying asphalt paths on either side of the roadway of Transverse Road No. 1, crossing Central Park. Filed.

2d. Submitting a plan showing proposed change of the grade for the construction of the roadway in the Bronx and Pelham Parkway, between the Boston road and the Williamsbridge road, with a view to securing better drainage.

On motion, said plan was approved.

3d. Reporting an estimate of the cost of repairing and resurfacing the macadamized roadway of One Hundred and Tenth street, between Fifth and Seventh avenues. Filed.

4th. Transmitting a certificate for payment on acceptance of work of paving with asphalt the walks of the southerly sides of Transverse Roads Nos. 1, 2 and 3, crossing Central Park, recommending that no penalty be charged against the contractor for excess of time, inasmuch as the delay in the completion of the work was due to its suspension by the Department.

On motion, the report of the Engineer was approved and adopted and the payment certificate ordered forwarded to the Finance Department for payment by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting relative to the disposition of a quantity of slate taken from the tanks in the Aquarium and recommending that the same be disposed of at auction sale.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was approved.

2d. Submitting a plan showing the territory immediately adjoining the boundary walls of Central Park, commencing at One Hundredth street and Central Park, West, and extending to Cathedral Parkway, thence to Fifth avenue and thence to Ninetieth street, proposed to be improved by the plantation of trees and shrubs.

On motion, the plan submitted by the Superintendent was approved.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the two weeks ending with the 7th inst. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon the condition of the horses used by the Mounted Police for the month of October. Filed.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting upon the condition of the Menagerie for the month of October. Filed.

The Treasurer presented a statement showing moneys received during the month of October and deposited in the City Treasury, which was ordered entered upon the minutes as follows :

NEW YORK, November 2, 1896. *To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners :*

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of moneys received during the month of October, 1896, and deposited in the City Treasury.

October	7.	Isidor Isaac & Co., Casino, September.....	\$499	19
"	7.	Isidor Isaac, carrousel, September.....	59	30
"	7.	" " goat carriages, September.....	14	01
"	7.	D. F. Sullivan, license, Van Cortlandt Park—		
		September.....	\$3	64
		October.....	72	
				4 36
"	9.	Charles Lighte, Tompkins Square, September.....	6	67
"	9.	Oscar H. Riker, swings, Central Park, September.....	7	56
"	12.	Case & Co., McGown's Pass, September.....	191	65
"	12.	Edgar Barker, rent, St. John's Park, October.....	25	00
"	13.	Thomas J. Hogan, Corlears Hook Park.....	41	60
"	20.	Otto Schwenk, Bronx Park, August.....	7	67
"	20.	Otto Schwenk, Bronx Park, September.....	6	96
"	21.	Morton Britton, Battery Park.....	15	00
"	21.	John Lucas, donkeys, Central Park, September.....	12	10
"	22.	R. A. Gushee, Claremont, October.....	525	00
"	27.	Mrs. Dorschell, bath-house, West Eighty-third street, July, August, September and October, 1896.....	40	00
"	31.	Charles P. Hallock, agent, rents of houses.....	1,053	30
		Total.....	\$2,509	37

W. A. STILES, Treasurer.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of six thousand dollars, in the manner provided by chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, to defray the expense of widening the roadway of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, between Seventh avenue and Macomb's Dam road, and improving the sidewalks surrounding the gore of land north of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, between Seventh avenue and Macomb's Dam road.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That a commission of one and one-half per cent. be paid to Howard & Cauldwell, architects, for services in supervising the work of erecting the following-named park structures, in addition to the commission of three and one-half per cent. heretofore paid for the preparation of plans and specifications for such structures :

Mulberry Bend Park Overlook, Shelter in Van Cortlandt Park, Gapstow Bridge, Central Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 3.15 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were received :

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer :

1st. Inclosing bill for payment on account of services rendered in connection with the construction of the Harlem River Driveway.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of William H. Burr, amounting to one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, on account of services rendered as Consulting Engineer in charge of the completion of the Harlem River Driveway, be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the fund "Public Driveway, Construction of."

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Inclosing copy of a letter from J. C. Rodgers, contractor, in relation to the work of filling back-bays in connection with the second section of the Harlem River Driveway. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

3d. Recommending the appointment of William Brooks as Inspector of Masonry on the Harlem River Driveway, and also recommending that Bernard Farley, Inspector of Pier Building or Crib Work, who was granted leave of absence without pay during the suspension of the work, be reinstated.

On motion, Bernard Farley, Inspector of Pier Building, was ordered to report for duty forthwith, and the matter of the appointment of an Inspector of Masonry was laid over.

From William H. Ellis, resigning his position as Inspector of Pier Building on the Harlem River Driveway, to take effect on the 1st inst. Accepted.

From Thomas J. Mangin, resigning his position as Inspector of Masonry on the Harlem River Driveway. Accepted.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending that the temporary appointment of the following-named employees be extended to January 1 next:

James F. Marion, Axeman ; Christopher A. Farrell, Axeman, and George Janvrin, Chainman.

And also recommending that William B. Taylor, Chainman, be regularly appointed for such time as his services may be required.

On motion, the recommendations of the Engineer were approved and the appointments continued as recommended by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Recommending that the working force in the parks north of the Harlem river be placed on full time until further orders.

On motion, the recommendation of the Superintendent was approved.

2d. Reporting the resignation of Freeman Strait, Laborer. Accepted.

3d. Recommending the discharge of Joseph S. Shirlaw, Laborer, for intoxication and insubordination.

On motion, Joseph J. Shirlaw was discharged from the employ of the Department by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

4th. Forwarding application of Thomas Gillespie, Laborer, for leave of absence for four months.

On motion, leave of absence was granted Thomas Gillespie, as applied for, without pay.

From Isidor Isaac, applying for a renewal of license for the sale of refreshments at the Casino, Arsenal, Dairy and Skate House in Central Park. Laid over.

The President recommended that the house in Van Cortlandt Park, now partly used as a Police station, be placed in proper repair for a restaurant, with lockers and other conveniences for golf players, and that the stable adjoining the same be fitted up for a Police station.

On motion, the recommendation of the President was approved and he was authorized to cause the same to be carried out, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That James E. Fitzpatrick, Robert H. Craig and George Hall, Park Policemen, be and they hereby are promoted to the grade and pay of Roundsman.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the contract for furnishing and delivering garden mould where required on Central and Riverside Parks, for which proposals have been this day received, be awarded to E. J. Shafer, the lowest bidder ; that his proposal be sent to the Comptroller for approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign the said contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the bid of A. J. Connolly, of \$350, for sinking a salt-water well in the Aquarium, and the bid of H. B. Merrill, of \$1,505, for furnishing a steam pump and connections for the Aquarium, were accepted and orders were authorized to be issued to the respective parties for doing the work, etc., at an expense not to exceed the amounts of their estimates, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

The Anchor Post Company, posts, \$52 ; Abendroth & Root Manufacturing Company, leader, etc., \$23.63 ; J. J. Adams & Co., roof brushes, \$6.07 ; F. E. Brandis' Sons & Co., instrument, \$130 ; T. W. Decker & Son, milk, \$12.60 ; Peter Duryea & Co., wrench, etc., \$4.52 ; Moses D. Gottlieb, music, \$125 ; Manhattan Cement Company, cement, \$49.25 ; E. H. Ogden & Co., spruce, etc., \$93.10 ; William J. Peck, mortar, etc., \$51 ; Revere Rubber Company, tubing, \$16.20 ; John Ward, horseshoeing, \$30 ; Willson, Adams & Co., yellow pine, etc., \$349.12 ; H. Aschenbach, spring collar, \$15 ; De Witt C. Bouker, Jr., grading, etc., \$18,948.40 ; Bonner & Van Court, flange union, etc., \$11 ; James Biggart & Co., oats, etc., \$119.28 ; Brown & Fleming, screenings, \$717.74 ; F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Co., paper, etc., \$21.55 ; Henry A. Dreer, plants, \$58 ; F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Co., paper, etc., \$2.40 ; Albert Ferguson & Co., oil, \$9.41 ; Gwynne & Richardson, brushes, etc., \$10.20 ; John A. Gifford, apron, \$1.70 ; A. Haas's Sons, beef, \$279.45 ; Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries and wages, Metropolitan Museum of Art, \$6,362.20 ; Charles Hvass, brooms, \$11.25 ; Hopkins Magic Gold Dust Company, gold dust, \$12 ; Horace Ingersoll, oil meal, etc., \$14.40 ; The Industrial Christian Alliance Company, brooms, \$4.80 ; Keuffel & Esser Co., repairing tape, \$3.75 ; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries and wages, American Museum of Natural History, \$5,781.64 ; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries and wages, American Museum of Natural History, \$125 ; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$217 ; McKesson & Robbins, linseed, etc., \$14.17 ; Robert McClenahan, coal, \$36.85 ; E. H. Ogden & Co., spruce, \$143.40 ; Ryan & McFerran, Shelter, Van Cortlandt Park, \$4,831.87 ; The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, paving, \$694.77 ; Walter B. Tufts, crosses, etc., \$97.52 ; Todd & Co., salt, \$7.85 ; Trow Directory, Printing and Book-Binding Company, directories, \$22.50 ; Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company, \$14,093.59 ; Willson, Adams & Co., yellow pine, \$233.66 ; Alfred P. Boller, professional services, \$258.40 ; William H. Burr, professional services, \$1,250 ; Howard & Cauldwell, professional services, \$330.95 ; J. C. Rodgers, public driveway, \$66,750.80.

On motion, at 4 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles and Ely.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the estimate-box was opened, and the President opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance to an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD for the removal of the old centre casting, the supplying and putting in place of the new centre casting, the removal of two old engines, the supplying and putting in place in Engine-room over the roadway of a new engine ; the supplying and putting in place of certain shafting, bearings and other machinery and appliances, and the supplying and putting in place of such other materials and the doing of such other work as may be necessary ; all at the Madison Avenue Bridge, over the Harlem river.

BIDDER'S NAME.	AMOUNT.
Joseph Edwards & Co.....	\$10,880 00

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the President of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, requesting a six months' extension of the permit issued for the wagons of the society to pass over Park Drives, for the purpose of giving outings to the children under its care. Granted.

From the Secretary of the West End Association, requesting that provision be made for wider sidewalks on the easterly and westerly sides of Manhattan Square. Filed.

From the Secretary of the North Side Board of Trade, requesting that rows of trees be planted around the borders of St. Mary's, Crotona and Bronx Parks, and that a shore road be constructed in Pelham Bay Park. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Oak Point Yacht Club, requesting permission to build a shed on the premises occupied by said club in Pelham Bay Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From Howard & Cauldwell, Architects, submitting a time statement on the contract for rebuilding the Gapstow Bridge in Central Park, recommending that the time for the completion of said contract be extended to November 10, 1896, on account of unavoidable delays in the prosecution of the work, which were not the fault of the contractor.

On motion, the recommendation of the Architects was approved, and the time for the completion of the said contract was extended in accordance therewith.

From the Assistant Secretary, reporting upon the sale at public auction of a portion of a building standing on lands acquired for the Jerome avenue approach to the New Macomb's Dam Bridge, and also the building standing on East River Park, between Eighty-fourth and Eighty-fifth streets. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting a time statement on a contract for alterations of the curb-stone and roadway pavement at corners and paving the exterior sidewalk of Mount Morris Park, recommending that no penalty be charged against the contractor for overtime.

On motion, the recommendation of the Engineer was approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Submitting a time statement on a contract for constructing blue-stone steps and walks at the entrance to Central Park at One Hundred and Tenth street at Central Park, West, recommending that the time for the completion of the work be extended seventeen and one-half days on account of delays to the work not the fault of the contractor.

On motion, the recommendation was approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

3d. Reporting upon a communication from the Good Government Club of the Nineteenth Assembly District respecting the use of the sidewalks on Riverside Drive, between Eighty-third and Eighty-seventh streets, by contractors in hauling mould. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the death of John Brady, a Laborer employed at St. Mary's Park. Filed.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Reporting a list of accidents, collisions and runaways in the Park during the week ending with the 14th instant. Filed.

2d. Reporting the death of Thomas Cody, who was detailed as Doorman at the Police Substation at the Aquarium. Filed.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted October 26, 1896, decreasing the quantity of garden mould to be furnished under contract with E. J. Shafer, dated October 17, 1896, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bid or proposal this day received for the repair and renewal of the machinery of the Madison Avenue Bridge over Harlem river be and hereby is rejected, this Board deeming it to the interest of the city so to do, and that an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting new bids for doing the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize an expenditure, for the purpose of purchasing mould for the improvement of the territory of Central Park, adjoining its boundary walls north of Ninetieth street, as shown on the plan approved on the 9th instant, of the sum of fifteen thousand dollars from the balance remaining of the amount authorized by said Board June 30, 1896, for the completion of enclosing-walls, etc., at the entrances of Central Park, under chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the contract for constructing a parapet wall, etc., on Riverside Drive, from the existing wall near Eighty-sixth street to Eighty-eighth street, for which proposals were received on the 9th inst., be awarded to Joseph Benedetto, the lowest bidder, that his proposal be sent to the Comptroller for approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign said contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 3 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were received :

From Cady, Berg & See, Architects, recommending that an order be issued to B. & W. B. Smith, for furnishing a group case for the American Museum of Natural History, at an expense not to exceed \$410.

Referred to the President to obtain additional estimates.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, recommending the appointment of F. P. Gaudineer as an Inspector of Pier Building, for duty in connection with the work of rebuilding the crib-fender of the Pelham Road Bridge.

On motion, F. P. Gaudineer was appointed Inspector of Pier Building for the period of thirty days by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan, to whom was referred the communication of Cady, Berg & See, Architects, enclosing an estimate of A. Kimbel & Sons, amounting to \$950, for furnishing four desk cases, required for the American Museum of Natural History, made a favorable report, recommending that an order be issued to construct and furnish the said cases at a cost not to exceed the amount of the estimate submitted.

On motion, the said recommendation was approved, and the issue of an order to A. Kimbel & Sons in accordance therewith, was authorized by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, Treadwell Seaman and William Brooks were appointed Inspectors of Masonry, for duty on the Harlem River Driveway, for a period of thirty days, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, Michael Carmody was restored to duty as a Laborer and assigned to work at the Sub-Police Station at the Aquarium in place of Thomas Cody, deceased, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President reported that a hearing had been given James Craig, a Laborer charged with inefficiency, and recommended that the said Craig be discharged from the employ of the Department.

On motion, the discharge of James Craig was ordered by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills, having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

T. Hugh Boorman, asphalt walks, \$8,085.70 ; T. Cockerill & Son, west wing, American Museum of Natural History, \$37,768.75 ; Cady, Berg & See, professional services, \$944.22 ; Alger C. Gildersleeve, park enclosing wall, \$6,911.10 ; Howard & Cauldwell, professional services, \$327.60 ; Andrew McMillan, entrance One Hundred and Tenth street, \$2,737.71 ; MacKnight Flintic Stone Company, laying asphalt, \$2,915.52 ; Alfred Nugent & Son, Overlook, Mulberry Bend Park, \$6,293.92 ; Samuel Quincey, Gapstow Bridge, Central Park, \$4,193.28 ; James Biggart & Co., oats, etc., \$28.80 ; Central Gas-light Company of New York City, gas, \$3.75 ; Consolidated Gas Company of New York, gas, \$4.04 ; Consolidated Gas Company of New York, gas, \$317.87 ; De Voursney Bros., lamps, etc., \$16 ; Peter Duryee & Co., horseshoes, etc.,

\$62.75 ; John A. Gifford, leather, etc., \$8.75 ; Gwynne & Richardson, nails, etc., \$14.40 ; Initial Towel Supply Company, use of towels, \$19.50 ; The India Rubber Comb Company, elevating pipe, etc., \$233.12 ; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$13.50 ; M. McClenahan, coal, \$62.10 ; Manhattan Cement Company, cement, \$49.25 ; J. W. Mason & Co., chairs loaned, \$25 ; New York Mutual Gas-light Company, gas, \$65.38 ; William J. Peck, brick, \$30 ; Scoville Manufacturing Company, buttons, \$101.25 ; Walter B. Tufts, iron, \$57.34 ; Charles P. Woodworth's Son & Co., apples, etc., \$22 ; Thomas W. Weathered's Sons, repairs, boiler, etc., \$454 ; Clinton H. Smith, petty disbursements, \$944.13.

On motion, at 3.25 P. M., the executive session arose, and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles and Ely.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting copies of resolutions providing for the payment of certain expenses incurred in connection with the proceeding for acquiring lands for a public park in the Twelfth Ward, under chapter 59 of the Laws of 1894. Filed.

From the Secretary of the North Side Board of Trade, communicating resolutions requesting that immediate steps be taken to carry out the law authorizing the removal of the Old Macomb's Dam Bridge to One Hundred and Forty-ninth street and the Harlem river. Filed.

From James E. Ware, architect, applying for permission to erect projections on a proposed building at the northeast corner of Riverside Drive and Eighty-third street, as shown on an accompanying plan.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and the same hereby is given to the erection of projections on a building to be erected by Charles Lowen, at the northeast corner of Riverside Drive and Eighty-third street, as shown on a plan filed in this office by James E. Ware, architect, such consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

From Edward Severin Clark, offering to present a sculptured fountain to the Department for use in the Central Park. Referred to the National Sculpture Society for report as to the artistic merits of the proffered fountain.

From the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas of the Department of Public Works, stating that the unused lamp-posts in Madison, Union and Washington Square Parks had been ordered removed. Filed.

From Henry G. Silleck, Jr., commending Officer Adolph Holtze for stopping a runaway horse in the Central Park on the 13th instant. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Emil Labishiner, Charles D. McClure and others, requesting the promotion of Officer George H. Donohue to the grade of Roundsman. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the American Swan Boat Company, applying for renewal of the license for the swan-boat service on the Pond in Central Park at a reduced rental. Referred to the President.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, in relation to the filling required for the back bays on the second section of the Harlem River Driveway. Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his advice as to the proper method to be employed for obtaining filling.

From William C. Zwisler, resigning his position as a Park Policeman. Accepted.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the death of Maurice Barry, Driver of the departmental supply wagon. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting specifications and form of contract for paving with rubble stones, rock-work and walls the slope of the Pool near One Hundred and Second street and Central Park, West, and calling attention to the present condition of the bottom of the Pool. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

2d. Submitting a plan and profile, with proposed grade, of that portion of the Bronx and Pelham Parkway lying between the Baychester avenue or lane and the Eastern Boulevard, in Pelham Bay Park, the improvement of which was not included in the existing contract for the parkway. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a report of accidents, runaways and collisions in the parks for the week ending with the 21st instant. Filed.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Whereas, In pursuance of the provisions of chapter 537 of the Laws of 1896, lands have been acquired for the purposes of a public park at the junction of East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, the Kingsbridge road and the Grand Boulevard or Concourse, in the Twenty-fourth Ward ; and

Whereas, This Department is directed to proceed with the construction, improvement and embellishment of said public park at an expense not exceeding ten thousand dollars, to be raised by Revenue Bonds, which section 4 of said act authorizes, empowers and directs the Comptroller to issue, and requires that the redemption of said bonds shall be provided for by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the Final Estimates for the year 1897 ;

Resolved, That the Comptroller be notified of the readiness of this Department to proceed with the construction, improvement and embellishment of said park as soon as advised by him that funds are available for the purpose.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles, Ely—4.

P. S. Garretson, representing the United States Government, appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to certain proposed alterations of the sidewalks of Mail street, at the northerly end of the Post Office building, and submitted plans showing the proposed changes.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street.

Commissioner Cruger moved that Commissioner Samuel McMillan be elected President of the Board, to serve until May 1, 1897.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

Commissioner Stiles moved that Commissioner S. V. R. Cruger be elected Vice-President of the Board, to serve until May 1, 1897.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Stiles, Ely—3.

Commissioner Cruger moved that Commissioner William A. Stiles be elected Treasurer of the Board, to serve until May 1, 1897.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Ely—3.

Commissioner McMillan, upon taking the chair, announced that all standing committees would be continued as at present constituted.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, William I. Warren, who had been dropped from the rolls, was reinstated as a Park Policeman by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Stiles, from the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street, to whom was referred the communication from George E. Bissell, requesting a change in the location of the De Peyster statue in Bowling Green Park, made a verbal adverse report in the matter, which was accepted.

On motion, at 3.05 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the discharge of William Head, a Laborer on Riverside Drive, for inefficiency and neglect of duty.

On motion, the discharge of William Head was ordered, as recommended, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, Daniel Blake was restored to duty as a Laborer.

On motion, Thomas Carman and William O'Neill, Teamsters with teams, were appointed for duty under the Superintendent of Parks, Carl Schmidtke was employed as an Inspector of Pipe, and Thomas J. White was appointed Receiving Clerk, at a compensation of \$75 per month, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills, having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Andorra Nurseries, plants, \$174.80 ; The Anchor Post Company, posts, \$20 ; The Burnett Company, scoops, \$5.67 ; Blackford's, clams, etc., \$49.56 ; Peter Duryee & Co., lanterns, etc., \$9.68 ; T. W. Decker & Sons, milk, \$11.16 ; Ellwanger & Barry, plants, \$49.75 ; Gwynne & Richardson, spikes, etc., \$17.15 ; Peter Henderson & Co., hemp seed, etc., \$3.65 ; Keuffel & Esser Company, paragon scales, etc., \$4.32 ; Keene & Foulk, plants, \$35 ; J. A. Leighton, D. V. S., professional services, etc., \$187.65 ; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$43 ; Thomas Meehan & Sons, plants, \$43.78 ; McKesson & Robbins, castor oil, etc., \$21.34 ; Robert McClenahan, coal, \$4.65 ; Thomas F. Parker, plants, \$8 ; Parsons & Sons Company (Limited), plants, \$410.75 ; Louis Ruhe, bird food, \$18 ; E. G. Soltmann, black prints, \$6.12 ; J. S. Woodhouse, stable forks, \$4.25 ; C. C. White Manufacturing Company, toilet paper, \$6.56 ; S. Wasserman, bread, \$46.50 ; T. Wallace, sawdust, \$15.

On motion, at 3:25 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners McMillan (President), Cruger, Stiles, Ely.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Secretary of the Greater New York Commission, requesting views of this Department as to the proposed consolidation of the entire police force of the Greater New York—municipal, park and bridge—into one body, under the control of one Board of Police, now under consideration. Referred to the Committee on Police for report.

From L. Eickwort, E. W. Mansfield and others, requesting that the Bronx river, from West Farms Dam to the Bronxdale Bridge, be set apart for skating during the coming winter, and that accommodations be provided for skaters. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river.

From the Henry-Bonnard Bronze Company, in relation to the cleaning of the bronze work of the park statuary. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From August Braun, applying for a renewal of his license for the hiring of skates and chairs on the Central Park lake for coming season. Referred to the President.

From Louis Taubert, applying for the privilege of erecting and maintaining a stand for the sale of flowers under the stairway of the elevated railroad on the easterly side of City Hall Park. Denied.

From the Director of the Menagerie, submitting plans and specifications for erecting an iron railing around the deer paddock, south of the Arsenal Building in Central Park, together with an estimate of the cost.

On motion, the plans and specifications as submitted were approved, and the specifications and form of contract were ordered forwarded to the Counsel to the Corporation for approval, and

when so approved, an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting a list of small city parks in which the asphalt walks require paving or repaving. Filed.

2d. Submitting a time statement on the contract of the Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company, for regulating, grading and paving the roadway and sidewalks and otherwise improving the Cathedral Parkway, between Columbus and Riverside avenues.

On motion, the matter of the overtime on said contract was referred to the President with power.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting a report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks during the week ending with the 28th instant. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon the sanitary condition of the police stables at the sheep fold. Laid over.

Mr. McDonald, representing the West End Association, appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to the care of trees and grass plots on West End avenue, requesting that application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for an appropriation for that purpose.

On motion of Commissioner Stiles, the Superintendent was ordered to report as to the cost of the proposed work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger submitted a form of lease for the occupancy of the Van Cortlandt Mansion by the Society of Colonial Dames.

On motion, the matter was referred to Commissioner Ely to confer with the Counsel to the Corporation respecting the provisions of the lease.

The Committee on Police reported upon the evidence taken in the trials of Park Policemen, together with their findings and recommendations, as follows :

James Bennett, absent without leave. Charge dismissed.

Francis M. Campbell (No. 1), absent from duty without leave. Charge dismissed.

Bernard Doyle, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Fined five days' pay.

Patrick Durkin, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.

George E. Fisher, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.

James Gorman, neglect of duty. Fined three days' pay.

James Livingston, conduct unbecoming an officer. Charge dismissed.

Patrick Linehan, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.

James F. McIntyre, neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

Albert W. McKean, neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

John T. McGee, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.

Christopher F. McMahon, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.

Patrick McKiernan, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

John F. Mooney, absent without leave. Charge dismissed.

James Nash, intoxication. Fined thirty days' pay.

William S. Ryerson (1), late for roll-call; (2) late for roll-call. Fined five days' pay.

Morty Sullivan, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.

On motion, the findings, dispositions and penalties as recommended by the Committee on Police were approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 2.55 P. M. the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were received :

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Recommending that requisition be made upon the Civil Service Bureau for 300 laborers, to be organized into an emergency force for removing snow from park walks when necessary during the coming winter.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was approved.

2d. Recommending the discharge of the following-named teamsters, with teams, on Morning-side Park and in the parks north of the Harlem river, on account of a lack of work to profitably employ them at this season :

P. Moriarty, T. Morley, J. Finnigan, T. Morrisey, T. White, H. Van Tassell, And. Brown, M. Karl, J. J. Wilkerson, W. McKown, J. Cromwell, J. Cahill, W. Shanley, Al. Brown, A. C. Ward, J. Cassidy, J. Zahn, E. A. Marsich, John Feeney, Pat. Butler, Edw. Heffernan, Pat. Crotty, James Reilly, John Kennedy, William H. Lance, William Ryan, Thomas Mulhare, Frank Keegan, Frank Connolly, Peter Finland, John Bais, Ter. F. Murphy, D. Moran.

On motion, the recommendation of the Superintendent was approved and ordered to take effect, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President, to whom was referred the matter of the request of the architects of the American Museum of Natural History for the issue of an order for a group case, submitted additional estimates for the work, together with a letter from the President of the Museum requesting that the bid of B. & W. B. Smith be accepted, and recommended that the request be granted.

On motion, the report of the President was accepted and an order for doing the work was authorized to be issued to B. & W. B. Smith, at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$410, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the appointment of John McGee as a Cart Driver was approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited were approved and ordered sent to the Finance Department for payment :

Abbott-Downing Company, axle box, 75 cents ; Adriance, Platt & Co., scythes, \$7.25 ; The Anchor Post Company, posts, \$58 ; Bonner & Van Court Steam Heating Company, repairs to pump, \$60 ; F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Company, varnish, etc., \$11.14 ; Edward Callanan's Son, apron, etc., \$6.50 ; De Voursney Brothers, lamps, \$6 ; Joseph Edwards & Co., repairs to wheels, etc., \$385 ; Elko Mining, Milling and Manufacturing Company, white lead, etc., \$106.22 ; Albert Ferguson & Co., oil, \$53.90 ; G. W. Giannini, tile pipe, etc., \$83.03 ; Gwynne & Richardson, iron pipe, etc., \$60 ; John Hunt, cleaning privy, \$25 ; Horace Ingersoll, linseed oil meal, \$1.67 ; Keuffel & Esser Company, N. Y., rod, etc., \$17.52 ; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, bills, American Museum of Natural History, \$114.90 ; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, bills, American Museum of Natural History, \$1,221.70 ; McKesson & Robbins, glycerine, etc., \$155.14 ; T. N. Motley & Co., cotton waste, \$8.33 ; Murray & Co., sand, \$6 ; McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Company, copper nipples, etc., \$14.85 ; E. H. Ogden & Co., pine, \$32.16 ; William J. Peck, cement, \$9.75 ; Albert Ravekes & Son, platform, etc., \$181 ; The Rubber Tire Wheel Company, rubber tires, etc., \$114.20 ; John Slattery, constructing Mulberry Bend Park, \$11,313.43 ; Vought & Williams, steel, iron, etc., \$83.31 ; John T. Whitehead, repairing bell, \$1.80.

On motion, at 3.15 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners McMillan (President), Cruger, Stiles, Ely.

A representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President opened the estimate box and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD for the removal of the old centre casting, the supplying and putting in place of the new centre casting, the removal of the two old engines, the supplying and putting in place in engine room over the roadway of a new engine, the supplying and putting in place of certain shafting, bearings, and other machinery and appliances, and the supplying and putting in place of such other materials and the doing of such other work as may be necessary, all at the Madison Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river.

Table of Bids.

Joseph Edwards & Co.	\$7,940 00
Augustus Smith.	6,470 00
	14,410 00

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of a resolution requesting this Board to permit the individuals mentioned in an accompanying petition to play foot ball on evenings in one of the spaces of Battery Park. Referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street.

From the President of the Shakespeare Society, in relation to the Poe Cottage, and the arrangement of a collection of books, portraits, etc., proposed to be placed therein by the said Society. Filed.

From J. W. Walters, representing a Committee of the League of American Wheelmen, requesting certain privileges for the riders of bicycles in the park. Filed.

From Howell Foster, complaining of the condition of the sidewalk of Jerome avenue, near the entrance to the new Macomb's Dam Bridge. Referred to the Secretary to reply.

From John Van der Poel, M. D., asking permission for the members of the Mounted Squad of the Park Police to receive as a Christmas present the amount of a subscription taken for that purpose at the several riding academies, in recognition of services rendered. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Alfred Nugent & Son, requesting an extension of time on their contract for the erection of a public overlook in Mulberry Bend Park. Filed.

From Slazenger Brothers, applying for permission to erect and maintain a structure for the sale and repair of golf sticks and other conveniences for players in Van Cortlandt Park. Filed.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, recommending that the office of the force employed on the Harlem River Driveway be located in the High Bridge Park Hotel.

On motion, the transfer of the office, as recommended by the Consulting Engineer, was approved and authorized.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Inclosing a report of the Veterinary Surgeon, showing four horses at the Eighty-fifth street stables to be unfit for service, and recommending that the same be disposed of.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was approved, and the disabled horses were ordered disposed of at auction sale.

2d. Recommending that the sediment to be taken from the Pool in Central Park, near One Hundredth street and Eighth avenue, be removed by day's work and deposited at such points as may be found convenient and suitable for material of that character.

On motion, the recommendation of the Superintendent was approved.

3d. Reporting in relation to the planting and improvement of West End avenue, together with an estimate of the cost.

On motion, a copy of said report was ordered communicated to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

4th. Reporting in relation to the planting of trees and shrubs on Riverside Park, from Seventy-second street to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, on both sides of the Drive, with an estimate of the cost. Filed.

5th. Recommending the sale and removal of several buildings in Pelham Bay Park, as shown on an accompanying diagram, in addition to those whose removal has already been ordered.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was approved and the buildings referred to were ordered disposed of at auction sale and removed from the park.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting a report of accidents, collisions and runaways in the parks during the week ending with the 5th instant. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon the condition of the horses used by the Park Police for the month of November. Filed.

The Treasurer presented a statement of moneys received by the Department and deposited in the City Treasury during the month of November, 1896, which was accepted and ordered entered upon the minutes as follows :

NEW YORK, December 5, 1896. *To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners :*

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of moneys received during the month of November, 1896, and deposited in the City Treasury.

November 6.	Case & Co., McGown's Pass, October	\$159 41
"	9. Thomas J. Hogan, Corlears Hook Park.....	20 80
"	9. Isidor Isaac & Co., Casino, October.....	320 59
"	9. Isidor Isaac, carrousel, October	30 72
"	9. Isidor Isaac, goat carriages, October.....	6 82
"	11. Otto Schwenk, Bronx Park, October.....	4 65
"	11. Oscar H. Riker, swings, Central Park, October.....	1 95
"	13. Hudson River Yacht Club, rent, February to August, 1896.....	75 00
"	14. Edgar Barker, rent, St. John's Park, November.....	25 00
"	18. Henry F. Cook, bay window, Eighty-sixth street and Riverside Drive.....	190 00
"	19. R. A. Gushee, Claremont, November.....	525 00
"	23. Morton Britton, license, Battery Park.....	15 00
"	30. Charles P. Hallock, agent, rents.....	646 51
	Total.....	<u>\$2,021 45</u>

W. A. STILES, Treasurer.

On motion of Commissioner McMillen, it was

Resolved, That on and after the 10th instant the Aquarium be opened to the public, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M., except Sundays and Mondays.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for a six months' supply of forage for the coming year.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Stiles offered the following :

Resolved, That the contract for which proposals have been this day received for renewing and repairing the machinery of the Madison Avenue Bridge be awarded to Augustus Smith, the

lowest bidder ; that his proposal be sent to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved, that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger presented a communication from Warren W. Foster, representing Augustin Daly's Theatre, requesting permission to paint a figure of the Geisha, as shown on an accompanying design, on signs at several points, facing the parks.

Commissioner Ely moved that the application for painting the figure, as shown by the design submitted, be denied. Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 3.05 P. M. the Board went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Parks recommending the discharge of Christian Lohmann, a Laborer, for inefficiency.

On motion, the discharge, as recommended by the Superintendent of Parks, was approved and ordered by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills, having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

J. J. Adams & Co., brushes, \$7 ; James Biggart & Co., coal, \$46 ; James Biggart & Co., pine wood, \$6.50 ; Albert Behning, coal, \$5 ; Peter Cooper's Glue Factory, glue, \$3 ; Colwell Lead Company, solder, \$25.50 ; Peter Duryee & Co., spikes, etc., \$65.59 ; Dickerson, Van Dusen & Co., zinc, \$1.98 ; Joseph Edwards & Co., testing gauge, \$6 ; F. W. Devoe & C. T. Raynolds Company, blue prints, \$12.85 ; Gwynne & Richardson, nails, \$15.75 ; George W. Grote, putty, \$8.35 ; G. W. Giannini, trap, etc., \$183.60 ; John A. Gifford, axle boxes, etc., \$6.13 ; Peter Henderson & Co., seed, etc., \$944.20 ; Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, "Salaries and Wages—Metropolitan Museum of Art," \$6,657.33 ; Jenkins Bros., disks, etc., \$2.54 ; Keuffel & Esser Company, blue print, \$1 ; Keuffel & Esser Company, Chinese white, etc., \$11.54 ; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$23.25 ; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, "Salaries and Wages—American Museum of Natural History," \$5,991.64 ; McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Company, nozzles, \$2.70 ; The Manhattan Supply Company, spikes, etc., \$102.88 ; McKesson & Robbins, potash, etc., \$4.64 ; Robert McClenahan, coal, \$12.75 ; William McDonagh, white lead, \$50 ; William McDonagh, white lead, \$10 ; Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company, padlocks, etc., \$5.50 ; M. Stern's Metropolitan Fish and Oyster Market, fish, \$15 ; Swan & Finch Company, oil, etc., \$35.35 ; E. G. Soltmann, black prints, \$3.87 ; Travers Brothers & Co., manila rope, 99 cents ; J. S. Woodhouse, ratchets, etc., \$8.10 ; Wyckoff, Seaman & Benedict, typewriter, etc., \$94.50.

On motion, at 3.15 P. M. the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles and Ely.

A representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the proposals or estimates which had been received in accordance with an advertisement, duly published in the CITY RECORD, were opened and read, as follows :

For Furnishing and Delivering Hay, Straw, Oats, Corn and Bran.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	HORACE INGERSOLL.		THEODORE P. HUFFMAN & Co.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Hay	375,000 pounds.	\$0 90	\$3,375 00	\$0 94	\$3,525 00
Straw	60,000 "	1 00	600 00	1 05	630 00
Oats	9,000 bushels.	32	2,880 00	30	2,700 00
Corn	40,000 pounds.	70	280 00	65	260 00
Bran	15,000 "	70	105 00	60	90 00
Total .....	.....	....	\$7,240 00	....	\$7,205 00

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	CHARLES B. MORRIS.		MILTON RATHBUN.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Hay	375,000 pounds.	\$0 80	\$3,000 00	\$0 85	\$3,187 50
Straw	60,000 "	1 00	600 00	1 00	600 00
Oats	9,000 bushels.	28½	2,565 00	31	2,790 00
Corn	40,000 pounds.	65	260 00	75	300 00
Bran	15,000 "	65	97 50	\$16 per ton.	120 00
Total .....	.....	....	\$6,522 50	.....	\$6,997 50

*For Furnishing and Delivering Garden Mould Where Required on the Central Park, North of
Ninety-seventh Street.*

BIDDERS.	GARDEN MOULD, 10,000 CUBIC YARDS.	AMOUNT.
Floyd S. Corbin.....	\$1 39	\$13,900 00
Charles L. Doran.....	1 29½	12,950 00
Terence A. Smith.....	1 57	15,700 00
Andrew A. Bouker.....	1 34	13,400 00
John Slattery.....	1 50	15,000 00
E. J. Shafer.....	1 50	15,000 00
J. Frank Quinn.....	1 29	12,900 00

*For Erecting an Iron Fence Around the Deer Paddocks, Near the Arsenal Building, in Central
Park.*

BIDDERS.	AMOUNT.	BIDDERS.	AMOUNT.
Isaac C. Johnson.....	\$1,569 00	A. & F. E. Ruhling.....	\$1,298 00
Augustus Smith.....	1,977 00	Charles W. Smith.....	2,430 00
Greasen & Curry.....	3,250 00	J. W. Fiske.....	2,170 00
Jackson Architectural Iron Works.....	2,680 00	A. B. & F. W. Westervelt.....	2,100 00
The J. L. Mott Iron Works.....	2,200 00		

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Common Council :

1st. Transmitting a copy of preamble and resolution requesting that the Aquarium be open to the public on Sundays. Filed.

2d. Forwarding a copy of report of the Committee on Railroads in relation to ways and means of lessening the danger incidental to the railway curves at or about Union Square. Referred to the President.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, advising the Department of the action of said Board in the following matters :

1st. Authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$6,000 under chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, for widening the roadway of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, between Seventh avenue and Macomb's Dam road, and improving the sidewalks of the gore of land at that point north of said street.

2d. Authorizing the expenditure of the sum of \$15,000 of the amount heretofore provided under chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, for enclosing walls, etc., for park entrances, for the pur-

pose of purchasing mould for the improvement of the territory of Central Park, adjoining its boundary walls north of Ninetieth street.

3d. Providing for the issue of bonds to the amount of \$10,000, under chapter 537 of the Laws of 1896, for constructing and improving the public park at the junction of East One Hundred and Ninety-second street and Kingsbridge road in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

4th. Referring back to this Department the matter of proposed tree-planting on West End avenue. Filed.

From Col. G. L. Gillespie, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., enclosing copies of regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War, for the opening and operation of the draws in bridges across Harlem river. Filed, with directions to the Superintendent of Parks to promulgate the regulations.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, enclosing form of lease of the Van Cortlandt Mansion to the Society of Colonial Dames, amended in certain particulars as suggested by Commissioner Ely.

On motion, the form of lease as amended was approved and the President was authorized to execute the same, for and on behalf of the Department, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, forwarding plans and specifications for the erection of the proposed new wing of the Museum Building, under chapter 347 of the Laws of 1895. Laid over.

From the National Sculpture Society, reporting favorably upon the statue of Pan as a decorative figure forming part of a fountain, offered to the City by Edward Severin Clark.

On motion, the Superintendent of Parks was directed to report a suitable site for the fountain.

From Hancock Post, G. A. R., forwarding a copy of resolutions, requesting that veterans be designated to guard the Tomb of General Grant. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the West End Association, requesting the Department to order the immediate removal of all signs and sign boards from the neighborhood of every park or park domain. Referred to the Secretary to forward to said Association a copy of the regulations affecting sign boards, etc.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Boards, desiring information respecting skilled service which may be required at the Aquarium. Referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street.

From Howard & Cauldwell, architects, communicating an estimate of Alfred Nugent & Son, amounting to \$19.20, for asphaltting the outside of the walls of the Mulberry Bend Park shelter.

On motion, an order was authorized to be issued for doing the work at an expense not to exceed the amount of the estimate by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From August Braun, applying for the privilege of checking coats, etc., in the skatehouse at the Central Park Lake. Referred to the President.

A petition containing the names of 262 property-owners and residents along the line of Jerome avenue and vicinity, requesting that the construction of the proposed new bridge over Harlem river at One Hundred and Forty-ninth street be commenced, was received and placed on file.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to make the necessary surveys and soundings to determine the proper location for the proposed new bridge over the Harlem river at One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, and prepare a plan showing such location for the approval of the War Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From Wauhope Lynn, Rev. Morgan Dix and others, requesting that football playing be allowed in Battery Park in the evenings and on holidays. Denied.

From the Assistant Secretary, reporting in relation to the sale of condemned horses at the Central Park Stables on the 18th instant, and enclosing the auctioneer's statement thereof. Filed.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting upon the condition of the Menagerie for the month of November. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, submitting reports of accidents, collisions and runaways in the parks during the two weeks ending with the 19th instant. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Recommending the modification of the contract for the construction of a roadway in Bronx and Pelham parkways, between Bronx and Pelham Parks, to provide for the widening of embankment from 40 to 60 feet, and giving an estimate of the cost of the proposed additional work. Referred to the President for report.

2d. Submitting a plan showing a proposed extension of the roadway in Bronx and Pelham parkway, westerly through Bronx Park to the Southern Boulevard at Pelham avenue, with an estimate of the cost. Referred to the President for report.

3d. Reporting that the work of paving and repaving with asphalt the walks of Central Park by the Barber Asphalt Paving Company had been completed within the time stipulated in the contract. Filed.

4th. Submitting a time statement on the work of repaving the roadway of Transverse Road No. 1, crossing Central Park, and recommending that penalty for the overtime (17½ days) be remitted on account of delays in the work not the fault of the contractor.

On motion, the statement and recommendation of the Engineer were approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting upon an inquiry of F. M. Campbell in relation to the closing of the drinking-fountain at Madison avenue and Twenty-third street. Filed.

2d. Reporting favorably upon a request of the Oak Point Yacht Club for permission to build a shed on the premises occupied by said club in Pelham Bay Park. Approved.

3d. In relation to the drainage of the locality of Riverside Park and Seventy-second street.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

4th. Reporting upon a communication of W. C. Anderson and J. J. Zabriskie, relative to the pavement of the sidewalk of the Circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, recommending that the walk be asphalted.

On motion, the matter was referred back to the Superintendent.

5th. Reporting upon a communication from the Good Government Club of the Nineteenth Assembly District, respecting the use of Riverside Drive by contractors. Filed.

6th. Reporting upon a communication from the Henry Bonnard Bronze Company, relating to the cleaning of the bronze work of the park statuary. Filed.

7th. Reporting adversely upon the request of the Alexander Hamilton Post, G. A. R., for permission to plant small trees in one of the public parks to commemorate the original trees planted by Alexander Hamilton on Washington Heights. Referred back to the Superintendent of Parks.

8th. Enclosing a bill of Joseph Edwards & Co., amounting to \$82.63, for repairs at the Madison Avenue Bridge.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Joseph Edwards & Co., amounting to eighty-two dollars and sixty-three cents, for repairs at the Madison Avenue Bridge, crossing Harlem river, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for "Harlem River Bridges" for the current year.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

9th. Enclosing a bill of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, amounting to \$123, for labor, etc., in removing refuse from their railway tracks, opposite Riverside Park, at One Hundred and Twentieth street, and reporting in relation to causes which led to it. Filed.

10th. Reporting in relation to work which, in his opinion, should be undertaken during the coming year, as shown on accompanying plans. Laid over.

Professor Henry F. Osborne of the New York Zoological Society appeared before the Board and submitted memoranda of the proposed occupation of a portion of Bronx Park for the purposes of said society.

On motion, January 4 next, at 3 P. M., was fixed as a time for a hearing to be given on the subject.

William G. Mulligan appeared and was heard relative to the improvement of a portion of Crotona Park.

Charles L. Doran appeared and protested against the award of the contract for furnishing and delivering garden mould to the lowest bidder, for the reason that a sample had not been furnished by such bidder.

Cyrus Clark, representing the West End Association, appeared and was heard in relation to the progress of the work on Riverside Drive, the planting of trees on West End avenue, and also in relation to advertisements on fences facing the parks.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, the President was authorized to request the Postmaster to submit a plan showing an additional width of fifteen feet in the northerly sidewalk of Mail street, doing away with the sidewalks on the southerly side, opposite the Post-office Building.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of the Commercial Union Assurance Company (Limited) of London, amounting to four hundred and twenty-five dollars, for policies of insurance on the Aquarium Building in Battery Park, be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for the current year for "Castle Garden, Battery Park, Equipping, Stocking, Furnishing, etc."

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of the Lancashire Insurance Company, amounting to five hundred and eighty-seven dollars and seventy-eight cents for premium of insurance on park buildings, etc., be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriations for the current year, as follows :

"Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc." \$317.19; "Zoological Department," \$171.42; "Police Supplies and Repairs," \$99.17—total, \$587.78.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of the London Assurance Corporation, amounting to five hundred and eighty-seven dollars and seventy-eight cents, for premium of insurance on park buildings, etc., be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriations for the current year as follows :

"Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.," \$317.19; "Zoological Department," \$171.42; "Police Supplies and Repairs," \$99.17—total, \$587.78.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board October 19, 1896, approving and providing for the payment of a bill of the Commercial Union Assurance Company (Limited) of London, amounting to six hundred and twenty-one dollars and fifteen cents, for premium of insurance on buildings and contents in the Central Park, be and the same hereby is amended, by making the said bill chargeable against the several appropriations for the current year hereinafter named instead of the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc."

"Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.," \$350.56 ; "Zoological Department," \$171.42 ; "Police Supplies and Repairs," \$99.17—total, \$621.15.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 3.50 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the contracts for which proposals have been this day received, be awarded as follows :

For erecting iron fence around deer paddocks, to A. & F. E. Ruhling.

For furnishing and delivering garden mould on Central Park, to J. Frank Quinn.

For furnishing and delivering forage, to Charles B. Morris.

—they being the lowest bidders ; that their proposals be sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties, and when so approved, that the President be authorized to sign said contracts for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the contract for which proposals were received on the 9th ultimo for widening the roadway of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, between Seventh avenue and Maccomb's Dam road, etc., be and hereby is awarded to John Slattery, the lowest bidder ; that his proposal be sent to the Comptroller for approval of sureties, and when so approved that the President be authorized to sign said contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President reported the appointment of John M. Dinnen as a Driver and, on motion, the same was approved and confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The Committee on Police reported that the following-named men had been selected and employed as Park Policemen on probation from the 15th instant : John P. Heaney, Charles A. Turner, Thomas Gleason, Frank L. Pineau.

On motion, the action of the Committee on Police was approved and the employment on probation of the above-named Park Policemen was confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President reported the appointment of the following-named men to be employed as an emergency gang from time to time during the winter when required for cleaning snow from the park walks :

Bryant Square.

John S. Pollard, John Braunbath, Jacob Fuchs, Jeremiah Hyde, Thomas Kleinknecht, Lawrenz Knez, John O'Connor, Patrick Reilly, Charles W. Ellis, Charles H. Martin, Patrick O'Connell, John W. Serviss.

Tompkins Square.

Peter Yessner, Charles Byrne, Max Kirsch, John Ludwig, Frank Nanheimer, James F. Kenny, Peter Reilly, Jacob Gluckauf, Levy Lazarus, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Joseph W. Smith, John Simon, Gustave Patzer, Isaac Gilbert, Satato de Vito, Samuel P. Gross, James Keep, William Fitzpatrick, George Baer, Bartolo di Stephano, John J. O'Brien, Andrew Kelly, James H. Collins, Louis Peineche, James Reynolds, Timothy Conklin, Moritz Geisler, Walter C. Sullivan, John J. Collins, Abraham Probst, John Schachner, Joseph Frank.

Stuyvesant Square.

August Kumdman, Robert Kelly, August Svey, James Boyle, Theodore Schweder, Peter Kearney, Michael T. Lynch, George Hubmeier, Daniel Hill, Frank J. Lane, Henry G. Papken, William Eastwood, Timothy Coughlin, Richard Reilly, Philip Baker, John A. Dillon.

Washington Square.

John H. Lambert, Michael Klingenschmitt, William Dover, Orrin H. Hines, Michael Dunn, James M. Wright, Patrick Moran, Samuel Gross, James F. Mart, Henry Aaron, Arthur O'Keefe, Patrick Quigley No. 1, Patrick Quigley No. 2, James E. Hughes, William Spaulding, Richard Flynn, Michael O'Brien, Thomas Hussey, Thomas Taylor, Daniel Turney, Thomas Sweeney, Michael J. Donohue, Frank W. Loughlin, Gregory Ashe, Edward Feer, Patrick Mahoney, John Harrigan, Thomas H. Lynch, Thomas Burns, Jeremiah Fitzpatrick, Bernard Cavanagh, Gott-hard Hagendorf, John Bannon, Edward Buckley, John Skelly, Thomas Hughes, Nicholas Ryder, Frank Ruth, Peter McBride, Thomas Montague, Charles F. Rand, John Baker, Patrick Larney, Jeremiah O'Brien, Patrick Lynch, Frank McCanley, Perlath Domenrio, Leon Umscheid, John J. Burton.

City Hall Park.

Jacob Coffer, James Landers, John P. Monahan, John Desmond, John Riley, Thomas K. Hughes, James Craig, Richard Burke, John O'Brien, Nicola Capo, John McKenna, Thomas Dobbins, Thomas Simington, Giuseppe Gentilisco, Walter Dunn, Walter Oakman, John J. Perdue, Patrick Welsh, John Glynn, John J. Noonan, Samuel Thompson, Thomas Lyttle, George Hodgins, Patrick Enright, Andrew Conlan, Thomas Carney, Michael Goodwin, William Dillon, John

McNamara, Patrick O'Keefe, John Driscoll, John McKeever, John Shen, Angelo di Bello, Ambrogio Oropallo, Joseph Weinstein, James Corrigan, Charles Cottiers, Stephen McGrath, Patrick O'Hara, William Schafer, Rosario Farina, James Maloney, John Carrol, James Connolly, Francisco Tocci, Matthew Lynch, Emil H. Wermund, John O'Rourke, Michael Donovan, John F. Curley, Michael F. Driscoll, Henry H. Hartford, John J. Guinan, John Ferraza, Francis J. Hickey, Gerardo Figlindo, Liberato Ratendo, Domenico Russo, Michael Curran, Antonio Lorenzo, William Hallovan, John Jones, Peter J. Lover, Maurice Fitzgerald, William A. Rome, Philip King, Matthew Sullivan, Thomas Horan, Peter Januzzo, James M. Roney, Anton Draymont, Michelo Vitacco, Daniel Mahoney.

Union Square.

John White, John G. Klanck, Albert Tulip, John J. Walsh, Samuel Winrow, Owen Byrnes, Andrew Iglie, James McMahon, Thomas S. Whitney, Charles Julier, John Schafer, David Flaherty, William Wilson, Michael Rohan, Joseph McGovern, Owen Leddy, John Murphy, Nicholas Redey, James Carlin.

Corlear's Hook Park.

Rudolph Rithner, Philip Smith, Cornelius Ryan, Michael Flanigan, Patrick Cavanagh, Richard Bohon, John A. Clark, Max Fischer, Michael Coughlin, Anton Harenfuss.

Mulberry Bend Park.

Francisco Sisto, Benedetto Rotondo, John Rigaw, Policastro Cerillo, Edward Harrison, John Healy, Denis Fogarty, John Smith, James Meccia, Frank Radice.

Madison Square.

Henry Gatz, James Reynolds, Richard Murray, Peter O'Donnell, Samuel J. Ayres, James Lyall, Hugh Scanlon, Nicholas Untermer, Nicholas Kelch, James J. Brady, Daniel Cronin, Ernest Kempt, Charles Brown, Edward McDermott, Andrew Curren, Martin Purcell, Bernhardt Holz-namp, John McCullough, John Maddon, Ludwig Witzel, John Duggan, Michael Denn, Denis O'Brien, Edward J. Mallow, Michael Dooley, Lyman A. Wicks, Timothy Keefe, William McNally, Francis Morris, Patrick Egan, John Rodgers, John Byrnes, James Ward, Adam Walter, Timothy McCarthy, Patrick Carr, John Reardon, David J. Walsh, Franz A. Anderson, Thomas Stack, Patrick McCann.

On motion, the employment of the above-named men as reported by the President was approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Austin, Nichols & Co., soap, \$3.60 ; The Anchor Post Company, posts, \$15 ; American and Continental "Sanitas" Company, limited, Sanitas, \$66.94 ; James Biggart & Co., hay, etc., \$267.99 ; Brown & Fleming, broken stone, \$438.48 ; Albert Behning, coal, etc., \$12.50 ; J. D. & T. E. Crimmins, mould, \$331 ; Robert Currie, rubber pads, \$33.75 ; T. C. Dunham, glass, \$11.34 ;

F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Co., chrome green, etc., \$28.80; F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Co., glaziers' points, etc., \$24.10; Peter Duryee & Co., shovels, etc., \$81.74; John A. Gifford, leather, etc., \$44.26; The Gould Manufacturing Company, brass, etc., \$23.75; Peter Henderson & Co., canary seed, etc., \$4.55; Holbrook Bros., glass, \$40.25; The Industrial Christian Alliance, brooms, \$28.80; Horace Ingersoll, salt, etc., \$4.50; Knickerbocker Ice Company, ice, \$163.28; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$231.50; Longman & Martinez, oil, etc., \$18; McKesson & Robbins, pine tar, etc., \$1.90; C. M. Moseman & Bro., blankets, \$42; Monarch & Eureka Co., iron, \$2; The W. H. Moon Company, plants, 143.50; John Slattery, mould, \$480; H. E. Stevens & Son, spruce, \$26.79; Clinton H. Smith, petty cash, \$340.89; Walter B. Tufts, iron pipe, \$17.66; T. & W. Thorn & Co., corn, etc., \$88.40; Valentine Company, varnish, \$6.80; Charles P. Woodworth's Son & Co., apples, etc., \$17.25; Weeber & Don, plants, \$21.25; S. Wasserman, bread, \$45; Wyckoff, Seaman & Benedict, carbon sheets, \$6; Albert Ravekes & Son, carpenter work, \$565; Parsons & Sons Co., Limited, plants, \$462.25; John Batton, paving Transverse Road No. 1, \$6,545.82; The Barber Asphalt Paving Co., asphalt walks, \$14,996.31; Cady, Berg & See, professional services, \$593.57; T. Cockerill & Son, American Museum Natural History addition, \$23,742.86; Alger C. Gildersleeve, enclosing wall, Central Park, \$6,269.20; DeWitt C. Bouker, Jr., constructing Riverside Park, Ninety-sixth to One Hundred and Twentieth streets, \$18,939.97; Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company, constructing Riverside Park, Seventy-ninth to Ninety-sixth streets, \$11,527.41.

On motion, at 4.10 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned to meet Monday, 4th proximo, at 2 P. M.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1897—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners McMillan (President), Cruger, Stiles, Ely.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Common Council, advising the Department of the action of said Board, as follows :

1st. Declaring December 26, 1896, and January 2, 1897, public holidays, and providing for the closing of public offices on those days. Filed.

2d. Declaring the land at present occupied by the reservoir at Fifth avenue, between Fortieth and Forty-second streets, as a public park in extension of the present Bryant Park. Filed.

From W. A. Potter, architect, applying for the consent of the Department to the erection of projections on the edifice of the Church of the Divine Paternity, proposed to be erected at the southwest corner of Seventy-sixth street and Central Park, West, as shown on an accompanying plan. Referred to the President.

From John W. England, Jr., Park Policeman, asking to be allowed full pay for time lost in consequence of an injury received while on duty, from December 6 to 17, inclusive. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting upon the condition of the Menagerie for the month of December. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting a time statement of the work of repairing and repaving the walks in and around the City parks, stating that the same had been completed within the stipulated time. Filed.

2d. Submitting a plan for r'p-rapping the shores of the pool in Central Park. Laid over.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting as to the most effective expenditure of the appropriation for labor, maintenance, supplies, etc., for the year 1897. Filed.

2d. Recommending the purchase by contract of sod, mould, gravel, manure and rubber hose required for use during the year. Referred to the President for report.

3d. Calling attention to discrepancies between the rules of the War Department, as recently issued, for the operation of the Harlem river bridges and those of this Department, and asking to be advised in relation thereto.

On motion, it was ordered that the rules issued by the War Department regulating the use of the Harlem river drawbridges be complied with.

4th. Reporting that before the improvement of Claremont and Crotona parks can be properly undertaken, topographical maps of those parks, drawn on a 50 feet scale and showing elevations and contours, should be prepared, and giving an estimate of the cost.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was approved and the necessary surveys and maps were ordered procured, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

5th. Reporting in relation to the absence of lights in Transverse Road No. 4, crossing Central Park, and recommending that application be made for the lighting of this road in the same manner as the other transverse roads.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was approved, and the matter was ordered communicated to the Gas Commission, with a request that provision be made for the lighting of the said road.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Reporting two horses as being unfit for police work, and inclosing a certificate of the Veterinary Surgeon to that effect. Filed.

2d. Submitting reports of accidents, etc., in the parks for the two weeks ending with the 2d instant. Filed.

3d. In relation to the disposition by the Magistrates of arrests made for illegal billposting on streets and avenues adjacent to the Park. Filed.

From Michael Brennan, applying for permission to erect two awning structures at the front entrances to the Hotel San Remo, on Central Park, West, between Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth streets, as shown on an accompanying plan. Referred to the President.

From the Pelham Electric Light and Power Company, applying for permission to erect poles, and string wires across the City Island Bridge and through Pelham Bay Park, as shown on an accompanying plan. Referred to the President for report.

The Treasurer presented a statement of moneys received and deposited in the City Treasury during the month of December, which was ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows:

NEW YORK, January 2, 1897. *To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners:*

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of moneys received during the month of December, 1896, and deposited in the City Treasury.

December 3. Henry S. Thompson, bay window, West One Hundred and Twenty-third street	\$135 00
" 7. Isidor Isaac & Co., Casino, November	294 57
" 7. Isidor Isaac, carrousel, November	26 70
" 7. Isidor Isaac, goat carriages, November	3 79
" 8. Case & Co., McGown's Pass Tavern, November	141 46
" 10. John Lucas, donkeys, Central Park, October	9 95
" 10. John Lucas, donkeys, Central Park, November	10 43
" 10. Oscar H. Riker, swings, Central Park, November	3 50
" 10. A. T. Campbell, Chief Clerk, Law Department, rent, W. J. Elliott	235 50
" 11. E. J. Barker, rent, St. John's Park	25 00
" 12. Second Avenue Railroad Company, rent of tracks on Transverse Road No. 3, year ending June 1, 1896	300 00
" 14. Alfred Scott, license, music programmes	300 00
" 14. Otto Schwenk, Bronx Park, November	4 04
" 22. Morton Britton, license, Battery Park	15 00
" 28. Max Froehlich, license, Crotona Park	10 00
" 28. Thomas J. Hogan, license, Corlears Hook Park	20 80
" 28. Columbia Yacht Club, rent of club-house	100 00
" 28. American Swan Boat Company, license, Central Park	250 00
" 28. American Swan Boat Company, license, skates, Central Park	4 87
" 28. Mrs. Dorschell, bath-house, West Eighty-third street, November and December	20 00
" 29. Oscar H. Riker, license, Central Park, 1896	500 00
" 29. R. A. Gushee, license, Claremont	525 00
" 30. Hudson River Yacht Club, rent, August and December, 1896	62 50
" 30. Charles P. Hallock, agent, rents of houses	668 01
" 30. Charles Lowen, bay window, Eighty-third street and Riverside Drive	797 50
" 31. Joseph J. Snow, license, Central Park	300 00
Total	<u>\$4,763 62</u>

W. A. STILES, Treasurer.

On motion, it was ordered that hereafter the Aquarium be opened to the public daily, excepting Monday and Tuesday of each week, until further order.

The members of the Committee on Railroads of the Board of Aldermen appeared before the Board and submitted a plan calculated to lessen the dangers to the public safety and traffic facilities

arising from the railway curves at or about Union Square, and were heard in relation to the same. The matter was then laid over.

A committee from the New York Zoological Society also appeared and were heard with reference to the proposed use of a portion of the Bronx Park for the purposes of said Society.

Debate was had thereon, whereupon, on motion of Commissioner Cruger, the matter was referred to the President for report at the next meeting of the Board as to the powers of the Department in the premises.

On motion, at 3.35 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were received :

From John J. O'Brien, applying to be reinstated as a teamster with team, in the employ of the Department, on the ground of his being a veteran. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Recommending the promotion of William B. Taylor from the grade of Chainman to that of Rodman, at \$75 per month.

On motion, the promotion of W. B. Taylor, as recommended by the Engineer, was approved and ordered, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Recommending that the temporary appointment of James F. Marion and Christopher A. Farrell as Axeman be extended until April 1, 1897.

On motion, the Engineer's recommendation was approved and the employment of said Axemen was extended until the date named, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Recommending that the pay of N. J. Rose, Gardener, be increased.

On motion, the pay of N. J. Rose, Gardener, was fixed at \$3.50 per day, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

3d. Recommending that an increase be made in the pay of Assistant Foreman James Dalton. Filed.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the following-named men be and they hereby are employed as Park Policemen on probation :

Henning Hedden, George Hasenmiller, Cornelius Carmody, Paul O. L. Ziegler, Robert S. Fischer, Thomas L. Monaghan, George Clinchy, John F. Kelly, Jerome Brenneis.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the pay of E. R. Sampson, a Skilled Laborer at the Aquarium, was fixed at \$100 per month, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the pay of L. B. Spencer, a Skilled Laborer at the Aquarium, was fixed at \$125 per month, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, it was ordered that the Greater New York Commission be requested to furnish this Department with a copy of the proposed charter laws, with especial reference to the government of the public parks, and also designate a date, as early as practicable, upon which this Board may be afforded a hearing with reference to the parks.

The following bills, having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Anglo-American Cycle Fittings Company, wicks, etc., \$0.92 ; Henry Aschenbach, gray felt, \$32.60 ; Abendroth & Root Manufacturing Company, copper strainer, etc., \$25 ; Blackford's, clams, etc., \$45.43 ; Bonner & Van Court, arch plate, \$66 ; Albert Behning, coal, \$10 ; Caldwell Lawn Mower Company, bottom knives, etc., \$69.25 ; R. E. Dietz Company, lanterns, etc., \$2.46 ; Ellwanger & Barry, plants, \$47.50 ; George C. Flint Company, table, etc., \$29 ; S. A. French, brass checks, etc., \$20 ; G. W. Giannini, glasses, etc., \$30.24 ; Isaac Hicks & Son, Norway spruce, \$25.50 ; Charles Hvas, brooms, \$34.50 ; Horace Ingersoll, oilmeel, \$1.68 ; Jones & Wills, painting woodwork, \$1,450 ; Knickerbocker Ice Company, ice, \$23.60 ; Keene & Foulk, Norway spruce, etc., \$24.50 ; Keene & Foulk, plants, \$20 ; Keene & Foulk, American elms, \$350 ; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$189.90 ; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$5 ; Thomas Meehan & Sons, plants, \$220.50 ; Jacob W. Manning, plants, \$32 ; William H. Moon Company, plants, \$75 ; Keene & Foulk, American elms, etc., \$178.50 ; David Moffatt & Co., leather, \$10.07 ; E. M. Merrill, charcoal, \$9 ; The J. L. Mott Iron Works, grate, etc., \$3.80 ; New York Belting and Packing Company, Limited, carbon hose, \$6 ; E. H. Ogden & Co., spruce, etc., \$349.96 ; Parsons & Sons Company, Limited, white pines, etc., \$81 ; The Rubber Tire Wheel Company, tires, \$75 ; Standard Tire Company, tires, \$14.45 ; Shady Hill Nurseries, plants, \$272.75 ; Robert W. Todd & Co., boots, \$8.93 ; Todd & Co., salt, \$3.05 ; David Urch, seals, \$30 ; Weeber & Don, seeds, etc., \$22.39 ; T. Hugh Boorman, paving and repaving walks, \$10,581.90 ; J. C. Cady & Co., professional services, \$47.50 ; Dey & Somerville, building tanks, \$1,185.60 ; A. Kimbel & Sons, desk cases, etc., \$950 ; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum of Natural History, \$1,217.80 ; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum of Natural History, \$226.97 ; Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, three per cent. payment, amount retained, \$38.82 ;

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Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, three per cent. payment, amount retained, \$212.50 ; Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, three per cent. payment, amount retained, \$50.82 ; Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, three per cent. payment, amount retained, \$36.40 ; Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, three per cent. payment, amount retained, \$89.06 ; Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, three per cent. payment, amount retained, \$69.01 ; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries and wages, American Museum of Natural History, \$6,055.84.

On motion, at 4.20 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1897—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

A quorum not being present, no business was transacted.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1897—SPECIAL MEETING, 10 A. M.

Pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK, January 11, 1897. Mr. WILLIAM LEARY, *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board, to be held Wednesday, 13th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be presented.

Respectfully, SAMUEL McMILLAN, President.

Present—Commissioners McMillan (President), Cruger and Ely.

The minutes of the meetings of January 4 and 11 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the Final Estimate for this Department for the year 1897, as follows :

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

Salaries—To pay entirely the salaries of the President, Secretary, Superintendent of Parks, Superintendent of Repairs and Supplies ; the Engineer of Construction ; the Meteorologist ; the Entomologist ; the Director of Menagerie ; the Landscape Architect ; the Purchasing Agent, and the General Clerical Force :

President	\$5,000 00
Landscape Architect	5,000 00
Secretary, Superintendent, Engineer, Clerks, etc.....	32,755 00
	\$42,755 00

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

Police :

Salaries of Captain, Surgeons, Sergeants, Roundsmen, Patrolmen, Doormen, Special Keepers, and wages of all persons em- ployed in the Police Stables.....	\$377,870 00	
For Supplies and Repairs	15,000 00	
	<u> </u>	\$392,870 00

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, Water Supply for Irrigation, Con- struction and Repairs—For General Maintenance of all the Park System, exclusive of Parks north of the Harlem river, including tree planting.....	450,000 00
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Zoological Department—For the increase and the keeping, preservation, additions to and exhibitions of the collection in the Zoological Department of the Central Park, including repairs to buildings used for that purpose.....	30,000 00
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Maintenance of Museums :

For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collec- tion in the American Museum of Natural History, the Museum to be kept open in pursuance of law.....	95,000 00	
For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collec- tion in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum to be kept open in pursuance of law.....	95,000 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,105,625 00

Maintenance and Construction of New Parks north of Harlem river, including Sur- veying and Monumenting.....	100,000 00
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Music—Central Park and the City Parks.....	30,000 00
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Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance—General Main- tenance and Repairs	50,000 00
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Telephonic Service—For Maintaining Telephonic Service for the Department....	4,000 00
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Surveys, Maps and Plans—For Making Surveys and Maps for Laying-out Parks or Places for use of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement and Commis- sioners of Estimate and Assessment.....	1,500 00
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Aquarium—For the Increase and the Keeping, Preservation and Exhibition of the Collection in the Aquarium at Castle Garden, including Aquarist, Assistant Aquarists, Laborers, Cleaners, Attendants, Engineers, Firemen, Watchmen, Gas, Food for Fishes and Contingencies.....	40,000 00
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Improvement of Small Park on East Forty-second street, between First and Second avenues (chapter 622, Laws of 1896).....	2,000 00
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\$1,333,125 00

Filed.

From Col. G. L. Gillespie, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., respecting the rules of the War Department for the opening and closing of the Harlem river draw-bridges, and stating that the same were not intended to be applied to the bridges at Third and Fourth avenues until the new bridges at these points have been completed and the temporary structures having a less height than 24 feet above high water are removed. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for his information.

From the Custodian of the Post-office, inclosing copy of a letter from the Treasury Department, relative to the proposed removal of the sidewalk on the south side of Mail street and the widening of the walk on the north side. Referred to the Engineer of Construction.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department of the acquisition on the 21st ultimo of lands for an addition to Riverside Park, under chapter 727, Laws of 1896. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas, relative to the lighting of Transverse Road No. 4, crossing Central Park, and stating that lamps will be fitted up for the purpose and lighted as soon as practicable, by order of the Gas Commission. Filed.

From James D. Leary, in relation to work proposed to be done in restoring the subway built under his contract for the first section of the Harlem River Driveway, in addition to that of his present contract. Referred to the Consulting Engineer in charge of the Harlem River Driveway for examination and report.

From J. C. Rodgers, requesting permission to withdraw \$60,000 of the retained percentage for work done under his contract for the construction of the second section of the Harlem River Driveway, with a statement of the reasons forming the basis of his request.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

From Clarence True, architect, requesting permission to erect projections on a proposed dwelling on Riverside Drive, 62 feet north of Seventy-sixth street, as shown on an accompanying plan. Referred to the President.

From William H. Keeler, applying for a renewal of his license for boat service on the Harlem Meer, Central Park. Referred to the President.

From Michael Redmond, asking permission to erect a shanty on Mosholu parkway for use in connection with the work under his contract for building a sewer adjoining said parkway. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From John Boyle, applying for the position of Landscape Architect. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a report of accidents, collisions, etc., in the parks during the week ending with the 9th inst. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting the circumstances of the discharge of John J. O'Brien's team on the 30th of May last. Filed.

2d. Reporting adversely upon an application of the Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art for permission to construct a temporary road leading from Fifth avenue to the Art Museum building, not deeming it advisable to cut an entrance in the inclosing wall only 200 feet from the present opening, and suggesting that the present entrance be retained and the roadway diverted so as to meet the necessities of the building of the new Museum wing.

On motion, the Superintendent's report and suggestion were approved.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending that the plan for the improvement of the grounds surrounding the tomb of General Grant, on Riverside Park, be so modified as to eliminate the circle at the southerly end of said grounds.

On motion, the report and recommendation of the Engineer were approved, and the modification of the plan of the work was adopted and ordered to take effect by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Ely—3.

The President, to whom was referred the matter of purchase by contract of sod, mould, manure, gravel and rubber hose, required for the use of the Department during the current year, made a verbal report, recommending that advertisements be inserted in the CITY RECORD, at the proper time, inviting proposals for supplying the material named in the quantities stated in the estimate of the Superintendent of Parks, dated December 31, 1896.

On motion, the report of the President was received and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Ely—3.

The President also reported in the matter of the proposed modification of the contract with John B. McDonald, for constructing a roadway, etc., on the Bronx and Pelham parkway, that the Counsel to the Corporation, whom he had consulted in the matter, had advised that, in his opinion, the proposed modification could not legally be made without the consent of the Common Council, as required by section 64 of the Consolidation Act.

The President therefore recommended that the Board of Aldermen be requested to pass an ordinance authorizing the additional work contemplated by the proposed modification to be done without public letting.

On motion, the said report was received and the recommendation of the President was approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Ely—3.

The President reported that in the matter of overtime on the contract of the Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company for the improvement of Cathedral parkway, between Columbus and Riverside avenues, which was referred to him with power on November 30 last, he had adjusted the question of overtime by directing that penalty for 12 days, at \$20 per day, amounting to \$240, be charged against the contractors and deducted from the amount of the final estimate for work under the said contract.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Ely—3.

The President reported favorably in the matter of the application of W. A. Potter, architect, for permission to erect certain projections on the proposed new edifice of the Church of the Divine Paternity, at the southwest corner of Seventy-sixth street and Central Park, West, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and hereby is given to the erection of two buttresses and other projections at the front entrance of the proposed new edifice of the Church of the Divine Paternity, at the southwest corner of Seventy-sixth street and Central Park, West, as shown on plans filed in this office by W. A. Potter, architect ; such consent to take effect upon payment of a fee of one dollar for the privilege.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Ely—3.

In the matter of the application of Michael Brennan for permission to erect two awnings, as shown on plan submitted, at the two front entrances to the Hotel San Remo, on Central Park, West, between Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth streets, the President made a verbal report and recommended that the desired permission be given, subject to modification or revocation by this Board at any time.

On motion, the President's report and recommendation were approved, and the desired permission granted in accordance therewith, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Ely—3.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the application of Park Policeman John W. England, Jr., for full pay for time lost on account of an injury received while on duty, reported favorably thereon and recommended that full pay be allowed for the time so lost by Officer England, between December 6th and 17th.

On motion, said recommendation was approved and pay was allowed Officer England, as applied for, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Ely—3.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That pursuant to the terms of the contract between this Department and Horace Ingersoll, dated July 13, 1896, for furnishing and delivering hay, straw, corn, oats and bran, the quantities of said materials to be furnished under said contract, or any one or more of said materials, be and hereby are decreased by an amount not to exceed twenty per cent. of such quantities.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Ely—3.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, it was

Resolved, That the Captain of Police be instructed to allow all persons to cross the Central Park after the hour of closing at night by entering and leaving at the East and West Seventy-second street entrances, and taking the most direct route from one to the other.

On motion, at 10.55 A. M. the Board went into executive session.

Bids received in response to an advertisement duly published for the privileges of conducting the sale of refreshments at the Casino and other Central Park restaurants, and for managing the sheds at the Casino, were opened and read as follows :

Casino.

	Per Annum.
William Meisner.....	\$6,000 00
Isidor Isaac.....	5,000 00
Ralph A. Gushee.....	6,500 00
A. Cabussud.....	5,000 00
P. H. McCann.....	8,500 00
John Reisenweber.....	4,000 00
Joseph J. Snow.....	3,200 00
G. Dorval.....	9,000 00
A. Kremer.....	4,000 00
Daniel Hurley.....	4,800 00

Dairy and Skate-house.

	DAIRY.	SKATE-HOUSE.		DAIRY.	SKATE-HOUSE.
	Per Annum.			Per Annum.	
William Meisner.....	\$1,000 00	\$10 per day.	Ralph A. Gushee.....	\$250 00	Both privileges.
Joseph J. Snow.....	550 00	300 per annum.	Henry Krogman.....	450 00	"
A. Kremer.....	400 00	500 "	P. H. McCann.....	900 00	"
Daniel Hurley.....	2,440 00	Both privileges.			

Restaurant near Arsenal.

	Per Annum
William Meisner.....	\$3,000 00
Abraham White.....	5 per cent. and 1,200 00
Isidor Isaac.....	2,500 00
Richard J. Lowndes.....	1,500 00
Ralph A. Gushee.....	1,850 00
Henry Krogman.....	600 00
P. H. McCann.....	2,000 00
Joseph J. Snow.....	2,200 00
F. A. Judson.....	1,200 00
Frank H. Sexton.....	2,000 00
A. Kremer.....	1,500 00
John Monaghan.....	2,400 00
Daniel Hurley.....	3,680 00

Sheds near Casino.

	Per Annum:
William Meisner	\$1,800 00
Michael Halloran	1,200 00
P. H. McCann	1,100 00
John Reisenweber	300 00
Joseph J. Snow	300 00
A. Kremer	500 00
Michael Barry	600 00
Daniel Hurley	1,280 00

On motion, at 11.20 A. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1897—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners McMillan (President), Cruger, Stiles, Ely.

Messrs. Osborn, Hornaday and Barnes, representing the New York Zoological Society, appeared and were heard relative to the proposed occupation of a portion of Bronx Park for the purposes of said society.

The President read a memorandum setting forth objections to the proposed agreement for the use of the park, as submitted by the society. Mr. Osborn then submitted an amended draft of agreement, whereupon, on motion of Commissioner Cruger, a copy of the amended memorandum was ordered sent to each member of the Board.

Further consideration of the matter was laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Hon. Franklin Edson, of the Peter Cooper Monument Committee, appeared and submitted a plan and specifications for the work proposed in connection with the Peter Cooper monument, in Cooper Union Park, together with an estimate of the cost.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, the matter was referred to the President for examination and report.

Mrs. Howard Townsend, President of the Society of Colonial Dames, appeared and was heard in relation to the terms of the lease to said society of the Van Cortlandt Mansion, in Van Cortlandt Park, and requested that certain improvements be made in the basement of the said building.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Common Council, transmitting a copy of a resolution requesting that a roof garden be constructed at the Aquarium in Battery Park. Referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street.

From Edward L. Angell, architect, applying for permission to erect projecting windows on the apartment house at the northwest corner of Central Park, West, and One Hundred and Second street, as shown on an accompanying plan. Referred to the President.

From Louis D. Jackson, protesting against a proposed skate pond on the ball ground in Crotona Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting as to the progress of the work of improving the grounds surrounding the tomb of General Grant on Riverside Park. Referred to the President.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Reporting a list of accidents, collisions and runaways in the parks during the week ending with the 16th inst. Filed.

2d. Reporting in relation to the suitability for police duty of three horses now on trial by the mounted squad. Referred to the Committee on Police.

3d. Reporting favorably upon the probationary service of John P. Heaney, Frank L. Pineau, Thomas Gleason and Charles A. Turner as Park Policemen.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That John P. Heaney, Frank L. Pineau, Thomas Gleason and Charles A. Turner be and they hereby are appointed Park Policemen, their probationary service having been satisfactory.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From James Fitzgerald, Park Policeman, asking to be allowed full pay for three days' time lost on account of an injury received while in the performance of his duty. Referred to the Committee on Police.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bills of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, amounting in the aggregate to four hundred and eight dollars and fifty cents for premiums of insurance on buildings in Fort Washington Park, be and the same hereby are approved, audited, and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriations for labor, maintenance, supplies, etc., for the years 1896 and 1897, as follows :

1896, \$34.04 ; 1897, \$374.46—\$408.50.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, respectfully requested to authorize the application of the balance, amounting to twenty-four thousand nine hundred and thirteen dollars and sixteen cents, remaining unexpended of the amount provided

under chapter 74, Laws of 1894, for the completion of the construction of Riverside Park by the erection of retaining walls along the westerly side thereof, said balance not being required for that purpose, to the work of completing the construction of Riverside Park and Drive, by grading and construction of drainage and walks, now in progress under the law above cited, as amended by chapter 120 of the Laws of 1895.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The Committee on Police reported upon the evidence taken in the trials of Park Policemen, together with their findings and recommendations, as follows :

Patrick Conroy, conduct unbecoming an officer. Reprimanded.

Edward Crosby, off post. Charge dismissed.

Owen Delaney, not properly patrolling. Charge dismissed.

Patrick H. Fox, absent without leave. Reprimanded.

Thomas E. Henry, violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Reprimanded.

John J. Kavanagh, neglect of duty. Reprimanded.

John Moran, off post. Charge dismissed.

John J. O'Brien, conduct unbecoming an officer. Fined ten days' pay.

Frank L. Pineau, late in reporting. Charge dismissed.

Patrick Quinn, not properly patrolling. Reprimanded.

William Savage, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

William I. Warren (1), absent from duty without leave ; (2) absent from duty without leave and neglect of duty ; (3) violation of rules and disobedience of orders ; (4) absent from duty without leave for five days. Dropped under the rules ; reinstated ; tried under stated charges and fined twenty days' pay.

Daniel Troy, conduct unbecoming an officer. Fined ten days' pay only, because of meritorious conduct in the past.

On motion, the report, findings and recommendations of the Committee on Police were approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 3.25 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the privilege of conducting the sale of refreshments at the Casino in Central Park be awarded to G. Dorval, for a period of five years, upon the terms set forth in the advertisement for bids for the privilege, his bid of nine thousand dollars per annum being the highest

therefor, and that the President be authorized to execute on behalf of the Department a license agreement for that purpose.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bids of Daniel H. Hurley, for the privileges of conducting the sale of refreshments, etc., amounting to two thousand four hundred and forty dollars per annum for the Dairy and Skate Buildings, three thousand six hundred and eighty dollars per annum for the restaurant near the Arsenal, and one thousand two hundred and eighty dollars per annum for the privilege of conducting the sheds, etc., adjacent to the Casino, be accepted, that such privileges be awarded to Mr. Hurley for a period of five years, upon the terms stated in the advertisement, and that the President be authorized to execute on behalf of the Department license agreements for said privileges.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Stiles stated that Thomas B. O'Mara had been reported to him by the Superintendent of the Aquarium for intoxication.

On motion, the matter was referred to Commissioner Stiles, with power.

On motion, Paul R. Hedrich was appointed a Laborer, for duty at the Aquarium, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills, having been duly examined and audited, were approved and ordered forwarded to the Finance Department for payment :

Bloomingdale Bros., matting, \$13 ; Consolidated Gas Company of New York, gas, \$414.25 ; Consolidated Gas Company of New York, gas, \$4.65 ; Central Gas-light Company of New York City, gas, \$4.50 ; Colgate Company, soap, \$7.86 ; Diamond Match Company, matches, \$5.25 ; Peter Duryee & Co., tally register, \$2.25 ; Peter Duryee & Co., shrubs, \$36.25 ; F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Co., blue print, etc., \$8.10 ; James D. Leary, Estimate No. 25, public driveway, \$31,206.40 ; The J. L. Mott Iron Works, manhole frames, etc., \$85.68 ; John B. McDonald, Estimate No. 1, Bronx and Pelham Parkway, etc., \$7,018.40 ; New York Telephone Company, successors to Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephonic service, \$333.37 ; The New York Mutual Gas-light Company, gas, \$83 ; Alfred Nugent & Son, Estimate No. 2, construction Mulberry Bend Park, \$6,293.93 ; Rubber & Celluloid Harness Trimming Company, brushes, \$18.60 ; J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 31, public driveway, \$41,433.20 ; Swan & Finch Company, neatsfoot oil, \$7.47 ; Todd & Co., salt, \$1 ; Walls & Van Riper, use of pile driver, etc., \$197.25 ; E. J. Shafer, Estimate No. 2, Riverside Park, Construction of, etc., \$2,579.93 ; Hiram

Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries and wages, Metropolitan Museum of Art, \$5,803.11 ; Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company, Cathedral Parkway, Improvement, etc., \$21,051.97 ; Albert Behning, coal, \$237.50 ; James Biggart & Co., hay, etc., \$99.35 ; Colwell Lead Company, solder, \$4.50 ; Dickerson, Van Dusen & Co., zinc, \$1.13 ; Peter Duryee & Co., nails, etc., \$7 ; Herbert Greason, gutter, etc., \$100 ; George Hudson, manure, \$30 ; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum of Natural History, \$1,116.33 ; C. M. Moseman & Bro., rug, \$20 ; Robert McClenahan, coal, \$29.30 ; The J. L. Mott Iron Works, hopper, etc., \$16 ; Park & Tilford, sapolio, \$4.50 ; S. Roebuck, weather strips, \$5.83 ; Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Co., locks, etc., \$7.76 ; Robert W. Todd, Receiver Hodgman Rubber Company, boots, \$15.30 ; Walter B. Tufts, standard taps, etc., \$2.19 ; Whitman Saddle Company, spurs, etc., \$6 ; Willson, Adams & Co., spruce, etc., \$316.54 ; Willson, Adams & Co., pine ceiling, \$9.72.

On motion, at 3.55, the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1897—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners McMillan (President), Cruger, Stiles, Ely.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

J. A. Goulden, representing the Taxpayers' Alliance, appeared before the Board, in relation to the proposed establishment of a Zoological Garden in Bronx Park, and submitted a copy of a preamble and resolutions adopted by said Alliance on the 25th instant, urging the granting of the petition of the New York Zoological Society to occupy a portion of said park for the proposed Zoological Garden.

The following communications were received :

From the President of the American Museum of Natural History, proposing to co-operate with this Board in securing an appropriation for the improvement of the grounds of Manhattan Square. Referred to the President.

From the Secretary of the Board of Managers of the New York Botanical Garden, submitting a copy of a report of the Plans Commission of said Board, together with a general plan, as adopted, and also plans and specifications for a museum building, power house, stable, director's house, head gardener's house, second gardener's house and closet. Referred to the President for examination and report.

From John Kelly, James C. Reilly and other residents of the annexed district, petitioning for the flooding of the ball ground on Crotona Park for skating. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From F. A. Cauchois, calling attention to the necessity for lighting Morningside Park in the vicinity of One Hundred and Sixteenth street. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Timothy F. Murphy, applying for permission to erect and operate a carrousel in the upper portion of Central Park. Referred to the President.

From the American Swan Boat Company, applying for a renewal of its license to operate swan boats on the pond in Central Park. Referred to the President.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting as to the progress of the granite work in connection with the improvement of the grounds surrounding the tomb of General Grant on Riverside Park. Referred to the President, with authority to take such steps as he may deem necessary to expedite the work.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Submitting a plan and specifications for excavating and removing earth, furnishing and putting in place gravel and mould and laying sod and furnishing and delivering trees and tree guards where required on the Cathedral Parkway.

On motion, said plan and specifications were approved and the specifications ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Submitting estimates or bids obtained by him for making maps and surveys of Claremont and Crotona Parks, as follows :

Alexander Potter, \$4.90 per acre ; Fred. Reinert, \$6 per acre ; Charles A. Mapes, \$10.50 per acre ; H. H. Spindler, \$15 per acre for Crotona, and \$12 per acre for Claremont.

On motion, an order for doing the work was authorized to be issued to Alexander Potter, at a cost not to exceed the amount of his estimate, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

3d. Inclosing bill of Thomas W. Weathered's Sons for labor and materials in repairing the green-house boilers in Central Park.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Thomas W. Weathered's Sons, amounting to one hundred and eighty-four dollars and forty-two cents, for repairing the steam-heating apparatus at the green-house in Central Park, be and the same hereby is approved, audited, and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.," for the year 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

4th. Inclosing a bill of the Harlem River Tow-boat Line, for services rendered by propeller "Harlem River" on the 18th instant, in opening the draw of the temporary Macomb's Dam Bridge.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of the propeller "Harlem River," amounting to five dollars, for services rendered at the temporary Macomb's Dam Bridge on the 18th instant, be and the same

hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for "Harlem River Bridges" for the current year.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

5th. Inclosing a bill of M. Poslenski, amounting to \$5.60, for repairs to the harness used by the Paymaster in the parks north of the Harlem river.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of M. Poslenski, amounting to five dollars and sixty cents, for repairs to harness, be and hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for "Police Supplies" for the year 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

6th. Reporting the cost of removing the swan boats from the pond to the terrace in Central Park, amounting to \$9.26.

On motion, the licensee for the swan boats on the pond, was ordered notified to pay to the Department the cost of the removal of his boats.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a report of the accidents, collisions and runaways in the parks during the week ending with the 23d. Filed.

The Committee on Police reported upon the evidence taken in the trials of Park Policemen, together with their findings and recommendations, as follows :

James Bennett, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.

James J. Cogan, violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Fined twenty days' pay.

Thomas Flynn, absent without leave. Reprimanded.

Michael Kelly, absent without leave. Fined two days' pay.

Harry Kahl, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.

John J. Mitchell, absent without leave. Fined two days' pay.

John J. O'Rourke, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.

David Sheehan, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.

Henry Terpeny, late for roll-call. Reprimanded.

Theodore Werdann, absent from duty without leave. Reprimanded.

Felix Zeliecke, late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Police was received and their findings and recommendations were approved and confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the application of Park Policeman James Fitzgerald for full pay for time lost, from January 12 to January 14 (three days), on account of an injury received while on duty, made a favorable report, recommending that full pay be allowed as applied for.

On motion, the report of the Committee was accepted and pay was allowed Officer Fitzgerald, as recommended, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be and hereby is directed to proceed with the work of making the necessary surveys and soundings to determine a proper location for the proposed new bridge connecting City Island and Pelham Bay Park, whose construction is authorized by chapter 507 of the Laws of 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

In the matter of the application of the Pelham Electric Light and Power Company, for permission to erect poles and string wires across the City Island Bridge and through the Pelham Bay Park, by way of the City Island road to Bartow, and thence northerly and southerly over the shore road to the city line, the President reported that he had considered the advisability of giving the desired privilege, and recommended that the same be granted as applied for.

On motion, the report of the President was accepted and his recommendation approved.

The President, to whom was referred the application of Edward L. Angell for permission to build projecting windows on an apartment house at the northwest corner of Central Park, West, and One Hundred and Second street, as shown on plans submitted, reported that he had examined the said plans and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and hereby is given to the erection of projections on an apartment building to be erected at the northwest corner of Central Park, West, and One Hundred and Second street, as shown by plans filed in this office by Edward L. Angell, architect. This consent shall take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The Committee on Parks above the Harlem river, to whom was referred for examination and report the matter of a resolution now pending before the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, providing for the opening and extending of Crotona Park, East, from Prospect avenue to the Southern Boulevard, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, made a favorable report thereon, which was approved and ordered communicated to the Board of Street Opening and Improvement.

On motion, at 3.25 P. M. the Board went into executive session.

Commissioner Stiles, to whom was referred the case of Thomas B. O'Mara, a Laborer at the Aquarium charged with intoxication, reported verbally, recommending that the said O'Mara be discharged from the employ of the Department.

On motion, the discharge of Thomas B. O'Mara was ordered, as recommended, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, Patrick Cox, a Laborer, was discharged from the employ of the Department by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, James Van Hook was appointed a Laborer, for duty at the Aquarium, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the matter of a request of the Superintendent of the Aquarium that the American Fisheries Society be permitted to hold a meeting at the Aquarium, was referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street with power.

On motion, the matter of procuring a turnstile and extra heating apparatus for the Aquarium Building, as recommended by the Superintendent of the Aquarium, was referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street with power, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, Robert Montgomery was restored to duty as an Inspector of Masonry, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the pay of Gustav A. Burggraf, Carpenter, was fixed at \$4 per day, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the matter of the Central Park restaurant and shed privileges, for which bids were received on the 13th instant, was referred to the President with power to make awards and execute license agreements, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

The American and Continental Sanitas Company, Limited, disinfecting fluid, \$66.94 ; James Biggart & Co., oats, etc., \$14.57 ; Bloomingdale Bros., gas-stove, etc., \$1.06 ; Bausch & Lomb Optical Company, microscope, etc., \$59.45 ; Colgate & Co., soap, \$5.60 ; Diamond Match

Company, matches, \$14; R. E. Dietz Company, lanterns, \$3.34; T. W. Decker & Sons, milk, \$11.16; Peter Duryee & Co., bolts, scoop, etc., \$86.37; The Industrial Christian Alliance, brooms, \$24; Keuffel & Esser Company, repairs to tape, \$2.75; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$76.50; The Manhattan Supply Company, galvanized pipe, etc., \$52.75; H. B. Merrill, packing, etc., \$35.61; H. B. Merrill, steam pump, etc., \$600; Robert McClenahan, coal, \$91.60; New York Agricultural Works, settees, \$800; Park & Tilford, sapolio, \$4.50; M. Stern's Metropolitan Fish and Oyster Market, fish, \$23.25; Swan & Finch Company, seats foot oil, etc., \$21.12; Robert W. Todd, receiver Hodgman Rubber Company, boots, \$7.65; The United States Fire Extinguisher Manufacturing Company, extinguishers, \$96; A. A. Vantine, screen, \$10; S. Wasserman, bread, etc., \$49.50; Waterbury Clock Company, clocks, \$16.80; Charles P. Woodworth's Son & Co., apples, etc., \$17; The Barber Asphalt Paving Company, 3 per cent. amount retained, \$150.01; The Barber Asphalt Paving Company, 3 per cent. amount retained, \$14.52; The Barber Asphalt Paving Company, 3 per cent. amount retained, 281.35; The Barber Asphalt Paving Company, 3 per cent. amount retained, \$10.98; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, coal, American Museum of Natural History, \$776.63; Charles Lanier, treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum of Natural History, \$1,313.63; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum of Natural History, \$1,243.75; The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, 3 per cent. amount retained, \$972.50; The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, 3 per cent. amount retained; \$26.27.

On motion, at 3.55 P. M. the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1897—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners McMillan (President), Cruger, Stiles, Ely.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department as to its powers and duties in the matter of the Riverside Drive viaduct over Ninety-sixth street, and the change of the grade of said street necessitated thereby.

On motion, it was decided to procure the consent of the owners of the property abutting on Ninety-sixth street affected by the proposed change of grade.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, desiring to use a plot of ground on High Bridge Park, in the vicinity of One Hundred and Seventy-eighth street, for the purpose of a nursery for shade trees for future planting on the Boulevard and other streets. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Trustees of the Good Government Club of the Nineteenth Assembly District, petitioning for the removal of two iron columns supporting the structure of the elevated railroad on the line of West Seventy-second street. Referred to the President for report.

From the House and Real Estate Owners' Association of the Twelfth and Nineteenth Wards, requesting that additional police protection be provided for East River Park. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, inclosing a copy of a preamble and resolution adopted by the Trustees of the Museum, relative to the making of a contract for excavation for the foundations of the new museum wing. Filed.

From Richard H. Hunt, architect, submitting plans and specifications for the excavations necessary for the foundations of the new wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, said plans and specifications were approved and the specifications ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Secretary of Building Constructors, District No. 253, Knights of Labor, desiring that no portion of Union Square Park be allowed for railroad purposes. Filed.

From Charles B. Morris, asking an interpretation of his contract for furnishing and delivering forage, with regard to the specification for oats. Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

From A. Van Beuren & Co., desiring permission to paint advertising signs on their bulletin facing Riverside Drive at One Hundred and Nineteenth street. Referred to the President.

From William Meisner, withdrawing his bid for restaurant privileges at the Arsenal, Dairy and Skate-house in Central Park, and also for the Sheds at the Casino. Filed.

From Daniel Hurley, withdrawing his bids for restaurant privileges. Filed.

From Julius F. Munckwitz, Jr., submitting plans and specifications for a step around the centre pool and for new radiators required at the Aquarium.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the plan for slate platform step around the centre pool and the specifications for new radiators for the Aquarium, this day submitted, be and the same hereby are approved and ordered transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for approval, as required by chapter 254 of the Laws of 1893.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting upon the condition of the Menagerie for the month of January. Filed.

From the Assistant Secretary, reporting the sale of houses, sheds and other structures standing on Pelham Bay Park, on the 22d ultimo, and inclosing a statement and return of the auctioneer. Filed.

From Couch, Towne & Murphy, complaining of a shanty erected on the Mosholu parkway, between Grenada place and Van Courtlandt avenue. Filed.

From W. W. Niles, Jr., and others, petitioning for the extension of Bainbridge avenue across Mosholu parkway, and also

From the Superintendent of Parks in relation thereto.

On motion, the Superintendent of Parks and Engineer of Construction were directed to report as to the advisability of constructing a roadway across the parkway, as desired by the petitioners.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Inclosing a bill of the Mason Stable Company, Limited, for carriage-hire.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of the Mason Stable Company, Limited, amounting to twenty dollars for carriage-hire, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance, Supplies," etc., for the year 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Inclosing copy of notice served by him on occupants of premises on Fifth avenue at Ninety-sixth, Ninety-eighth and One Hundred and Sixth streets, opposite which drinking-troughs were erected, directing the removal of the troughs within ten days.

On motion, the action of the Superintendent was approved, and he was directed to cause the removal of the troughs unless the notice is complied with.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the proposed removal of the walk on the south side of Mail street and the widening of the sidewalk on the north side, as desired by the Treasury Department.

On motion, the map or plan submitted by the Postmaster, showing proposed changes on the southerly side of Mail street and the widening to thirty feet of the sidewalk on the north side of said street, was approved and ordered filed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Reporting in relation to proposed changes in the railway tracks crossing the Circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, as shown on sketches submitted by the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, and recommending that changes be made in the tracks, as shown upon sketch marked "a," by placing the two tracks of the Eighth avenue road and connections on the westerly side of the space occupied by the Columbus Statue.

On motion, the changes, as indicated on the sketch referred to and as recommended by the Engineer, were approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting reports of accidents, collisions and runaways in the parks during the two weeks ending with the sixth instant. Filed.

2d. Recommending that Park Policemen in the employ of the Department for one year be advanced to the pay of the first grade. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Captain and the Surgeon of Police, reporting as to the efficiency and physical condition of Park Policemen on probation.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the probationary service of the following-named men having been satisfactory, they be and hereby are appointed Park Policemen :

Henning Heden, Robert S. Fischer, George Hasenmiller, Thomas L. Monaghan, Cornelius Carmody, John F. Kelly, Jerome F. Brenneis.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, the period of probationary service of Paul O. L. Zeigler, reported as being on the sick list, was extended for thirty days.

From Patrick Durkin, Park Policeman, applying for full pay for four days time lost on account of an injury received while on duty. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Cerdes Shaefer, Park Policeman, applying for full pay for twelve days time lost on account of an injury received while on duty. Referred to the Committee on Police.

The Treasurer presented a statement of moneys received by the Department and deposited in the City Treasury during the month of January, which was ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows :

NEW YORK, February 1, 1897. *To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners :*

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of moneys received during the month of January, 1897, and deposited in the City Treasury :

January 4. Bloomingdale Boat Club, license.	\$75 00
“ 4. N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Co., rent Van Cortlandt Park.	45 00
“ 5. Thomas J. Hogan, Corlears Hook Park.	20 80
“ 7. Isidor Isaac & Co., license, Casino, December.	281 13
“ 7. I. Isaac, license, carrousel, December.	15 56
“ 7. Oscar H. Riker, license, swings, December.	2 18
“ 9. Case & Co., McGown’s Pass, December.	137 05
“ 12. Edgar J. Barker, rent, St. John’s Park, January.	25 00
“ 12. John Lucas, donkeys, Central Park, December.	4 48
“ 12. Otto Schwenk, Bronx Park, December.	4 01
“ 14. Church of the Divine Paternity, projections, Seventy-sixth street.	1 00
“ 20. Morton Britton, Battery Park.	15 00
“ 28. S. Lasarovitz, East River Park, on account.	25 00
“ 30. Charles P. Hallock, agent, rents.	510 45
	\$1,161 66

W. A. STILES, Treasurer.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Whereas, By the provisions of chapter 507, Laws of 1896, amending chapter 638 of the Laws of 1894, this Department, with the consent and approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, is authorized to erect a new bridge, connecting Pelham Bay Park with City Island, on or near the site of the present City Island bridge ; and

Whereas, In view of the old and dilapidated condition of the present City Island bridge and its importance as a much-used thoroughfare, the proposed new bridge is an urgent necessity ;

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to give its consent to the erection of such new bridge, in accordance with plans and specifications, which shall first be submitted to the said Board for its approval, and that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be also requested to authorize and direct the issue of bonds to an amount not exceeding two hundred and forty-nine thousand dollars, from time to time, in such sums as may be required for the necessary expenses of engineering and construction, as provided by the act cited.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Department with the New York Telephone Company for telephonic service for the current year, at a cost not to exceed four thousand dollars.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President, to whom was referred the application of Timothy F. Murphy, for permission to erect and operate a carrousel in the upper part of Central Park, made a verbal report recommending that the same be denied.

On motion, the report and recommendation of the President were approved.

Horace Ingersoll appeared and was heard in relation to his bills for forage furnished under contract with the Department.

On motion, at 3.30 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bills of Edward D. Lindsey, amounting to seven hundred and eleven dollars and ninety-five cents, for services rendered the Department as Consulting Architect in connection with work done at the Aquarium, be and the same hereby are audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the fund provided for "Castle Garden and Battery Park, Equipping, Furnishing, Stocking, etc.," chapter 254, Laws of 1893.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, it was ordered that Professor C. S. Sargent and Charles Eliot and Thomas Hastings be requested to report on the plans and location of buildings for the Botanical Garden in Bronx Park, and the matter of compensation for the work was referred to the President by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President submitted the following schedule of duties for the Superintendent of Supplies and Repairs :

His duties shall be to certify to the accuracy of all pay-rolls and bills, to have charge of and be responsible for all property belonging to the department, and to render an inventory of the same on the 1st of January and the 1st of July in each year ; to examine the supplies furnished to the department and report promptly to the President any variation in the quality or quantity of supplies as ordered or contracted for ; he shall keep a record of all of the employees of the department, with the position held, date of appointment and termination of service ; he shall have the supervision of all buildings belonging to the department and be responsible for the condition of the same ; he shall have charge of the sale of all wool, grass, condemned property, etc., which the department shall have for sale, receive the proceeds of such sales and pay them over to the Treasurer of the department, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time ; he shall give a bond in the sum of \$10,000 for the faithful performance of his duties.

On motion, the foregoing schedule was approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following communications were received :

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the pay of Frank Fagan and Philip H. Berian, Laborers, be increased to two dollars per day. Laid over.

From A. B. Samuelson, Transitman, applying for promotion to the grade and pay of Assistant Engineer. Referred to the Consulting Engineer of the Harlem River Driveway for report.

A petition of the Steam Engineers and Firemen of the Department for an increase of pay was received and laid over.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

E. & H. T. Anthony & Co., camera, etc., \$101.40 ; American Net and Twine Co., seine, etc. ; \$39.90 ; J. J. Adams & Co., paint, etc., \$99.86 ; Edward Barr Company, iron pipe, etc., \$45.57 ; Bradley & Currier Co. (Limited), glass, etc., \$12.90 ; Bradley & Hubbard Mfg. Co., brackets, etc., \$59 ; S. C. Brown, jars, \$60 ; Albert Behning, coal, \$10 ; Blackfords, fish, \$58.02 ; P. & F. Corbin, springs, etc., \$52 ; Davies Bros., coal, \$445 ; Peter Duryee & Co., sash cord, etc., \$3 ; Peter Duryee & Co., nails, etc., \$9.82 ; J. W. Fiske, faucets, etc., \$59.26 ; Charles Hvass, brooms, \$7.50 ; E. Howard Watch and Clock Co., clock, \$60 ; A. Haas' Sons, beef, etc., \$310.50 ; Horace Ingersoll, hay, \$46.88 ; Emil Jacobson, filing saws, \$15 ; Keuffel & Esser Co., thermometers, \$9 ; Lord & Taylor, linoleum, \$38.48 ; Mulhern Steam Heating Co., pipe fittings, \$3.02 ;

J. L. Mott Iron Works, grate, \$0.52; Manning, Maxwell & Moore, stock, etc., \$101.52; John McClave, pine, etc., \$90.87; John McClave, yellow pine, etc., \$110.32; McKesson & Robbins, sal. soda, etc., 108.58; Monash-Younger Co., air valves, \$24.15; S. Roebuck, weather strips, \$17; Rubber Tire Wheel Co., tires, etc., \$80.72; Swan & Finch Co., linseed oil, etc., \$191.19; H. E. Stevens & Son, spruce, \$79.50; Todd & Co., salt, \$8; George A. Williams & Sons, umbrella stand, etc., \$73.50; Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, typewriter, etc., \$114.75; Consolidated Gas Co. of New York, gas, \$394.12; Consolidated Gas Co. of New York, gas, \$4.33; Central Gas Light Co. of New York City, gas, \$4.63; Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries, etc., Metropolitan Museum of Art, \$6,885.74; James D. Leary, Estimate No. 26, public driveway, \$27,435.20; New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas, \$79.38; J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 32, public driveway, \$13,964; John W. Hutchinson, petty disbursements, \$245.50.

On motion, at 4.10 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1897—SPECIAL MEETING, 2 P. M.

Pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK,
February 19, 1897. Mr. WILLIAM LEARY, *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board, to be held Wednesday, 24th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be presented.

Respectfully, SAMUEL McMILLAN, President.

Present—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President, Commissioner Cruger, took the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Common Council, transmitting a copy of a resolution, requesting that public improvements be hastened as much as possible in the interest of the unemployed. Filed.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

1st. Transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing the erection of a new bridge on or near the site of the old City Island Bridge, as provided by chapter 638, Laws of 1894, amended by chapter 507, Laws of 1896, and authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars for the payment of engineering, drafting and other expenses necessary to the preparation of plans and specifications for the said bridge. Filed.

2d. Advising the Department of the action of said Board in authorizing the application of the balance, amounting to \$24,913.16, remaining unexpended of the amount apportioned for Riverside Park retaining walls, to other work in connection with the improvement of the said park, now in progress, under chapter 120 of the Laws of 1895. Filed.

From the West End Association, forwarding a copy of preamble and resolution, requesting the consent of this Department to the erection of an additional stairway leading to the Elevated

Railway station at Sixty-sixth street and Columbus avenue. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

From G. M. Speir and E. L. Baylies, executors of the will of Robert Ray Hamilton, deceased, in relation to the location of the ornamental fountain to be erected in one of the parks by the terms of said will, and suggesting the propriety of placing the same on the proposed new park to be laid out on the block bounded by Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, Ninth and Tenth avenues.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to advise the executors that this Board will consider and take action in the matter when the proposed park shall have been acquired.

From John C. Shaw, calling attention to a bill now before the Legislature, to provide for the extension of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street from St. Nicholas avenue to St. Nicholas terrace.

The Vice-President stated that the Counsel to the Corporation had been communicated with regarding the proposed measure and requested to oppose the same, which in view of the difference in grade between St. Nicholas avenue and St. Nicholas terrace would be an unwise and unwarranted encroachment upon the proposed St. Nicholas Park.

On motion, the action of the President in opposing the bill was approved.

From Elizabeth C. MacMartin, in relation to the proposed establishment of open-air gymnasiums in the parks, and offering her services to assist in the management of the department for women. Filed.

From Charles Robadan, Edward Rodier and others, petitioning for the reinstatement of A. F. Fournier, as a Foreman in charge of Bronx Park. Filed.

From the Bloomingdale Boat Club, applying for permission to erect an iron foot-bridge over the railroad tracks, leading from Riverside Park to their boat-house at the foot of West One Hundred and Second street, as shown on accompanying plans. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Reporting upon the plan submitted by the Bloomingdale Boat Club, showing bridge proposed, leading to their boat-house from Riverside Park. Laid over.

2d. Reporting upon the progress of the work upon the grounds surrounding the tomb of General U. S. Grant, on Riverside Park. Referred to the President.

3d. Suggesting the adoption of the plans showing proposed extension of the roadway on the Bronx and Pelham parkway, through Bronx Park to the Southern Boulevard, and from Pelham Bay Park to the Eastern Boulevard, before the surveys and estimate are made. Referred to the President.

4th. Reporting that the necessary surveys for the proposed bridge over the Harlem river at One Hundred and Forty-fifth street had been made and the points for the lines of borings established and recommending that an order be issued for making the necessary borings.

On motion, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was requested to make applicable for the preliminary work in connection with the construction of the said bridge the sum of \$1,500, heretofore provided for similar work in connection with the construction of a temporary bridge at that point.

5th. Submitting plans for the modification of the walk on the westerly side of Riverside Drive, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets, as follows :

1. Plan showing proposed omission of walk between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-first streets ;

2. Proposed widening of walk on the westerly side of the westerly drive, between One Hundred and Twenty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets, and opposite the tomb of General Grant.

On motion, said plans were approved and the work, now in progress, was ordered to conform thereto.

6th. Submitting a map, showing surveys of that portion of Pelham Bay Park and of City Island required to determine the proper location for the proposed new City Island Bridge. Referred to the President.

7th. Transmitting a topographical plan of the grounds acquired for the Poe Park in the Twenty-fourth Ward, showing present location of the Poe Cottage, and also a plan of the proposed location for the cottage, with walks, etc., within the grounds acquired. Laid over.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the sale of five condemned horses.

On motion, the horses referred to by the Superintendent were ordered disposed of at auction sale by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting reports of accidents, collisions and runaways in the parks during the two weeks ending with the 20th instant. Filed.

2d. Reporting the death, on the 16th instant, of Thomas Lewis, a Stableman. Filed.

3d. Reporting the death of a horse at the police stables. Filed.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to transfer the sum of two hundred dollars from the appropriation for Harlem river bridges, etc., for the year 1896, for the purposes of which said amount will not be required, to the appropriation for maintenance and construction of new parks north of Harlem river, including surveying and monumenting, for the same year, which is insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote .

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

The Vice-president called up the plan for riprapping the shores of "The Pool" in Central Park, near One Hundred and Second street and Eighth avenue, which was laid over on the 4th inst., and moved that the same be approved.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

The Vice-president, from the Committee on Police, to whom was referred the communication from the Captain of Police, dated February 1, 1897, recommending the advancement in grade and pay of Officers Peter P. Byrnes, James F. Carey, Hugh F. Maguire, Augustus H. Murphy, Michael Proesel, James Walsh, Bernard McByrne, Thomas McCarthy, Joseph J. McLaughlin, James W. Cooney, Patrick Durkin, William J. Flynn, William J. Lynch and Thomas E. Henry, who have been employed one year on the force, made a verbal report, recommending that the said officers be advanced to the \$1,100 per annum grade, to take effect February 1, 1897, and also recommending that Officers Thomas J. Hoey and Joseph B. Conway be continued in the \$900 grade until January 1 next, for the reason that their first year's service was not, in the opinion of the Committee, such as to warrant their advancement.

On motion, the report and recommendations of the Committee on Police were approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

The Committee on Police also reported upon the applications of Park Policemen Patrick Durkin, for full pay for four days, January 25 to 28, inclusive, and Cerdas Shaefer, for full pay for twelve days, January 20 to 31, inclusive, time lost on account of injuries received while on duty, and recommended that full pay be allowed as applied for.

On motion, the report and recommendation of the Committee were approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

The Committee on Police reported upon the evidence taken in the trials of Park Policemen together with their findings and recommendations, as follows :

Joseph B. Conway, conduct unbecoming an officer. Fined twenty days' pay.

James F. McIntyre, violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Dismissed from the force.

On motion, the findings and recommendations of the Committee on Police were approved and confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

John Daniell, Jr., appeared before the Board and presented a plan showing a proposed remedy for the danger arising from the curve in the cable railroad at Broadway and Fourteenth street, by running the railways through Union Square Park and rearranging the plan of the park.

On motion, at 3.35 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were received :

From George B. Post, Consulting Architect for the proposed new wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in relation to his compensation for services in connection with the work. Referred to the President for consideration and recommendation.

From James D. Leary, in relation to proposed additional work, in connection with the reconstruction of the subway under his contract for the first section of the Harlem River Driveway. Referred to the Consulting Engineer for report.

On motion, Park Policeman George H. Donohue was promoted to the grade and pay of Roundsman, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

On motion, James Feeny and Richard Kipp were appointed as teamsters with teams, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

A blue helmet and blue blouse and trousers of the same material, of which samples were submitted, were adopted as a uniform for Laborers, Gardeners, Drivers, etc., of the Department ; the helmet costing 90 cents, of which the Department is to pay 50 cents ; the blouse and trousers to be purchased by the men.

The Superintendent was directed to issue orders that the men shall provide themselves with this uniform by April 1, 1897, by the following vote :

Ayes - Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered forwarded to the Finance Department for payment :

The Anchor Post Company, fence, etc., \$726.13 ; Andorra Nurseries, plants, \$106 ; Abendroth & Root Manufacturing Company, galvanized pipe, \$3.02 ; F. E. Brandis' Sons & Co., repairing level, \$41.70 ; James Biggart & Co., coal, \$50 ; James Biggart & Co., coal, \$43 ; A. W. Brainard, charts, etc., \$7.50 ; Colgate & Co., soap, \$7.49 ; Colwell Lead Company, solder, \$2.75 ; George W. Church, rasps, etc., \$3.92 ; F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Company, Indian red, etc., \$321.15 ; F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Company, Indian red, \$15.19 ; F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Company, ink, etc., \$5.57 ; W. & B. Douglas, rubbers, \$4 ; Peter Duryee & Co., bolts, etc., \$177.02 ; Peter Duryee & Co., nails, \$5.40 ; Dickerson, Van Dusen & Co., tin, \$4 ; The Diamond March Safe Company, matches, \$5.25 ; W. R. Fleming & Co., picks, etc., \$84 ; Gordon Brothers, coal, \$45 ; Thomas Humphrey, labels, etc., \$44 ; Hodgman Rubber Company, R. W. Todd, Receiver, boots, etc., \$69.45 ; Hitchings & Co., grate, \$5 ; Peter Henderson & Co., canary seed, etc., \$3.65 ; Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, coal, Metropolitan Museum of Art, \$939.60 ; The Industrial Christian Alliance, brushes, \$9 ; The Industrial Christian Alliance, brooms, \$3 15 ; Johnson Brothers, guard rails, etc., \$475 ; Knickerbocker Ice Company, ice, \$123.23 ;

Keuffel & Esser Company, steel tape, etc., \$7.34; The J. L. Mott Iron Works, rubber rings, etc., \$19.46; The J. L. Mott Iron Works, lead pipe, etc., \$7.17; E. W. Merrill, charcoal, \$1.20; McKesson & Robbins, caustic soda, etc., \$35.93; Charles B. Morris & Co., oil meal, etc., \$3.02; John McClave, cabinets, \$330; John McClave, spruce, etc., \$74.42; McKelvey & Christie, casing stairs, etc., \$149; William J. Peck, lime, \$2.50; Park & Tilford, ivory soap, \$7; Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company, bronze plates, etc., \$56.51; Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company, knobs, etc., \$5.03; J. H. Roberts & Co., turnips, \$120; The Safety Car Heating and Lighting Company, globe, \$2.75; H. E. Stevens & Son, spruce, \$336.18; Swan & Finch Company, linseed oil, etc., \$66.34; Vought & Williams, horseshoes, etc., \$31.25; John T. Whitehead, samson zincs, \$6; Charles P. Woodworth's Son & Co., apples, etc., \$39; Charles P. Woodworth's Son & Co., turnips, etc., \$153.80; George A. Williams & Son, wire guards, etc., \$270.

On motion, at 3.55 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1897--REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President took the chair.

A representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the estimate box was opened and all the estimates or proposals which had been received, in accordance with an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD, were opened and read for the following-named works :

For Facing with Rubble-stone and Rock Work and Walls the Slope of "The Pool," near One Hundred and Second street and Eighth avenue, in the Central Park.

BIDDERS.	600 CUBIC YARDS OF RUBBLE STONE FACING, ROCK WORK AND DRY RUBBLE WALLS IN PLACE.	AMOUNT.
Michael Marrone	\$4 05	\$2,430 00
R. H. Hood	5 49	3,294 00
Cornelius O'Grady.....	6 99	4,194 00
John E. Quinn.....	5 00	3,000 00
P. J. Moran.....	4 90	2,940 00
Bart Dunn.....	3 00	1,800 00

For Furnishing and Delivering Garden Mould Where Required on the Parks.

BIDDERS.	5,000 CUBIC YARDS GARDEN MOULD.	AMOUNT.
E. J. Shafer	\$1 45	\$7,250 00
Bart Dunn.....	1 38	6,900 00
J. Frank Quinn.....	1 33	6,650 00

For Furnishing and Delivering Screened Gravel Where Required on the Central Park and Riverside Park and Avenue.

BIDDERS.	10,000 CUBIC YARDS DOUBLE SCREENED GRAVEL FOR ROADS.	AMOUNT.
Phoenix Towing and Transportation Co.....	\$2 17	\$21,700 00
Joseph W. Cody & Co.....	2 15	21,500 00
Adolph J. Jantzen, Jr.....	2 20	22,000 00
J. Frank Quinn.....	1 87	18,700 00

For an Addition, etc., to The Ladies' Cottage on the East Side of Central Park, near Sixty-fifth Street.

BIDDERS.	AMOUNT.
Tolmie & Luyster.....	\$1,400 00
James Blewett.....	1,795 00
Thomas Brennan.....	1,190 00
Hartman & Horgan.....	1,499 00
Jones & O'Connor.....	1,591 00

For Excavating and Removing Earth, Furnishing and Putting in Place Gravel and Mould, Furnishing and Laying Sod, and Furnishing and Delivering Trees and Tree Guards, Where Required on Cathedral Parkway.

ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	JOHN J. DORGAN.		CHARLES L. DORAN		BENJAMIN J. TUITE.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1. Earth excavated	740 cubic yards.	\$1 25	\$925 00	\$1 25	\$925 00	\$0 80	\$592 00
2. Gravel furnished and spread.....	740 "	1 90	1,406 00	2 50	1,850 00	2 00	1,480 00
3. Mould furnished and spread.....	400 "	1 85	740 00	1 65	660 00	1 48	592 00
4. Trees furnished and delivered.	144 trees.	4 00	576 00	5 00	720 00	5 00	720 00
5. Tree guards furnished and delivered.	144 " guards.	6 00	864 00	1 40	201 60	2 00	288 00
6. Sod furnished and laid.....	23,000 sq. feet.	03½	805 00	03½	805 00	03	690 00
Total.....			\$5,316 00		\$5,161 60		\$4,362 00

For Furnishing and Delivering Manure Where Required on the Parks.]

BIDDERS.	250,000 BUSHELS FINE SHOOK OUT HORSE MANURE.	80,000 BUSHELS DECOMPOSED STABLE MANURE.	AMOUNT.
Joseph K. Smith.....	\$0 03	\$0 12	\$17,100 00

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department relative to the specifications for oats, as contained in the contract with Charles B. Morris, for furnishing and delivering forage. Filed.

From Frank R. Houghton, John L. Miller, P. S. Tracy and others, petitioning the Department to give consent to the erection of an additional stairway leading to the elevated railroad station at Columbus avenue and Sixty-sixth street. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

From Michael Coleman, in relation to the laying out of a circle from Eightieth to Eighty-second street and Fifth avenue, opposite the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From F. R. Houghton, calling attention to the need for wider sidewalks on the easterly and westerly sides of Manhattan Square, and also calling attention to the condition of the sidewalk on the westerly side of Central Park, between One Hundred and First and One Hundred and Second streets. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

From William and James Bradley, applying for permission to erect projections on a proposed building at the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and Eighty-seventh street, as shown on an accompanying plan. Referred to the President.

From Howard & Cauldwell, architects, in relation to the proposed Riverside Viaduct over Ninety-sixth street and stating their readiness to proceed with the plans therefor. Referred to the President.

From August Braun, applying for a renewal of his license for the boat service on the Central Park Lake. Referred to the President.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting upon the condition of the Menagerie for the month of February. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting a plan for repairing and repaving with concrete and mortar of Portland cement the walk adjoining the Battery sea-wall, between Pier A, North river, and the westerly line of the property of the United States Government. Referred to the President.

2d. Submitting plans and profiles for paving with telford pavement the roads in Mosholu Parkway, with a view of completing a continuous paved roadway between Van Cortlandt and Bronx Parks. Referred to the President.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting favorably in the matter of the request of the Commissioner of Public Works to use a plot of ground in High Bridge Park for the purposes of a nursery.

On motion, the Superintendent was authorized and directed to locate a suitable plot of ground in High Bridge Park, to be set apart for the use of the Department of Public Works as a nursery, during the pleasure of this Board, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

2d. Reporting in the matter of the request of the Alexander Hamilton Post, G. A. R., for permission to plant trees in one of the parks in commemoration of the thirteen trees planted by Alexander Hamilton, and recommending that, in case such request is granted, the trees be planted in one of the parks north of the Harlem river.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was adopted, and he was authorized to select a suitable locality for planting the trees.

3d. Reporting upon a communication from F. A. Cauchois, in relation to the lighting of Morningside Park in the neighborhood of One Hundred and Sixteenth street, and recommending that lights be placed across said park from east and west and on the steps leading from Morningside avenue, West, at One Hundred and Sixteenth street and also at One Hundred and Twentieth street.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was approved and he was directed to prepare a plan, showing the location of the lamps desired, for submission to the Gas Commission.

From the Captain of Police, reporting a list of accidents, collisions, etc., in the parks, for the week ending with the 27th ulto. Filed.

George J. Grossman, President of the Tax Payers' Alliance, and H. H. Brown and others appeared before the Board and were heard in relation to the improvement of Van Cortlandt Park and Mosholu Parkway : the extension of Bainbridge avenue ; the improvement of Grand and Mount Vernon avenues and also the improvement of Crotona Park.

On motion, the matters of the several works of improvement asked for were referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From Lieutenant-Colonel William Ludlow, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., requesting the removal of the temporary Macomb's Dam Bridge across the Harlem river as soon as practicable.

On motion, the communication from Lieutenant-Colonel Ludlow, together with an affidavit and order to show cause, which had been served upon the Commissioners, individually, in a case of the People ex rel. Edward Beacom against the Department, for the removal of the temporary Macomb's Dam Bridge, were ordered sent to the Counsel to the Corporation for such action as he may deem proper.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of A. Black, C. E., amounting to one hundred and fifty dollars, for professional services in inspecting and reporting upon the sanitary condition of the plumbing work in park cottages, etc., be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered transmitted.

to the Finance Department, for payment, chargeable against appropriations for the year 1896, as follows:

“Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.,” \$140; “Maintenance and Construction of New Parks north of the Harlem River,” \$10.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

At 2.55 P. M. the Board went into executive session.

Communications were received from the New York Zoological Society, inclosing copies of a memorandum of proposed agreement for the use and occupation of Bronx Park for the purposes of the said society, and requesting action upon their application for such use of the Park.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Board approves of the designation of the southern portion of Bronx Park as a suitable location for the Zoological Garden, and that copies of the letters of February 4 and 13, from the Zoological Society, together with memorandum of proposed agreement, be referred to the Corporation Counsel, with the request that he inform this Board whether, in his opinion, the interests of the City are properly protected.

A petition was received from the Doormen of the Police force, requesting a decision in the matter of their application for an increase of pay, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment:

The Anchor Post Company, posts, \$95; J. J. Adams & Co., steel brushes, etc., \$26.50; Blackford's, herring, etc., \$54.48; Bonner & Van Court Company, steampipe, etc., \$7.91; Brown & Fleming, screenings, \$682.77; James Biggart & Co., coal, etc., \$141.27; Albert Behning, coal, \$13.50; The Burnett Company, belting, etc., \$7.75; Edward Barr Company, pipe, etc., \$40.81; Bloomingdale Brothers, glasses, etc., \$17.51; Colgate & Company, soap, \$7.86; Colwell Lead Company, closet, etc., \$14.76; Peter Cooper's Glue Factory, glue, \$4; Crosby steam-gauge & Valve Company, steam-gauge, \$3.60; Peter Duryee & Co., scissors, etc., \$31.68; R. E. Dietz Company, lanterns, \$7.70; T. W. Decker & Sons, milk, \$11.16; George C. Flint Company, glass, \$3.50; Samuel G. French, coal, \$334.55; John A. Gifford, ticking, etc., \$42.30; George W. Grote, putty, etc., \$13.88; Gordon Brothers, coal, \$135; Hodgman Rubber Company, R. W. Todd, receiver, cuspadores, \$10.80; Charles Hvass, brooms, etc., \$64; A. Hass' Sons, beef, etc., \$299; The Industrial Christian Alliance, brooms, \$14.70; Johnson Brothers, repairs, lighting structure, \$900; J. A. Leighton, D. V. S., professional services, \$119.35; David Moffat & Co., leather, \$30.15; McKesson & Robbins, Dixon graphite, etc., \$7.30; The J. L. Mott Iron Works, scorbers, etc., \$18.97; New York Belting and Packing Co., Limited, carbon hose, \$37.50; Price & Carl, cutting, etc., glass, \$684; Albert Ravekes & Son, securing dome, etc., \$325; Albert

Ravekes & Son, frames, etc., \$390; Albert Ravekes & Son, sheathing girders, etc., \$416; Rehm & Co., awnings, etc., \$6.30; Swan & Finch Company, linseed oil, etc., \$63.67; M. Sterns, Metropolitan Fish and Oyster Market, fish, \$23.25; Thompson Son & Co., wrench, etc., \$18.70; George A. Taber, bag carrier, etc., \$11.75; T. & W. Thorn & Co., hay, etc., \$91.98; James Thomson, frieze, etc., aquarium, \$985; Valentine & Company, vermilion, etc., \$238.94; S. Wasserman, bread, etc., \$48.50; Charles P. Woodworth's Son & Co., apples, etc., \$19; Waterbury Clock Company, clock, \$5; Dey & Somerville, tanks, etc., Aquarium, \$1,778.40.

On motion, at 3.20, the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1897—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President took the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of a resolution approving plan for slate platform step around the centre pool of the Aquarium, and also specifications for new radiators in the Aquarium building. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department as to its powers and duties with regard to the approval of plans of buildings proposed to be erected by the Board of Managers of the New York Botanical Garden on their reservation in Bronx Park. Filed.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, in relation to the pavement of the roadway of Fifth avenue.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Whereas, The Commissioner of Public Works has advised this Department that the work of laying water-mains on Fifth avenue is about to be commenced and that the pavement on the roadway, when restored thereafter, will be surfaced with asphalt, and has suggested that that portion of said avenue under the jurisdiction of this Department be included in the contract to be made by the Department of Public Works for other portions of the avenue, and made payable from the same fund ; therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to repave the said portion of Fifth avenue with asphalt, in order that the roadway of said avenue may be continuously asphalted for its entire length, provided that the work may be done without expense to this Department.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

From the Council of the Fine Arts Federation of New York, protesting against the proposed changes at Union Square, either by the cutting of a tunnel or the construction of a roadway through the centre of the park. Referred to the Secretary to reply, to the effect that this Board has no intention of giving its consent to either of the propositions named.

From the Central Labor Union, protesting against the proposed alterations at Union Square. Referred to the Secretary to reply.

A number of other communications for and against the proposed changes at Union Square were received and placed on file.

From the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas of the Department of Public Works, stating that the removal of unused lamp-posts from City Hall Park had been ordered. Filed.

From the North River Electric-light and Power Company, applying for permission to erect poles and string wires on Van Cortlandt avenue, from Broadway to the Albany Post road, in Van Cortlandt Park. Referred to the Committee on Parks North of the Harlem River.

From F. & A. Ruhling, desiring to proceed with the work of erecting divisional fences in connection with their contract for iron fences around the deer paddock, near the Arsenal, in Central Park. Referred to the President.

From George Oltmann, applying for permission to erect and maintain a stand for the sale of milk in the Battery or City Hall Parks.

On motion, the said application was denied by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Reporting upon the petitions of the West End Association and others for the consent of this Department to the erection of an additional stairway of the elevated railroad station at West Sixty-sixth street.

On motion, the Engineer's report was approved and the request of the petitioners denied by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

2d. Reporting upon a communication from F. R. Houghton, in relation to widening the pavement of the easterly and westerly sidewalks of Manhattan Square, and recommending that asphalt pavement with rubble and concrete base be laid thereon to a width of ten feet.

On motion, the Engineer of Construction was directed to prepare plans and specifications for laying ten feet strips of asphalt pavement on the sidewalks, as recommended.

3d. Submitting a plan for constructing and improving a portion of St. Mary's Park, together with an estimate of the cost. Referred back to the Engineer of Construction, with directions to include the improvement of the sidewalk of St. Ann's avenue, opposite the portion of the Park to be improved, with a provision for tree planting, and also for an estimate of the cost.

4th. Reporting an approximate estimate of the cost of placing stone-filling in the bottom of the pool at One Hundred and Second street and Central Park, West, where required, and covering the same with a layer of concrete, six inches in thickness.

Commissioner Ely offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the expenditure of any balance that may remain of the sum of \$5,000, hitherto provided under chapter 194 of the Laws of 1876, for rip-rapping the pool in Central Park, for other work in connection with the improvement of the pool, such as filling in the bottom and concreting the same where necessary.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

5th. Reporting as to the progress of the work of improving the grounds surrounding the tomb of General U. S. Grant, on Riverside Park. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting in the matter of a request for an additional entrance on the westerly side of Central Park, between Sixty-fourth and Seventy-second streets, and suggesting that an entrance be designed at Sixty-sixth street, skirting along the Sheep Fold building, and contrived with a bridge system.

On motion, the report and suggestion of the Superintendent were approved and a design was ordered prepared for an entrance at the point named.

2d. Calling attention to the condition of the pavement of the roadway of Transverse Road No. 3 in the space between the railway tracks passing through that road.

On motion, the railway companies using the tracks in Transverse Road No. 3 were ordered notified to make the necessary repairs to the pavement.

3d. Reporting upon an application of the Bloomingdale Boat Club, for permission to erect an iron foot bridge, leading from Riverside Park to their boat house at the foot of One Hundred and Second street, and recommending the granting of the application, provided the bridge is located as required by the Department and constructed to its satisfaction and at the expense of the club.

On motion, permission was granted for the erection of the bridge, as indicated on a plan submitted by the Superintendent and upon the conditions named in his report, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

4th. Submitting a plan showing proposed location of lights on Morningside Park at One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets.

On motion, said plan was ordered forwarded to the Gas Commission, with a request that provision be made for the placing of lights on that park, as indicated on the said plan.

5th. Submitting a plan showing the proposed crossing on the drive south of the Mall, in Central Park, on a much frequented line of travel.

On motion, the proposed crossing, as shown on the plan submitted, was approved and ordered included in the next contract for laying asphalt walks in the Central Park.

6th. Reporting in relation to the improvements desired by the North Side Tax Payers' Alliance, to be made on Van Cortlandt and Crotona Parks and Mosholu Parkway. Referred to the Committee on Parks North of the Harlem River.

7th. Reporting upon a communication from Michael Coleman, relative to laying out a circle on Fifth avenue, between Eightieth and Eighty-first streets, opposite the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Filed.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting a weekly report of accidents, collisions and runaways in the parks, during the week ending with the 6th instant. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon the first year's service of Officer George E. Fisher, and recommending that he be advanced in grade and pay to \$1,100 per annum. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Captain and Surgeon of Police, reporting favorably upon the probationary service of Paul O. L. Ziegler, as a Park Policeman. Referred to the Committee on Police.

The Treasurer presented a statement of moneys received by the Department and deposited in the City Treasury during the month of February, which was ordered entered upon the minutes, as follows :

NEW YORK, March 1, 1897. *To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners.*

GENTLEMEN —I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of moneys received during the month of February, 1897, and deposited in the City Treasury.

February 5. Isidor Isaac & Co., Casino, January 1 to 24.....	\$162 04
“ 5. I. Isaac, Carrousel, January.....	14 89
“ 5. I. Isaac, Arsenal Restaurant, Central Park.....	208 34
“ 6. Edward L. Angell, bay-window, One Hundred and Second street and Central Park, West.....	270 00
“ 8. Case & Co., McGown's Pass, January.....	110 04
“ 8. Thomas J. Hogan, Corlears Hook Park.....	20 80
“ 9. Oscar H. Riker, swings, Central Park, January.....	1 36
“ 10. John Lucas, donkeys, Central Park, January.....	1 61
“ 17. A. Kremer, dairy, etc., Central Park.....	75 00
“ 18. E. J. Barker, rent, St. John's Park.....	25 00
“ 18. Morton Britton, Battery Park.....	15 00
“ 23. G. Dorval, Casino, Central Park.....	750 00
“ 23. Otto Schwenk, Bronx Park, January.....	3 88
“ 24. St. Michael's P. E. Church, privilege of dumping earth on Riverside Park.....	47 00
“ 24. Michael Halloran, sheds, Central Park.....	100 00

February 24. R. A. Gushee, Claremont.....	\$525 00
“ 27. Charles P. Hallock, agent, rents.....	1,027 60
	\$3,357 56

W. A. STILES, Treasurer.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That contracts for which proposals were received on the 1st inst., be awarded to the lowest bidders, as follows :

1. For facing with rubble stone and rock-work and walls the slope of “ The Pool,” Central Park, to Bart Dunn.
2. For furnishing and delivering gravel on Central and Riverside Parks, to J. Frank Quinn.
3. For an addition to the cottage on the east side of Central Park, near Sixty-fifth street, to Thomas Brennan.
4. For excavating and other work of improvement, Cathedral Parkway, to Benjamin J. Tuite.
5. For furnishing and delivering garden mould where required on the parks, to J. Frank Quinn; that their proposals be sent to the Comptroller for approval of the sureties thereon, and, when so approved, that the President be authorized to execute the contracts for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bid of Joseph K. Smith, received on the 1st inst., for furnishing and delivering manure on the parks—the only bid received for that work—be and the same hereby is rejected, this Board deeming it to the interest of the City so to do.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

On motion, an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for furnishing and delivering manure.

On motion, at 3.10 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were received :

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer :

1st. Reporting favorably upon the application of A. B. Samuelson, a Transitman employed on the Harlem River Driveway, and recommending that he be promoted to the grade of Assistant Engineer, at a compensation of \$1,800 per annum.

On motion, A. B. Samuelson was promoted to the grade of Assistant Engineer, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

2d. Reporting upon a proposition of the contractor of the First Section of the Harlem River Driveway, for doing certain additional work in connection with the rebuilding of the subway and recommending that the same be accepted. Referred to the President for report.

On motion, the matter of a suggestion made by Dr. H. M. McCracken of the New York University that an arrangement be made for procuring specimens for the Aquarium, from a marine station to be established in the Bermudas during the coming summer by a Professor of the University, was referred to the President and Commissioner Stiles, with power to make such an arrangement as they may deem advantageous.

The following-named bills, having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Arnold Arboretum, trees, etc., \$500 ; E. C. Bridgman, lithograph maps, etc., \$60 ; James Biggart & Co., coal, \$105 ; Albert Behning, coal, \$10 ; The Burnet Company, chamois, etc., \$16.95 ; F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Company, tracing cloth, etc., \$12.05 ; Peter Duryee & Co., shovels, etc., \$36.30 ; John A. Gifford, felloes, etc., \$271.76 ; Gordon Bros., coal, \$18 ; Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries and wages, Metropolitan Museum of Art, \$6,865.67 ; Peter Henderson & Co., canary seed, etc., \$4.55 ; The Industrial Christian Alliance, brooms, \$23.40 ; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$34.50 ; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$24.50 ; Robert McClenahan, coal, \$62.50 ; Manhattan Cement Company, cement, \$78.80 ; William McDonagh, white lead, \$250 ; William McDonagh, white lead, \$125 ; C. M. Moseman & Bro., saddles, etc., \$479 ; C. M. Moseman & Bro., mane combs, etc., \$126.25 ; The J. L. Mott Iron Works, washers, etc., \$37.70 ; W. C. Marshall, horses, \$360 ; E. H. Ogden & Co., spruce, \$90.68 ; Louis Ruhe, bird food, \$18 ; J. H. Roberts Company, turnips, etc., \$125.60 ; The Rochester Lamp Company, "Niagara" gas burner, \$2 ; Spelman's Sons, drilling holes, etc., \$297.50 ; Travers Brothers Company, twine, \$5.12 ; Vought & Williams, iron, etc., \$38.80 ; Wire Fence Supply Company, wire, \$134 ; T. Wallace, sawdust, \$18 ; T. Wallace, sawdust, \$2.40 ; Weeber & Don, seeds, \$20.53 ; The American District Telegraph Company, messenger service, \$1.85 ; Consolidated Gas Company of New York, gas, \$376.75 ; Consolidated Gas Company of New York, gas, \$3.58 ; Central Gas-light Company of New York City, gas, \$3.25 ; James D. Leary, Estimate No. 27, Public Driveway, \$25,860.80 ; The New York Mutual Gas-light Company, gas, \$70.38 ; J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 33, Public Driveway, \$246 ; John W. Hutchinson, petty disbursements, \$226.70.

On motion, at 3.30 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1897—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners McMillan (President), Cruger, Stiles, Ely.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Secretary of the American Museum of Natural History, forwarding copies of resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees in relation to the enlargement of the museum building, under the provisions of chapter 175 of the Laws of 1896 and recommending the appointment of Cady, Berg & See, as architects of the work ; and also forwarding plans for the erection and equipment of the proposed enlargement, the same being an addition to complete the building known as the east wing. Referred to the President.

From the Director-in-Chief of the New York Botanical Garden, desiring permission to use two rooms on the second floor of the Lorillard Mansion in Bronx Park, for the temporary storage of books and museum materials. Granted.

From Asa Bird Gardiner, of the Advisory Board of the Society of Colonial Dames, in relation to the terms of the lease for the occupation by said society of the Van Cortlandt Mansion in Van Cortlandt Park. Referred to the President and Commissioner Ely.

From the Secretary of the Bedford Park Taxpayers' Association, forwarding a copy of resolution favoring a bill proposed to be introduced in the Legislature, authorizing the expenditure of \$200,000 for the improvement of Mosholu Parkway. Filed.

From Louis Schneider, Joseph A. Kuntz and others, petitioning for the improvement of the small park on the west side of Fulton avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and One Hundred and Seventieth streets.

James R. Angel appeared and was heard relative to the matter, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river.

From Edward Flynn, John C. Leviness and others, petitioning for the lighting of the roads in Pelham Bay Park by electric lights. Referred to the President.

From the Secretary of Property Owners' Union, in relation to the board fences used for advertising purposes on Fifth avenue, opposite Central Park, and requesting the aid of the Department to the passage of a bill before the Legislature providing for the removal of such fences.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to procure a copy of the bill referred to.

From the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas of the Department of Public Works, stating that an order had been issued for the removal of all unused lamp-posts from the Battery Park. Filed.

From Henry H. Heert, commending Roundsman Howard, of the Park Police, for stopping a runaway team of horses on the 4th instant. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From C. M. F. Dressel, in relation to the changes proposed to be made at Union Square to obviate the dangers arising from the curve in the cable railway at that point. Filed.

From H. E. Ackerly, in relation to a proposed path for wheelmen around the large reservoir in Central Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From J. Hooker Hamersley, applying for the consent of the Department to the maintenance of projections on buildings known as Nos. 1030 and 1031 Fifth avenue, situate at the northeast corner of said avenue and East Eighty-fourth street. Referred to the President.

From Franklin Baylies, applying for consent of the Department to the erection of a building by George R. Schieffelin at the northeast corner of Mulberry and Park streets, as shown on an accompanying plan. Referred to the President.

From D. C. Bouker, Jr., in relation to the work under his contract for the improvement of Riverside Park, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets, and desiring to be allowed to proceed therewith. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

From Charles L. Doran, desiring to supply manure and elm trees to the Department. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a report of accidents, collisions and runaways in the parks for the week ending with the 13th instant. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Inclosing a bill of Thomas W. Weathered's Sons for repairs to the pipes in the Central Park greenhouses.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Thomas W. Weathered's Sons, amounting to nine dollars and seventy-five cents, for repairing pipes in the Central Park greenhouses, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable

against the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, Water Supply, etc.," for the current year.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Reporting favorably upon the application of William and James Bradley, for permission to construct a sewer under the easterly sidewalk of Riverside Drive, from a point 25 feet south of Eighty-seventh street to the existing sewer in Eighty-sixth street.

On motion, said application was granted, as recommended by the Superintendent.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Returning plan for the improvement of a portion of St. Mary's Park, amended as directed, by providing for the improvement of the sidewalk of St. Ann's avenue adjoining the park.

On motion, said plan was approved and the width of the sidewalk was ordered fixed at 10 feet.

2d. Reporting upon the progress of the work of improving the grounds surrounding the Tomb of General Grant on Riverside Park, with a map or plan showing the same.

On motion, the matter was referred to Commissioner Cruger to confer with the contractor, urging him to expedite the work and advising him of the intention of the Board to rigidly enforce the terms of the contract with reference to the specified time for its completion.

3d. Submitting specifications and forms of contract for paving with asphalt the easterly and westerly sidewalks of Manhattan Square, and also for filling and concreting a portion of the Pool, in Central Park.

On motion, said specifications, etc., were approved and ordered printed and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work.

Charles B. Morris appeared and presented a communication, accompanied by letters from members of the Produce Exchange and others, with reference to the custom of the trade, with regard to the measuring of oats, and requested that the same be submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for consideration, in connection with the question in dispute touching the specifications for oats, under his contract with the Department for furnishing and delivering forage.

On motion, the papers submitted by Mr. Morris were ordered forwarded to the Counsel to the Corporation, as requested.

William S. Stuart and Walter Stabler, appeared and presented a petition, asking that a park entrance for pedestrians be provided at the most convenient point between Sixty-fourth and Seventy-second streets, and Central Park, West, and were heard in relation thereto.

The President, to whom was referred the application of William and James Bradley, for permission to erect projections on a proposed building at the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and

Eighty-seventh street, made a favorable report thereon and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and hereby is given to the erection of projections on the proposed building of William and James Bradley, at the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and Eighty-seventh street, as shown on plan filed in this Department, this consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of projection.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President reported that, pursuant to the action of the Board on the 25th of January, 1897, in referring to him the matter of the bids received for refreshment privileges, etc., in the Central Park, he had made awards and entered into license agreements, therefor, as follows :

1. For "The Dairy and the Skate House" to Alois Kremer, at \$900 per annum.
2. The restaurant near the Arsenal to Isidor Isaac, at \$2,500 per annum.
3. For shed privilege at the Casino, to Michael Halloran, at \$1,200 per annum.

All upon the terms and conditions as stated in the advertisement calling for the proposals.

On motion, the action of the President was approved and confirmed.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That a license be granted Augustus S. Dominick to conduct the sale of refreshments in the building known as the Skate House in Van Cortlandt Park for one year, upon condition that a fee of \$360 per annum be paid for the privilege, and subject to such further conditions as may be deemed advisable.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Dutcher & Edmister, amounting to seven hundred and fifty-seven dollars and thirty-five cents, for premium of insurance on buildings in the new parks north of Harlem river be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered forwarded to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for maintenance and construction of new parks north of Harlem river, including surveying and monumenting for the year 1897.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 3.15 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

On motion, Charles Spitz and Thomas E. Eagan were employed as Park Policemen on probation, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, Thomas Grieve was appointed Foreman of Stables by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The Committee on Police reported that the probationary service of Paul O. L. Ziegler having been satisfactory, the Committee had caused him to be sworn in for duty as a Park Policeman.

On motion, the action of the Committee on Police was approved and confirmed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the employment of ten gardener's apprentices to assist in the work of planting on Riverside Park.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was approved and a requisition was ordered made upon the Civil Service Examining Board for an eligible list.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting Patrick Gorman, Plumber in Charge, for neglect of duty, and recommending his discharge and also the discharge of Edward Shannon and Burtis J. Slattery, Plumbers.

The President stated that a hearing had been afforded Patrick Gorman, as required by law, and approved of the Superintendent's recommendation ; whereupon, on motion, Patrick Gorman, Edward Shannon and Burtis J. Slattery were discharged from the employ of the Department by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From Ralph A. Gushee, applying for a renewal of his license for conducting the sale of refreshments in the building known as Claremont on Riverside Park. Referred to the President with power.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, supplementing his report of the 8th instant, relative to the performance of additional work in connection with the rebuilding of the subway on Section 1 of the Driveway, with the recommendation that the work be done under the specifications of the second modification of the contract for building the 1st Section of the Driveway.

On motion, the recommendations of the Consulting Engineer, as contained in his reports of the 8th and 12th instants, were approved, and the President was authorized to take the necessary steps to carry the same into effect, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, reporting as to the progress of the work of constructing the Harlem River Driveway, with a statement of his opinion as to the completion of the same. Filed.

The Committee on Police reported favorably upon the first year's service of George E. Fisher, Park Policeman, and recommended that he be advanced in grade, and his pay fixed at \$1,100 per annum.

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee was approved and adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Styles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Albert Behning, coal, \$91 ; James Biggart & Co., coal, \$30 ; James Biggart & Co., hay, coal, etc., \$250.35 ; William Brooks Son Co., sand, \$27.50 ; The Burnet Co., cotton waste, \$8.32 ; F. E. Brandis Sons & Co., metallic tape, etc., \$67.45 ; The Chapman Slate Company, slate, \$8 ; J. B. Chasseaud, augers, \$24 ; Peter Duryea & Co., ice chisels, etc., \$68.21 ; A. B. Dick Company, mimeograph machine, \$45 ; F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Co., tracing cloth, etc., \$13.25 ; Eakins & Co., coal, \$278.70 ; J. W. Fiske, galvanized wire-cloth, etc., \$248 ; Samuel G. French, coal, \$8.90 ; Herbert Gleason, boiler, etc., \$260 ; Gordon Bros., coal, \$40.50 ; A. Haas's Sons, beef, etc., \$276 ; Jenkins Bros., valves, etc., \$20.35 ; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$9 ; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$596 ; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$5 ; E. M. Merrill, charcoal, \$7.20 ; Charles B. Morris & Co., salt, etc., \$4.64 ; C. M. Moseman & Bro., dumb jockey, etc., \$35 ; W. C. Marshall, horses, \$750 ; W. C. Marshall, horses, \$500 ; W. C. Marshall, horses, \$450 ; John McClave, oak, \$324.03 ; M. Sterns Metropolitan Fish and Oyster Market, fish, \$21 ; Charles A. Schieren & Co., belt, \$23.94 ; Todd & Co., salt, \$4 ; Jay C. Wemple Company, shades, \$7.50 ; Charles P. Woodworth's Son & Co., apples, etc., \$20 ; Waterbury Clock Co., clock, \$5 ; John Slattery, walks, etc., Grant's Tomb, \$10,369.87 ; John B. McDonald, constructing roadway, Bronx, etc., \$3,352.

On motion, at 4.10 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1897—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners McMillan (President), Cruger, Stiles, Ely.

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 in pursuance of an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD for the following-named works, were publicly opened and read :

For Furnishing and Delivering Manure Where Required on Parks.

	JOSEPH K. SMITH.
250,000 bushels horse manure for Van Cortlandt Park	\$0.03
50,000 bushels horse manure for Central, Morningside, Riverside, East River and Mount Morris Parks.....	.09
30,000 bushels for parks south of Fifty-ninth street .....	.06
Total.....	\$13,800 00

For Furnishing and Delivering Grass Sod Where Required on the Parks.

	WILLIAM YOUNG.	CHARLES L. DORAN.
200,000 square feet of sod to be delivered on Central, Morningside, East River and Mount Morris Parks, and several parks below Fifty-ninth street.....	\$0.0175	\$0.0185
Total.....	\$3,500 00	\$3,700 00

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Chamber of Commerce, in relation to a statue of General William T. Sherman, proposed to be erected on the parks, and requesting that a site be designated therefor at the Plaza at Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street.

On motion, the matter was referred to the National Sculpture Society for report upon the statue as to its merits as a work of art.

From the President of the Municipal Art Society, in behalf of the Art Societies of New York, in relation to a memorial proposed to be erected to the late Richard Morris Hunt, and asking that a site be selected therefor on the easterly side of Central Park, between Seventieth and Seventy-first streets. Referred to the National Sculpture Society for report as to the artistic merit of the proposed memorial.

From the Chairman of the Railroad Committee of the Board of Aldermen, requesting the Department to suspend decision upon any application which may be made by the Sixth or Eighth Avenue Railroad Companies for consent to a change of motive power, until the question of the desirability of the acquiring of those railroads by the City shall have been determined. Filed.

From Hoadly, Lauterbach & Johnson, desiring an opportunity to be heard before the granting of any application of the Sixth, Eighth or Ninth Avenue Railroad Companies, the Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company or the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, for consent to a change of motive power. Filed.

From William C. Trull, also desiring an opportunity to be heard before the granting of any application of the Sixth, Eighth or Ninth Avenue Railroad Companies, the Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company or the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, for consent to a change of motive power. Filed.

From R. W. Gibson, architect, stating that he had made an appendix to the basement plan of the Botanical Museum Building, providing for additional exits, as requested. Filed.

From the Triumph Wheelmen, forwarding a copy of preamble and resolutions, endorsing the proposition to provide a bicycle speedway and requesting that the "Circle at One Hundred and Fourth street and Eighth avenue" be set apart for that purpose temporarily. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Henry D. Carey, requesting that a police officer be detailed for duty at Bartow Station, in Pelham Bay Park, on Sunday. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Clement F. Cross, calling attention to the condition of a drain in Stuyvesant Square Park and asking that the corners of the grass plots of that park be protected with guards. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Louis Stern, desiring permission to make certain changes in the projecting windows on his dwelling, Nos. 993 and 994 Fifth avenue, as shown on an accompanying plan. Referred to the President.

From John C. Hatter, a veteran, applying for employment as a guard at the tomb of General Grant. Referred to the President.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting specifications and form of contract for repaving with concrete and mortar of portland cement the walk adjoining the Battery sea wall, between Pier A, North river, and the westerly line of the property of the United States Government.

On motion, said specifications and form of contract and also the plan previously submitted were approved, and the specifications, etc., ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, an advertisement was ordered published in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing the work.

2d. Submitting specifications and form of contract for paving with asphalt the unpaved portions of the sidewalks of Transverse Roads Nos. 1, 2 and 3, crossing the Central Park.

On motion, said specifications and form of contract were approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, an advertisement was ordered published in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work.

3d. Relative to the location of the lines for the extension of the roadway of the Bronx and Pelham parkway on the westerly end, from Bronx Park to the Southern Boulevard, and on the easterly end from Pelham Bay Park to the Eastern Boulevard. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem River.

4th. Reporting, with map, upon the progress of the work of improving the grounds around the tomb of General Grant in Riverside Park. Filed.

From John Slattery, contractor, reporting as to the progress of the work of improving the grounds around the tomb of General Grant. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, submitting a plan for the improvement of the small triangular park at the junction of Seventh and St. Nicholas avenues, at One Hundred and Seventeenth street.

On motion, the said plan was approved.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a report of accidents, collisions and runaways in the parks during the week ending with the 20th instant. Filed.

The Committee on Police reported upon the evidence taken in the trials of Park Policemen, together with their findings and recommendations, as follows :

Thomas J. Mead, off post. Reprimanded.

Joseph Verity, off post. Fined five days' pay.

Adolf Holtje, late for roll call. Charge dismissed.

William S. Ryerson, not properly patrolling. Fined ten days' pay.

Patrick Quinn, (1) absent without leave ; (2) late for roll call ; fined five days' pay.

John J. Cronin, off post and neglect of duty. Fined 2 days' pay.

Thomas E. Henry, not properly patrolling. Fined five days' pay.

David Sheehan, off post, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Fined two days' pay.

James Walsh, off post, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Fined two days' pay.

William J. Flynn, absent from duty without leave. Charge dismissed.

John Meares, absent from duty without leave. Reprimanded.

Edward A. McNamara, late for roll call. Reprimanded.

Francis J. Maguire, absent from duty without leave. Reprimanded.

William F. Driscoll, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Fined three days' pay.

Edward F. Johnston, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Fined three days' pay.

Michael Moss, neglect of duty. Fined three days' pay.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Police was accepted and their findings and recommendations were approved and confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Stiles offered the following :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted on the 8th ultimo (page 259), auditing and approving bill of Edward D. Lindsey, amounting to seven hundred and eleven dollars and ninety-five cents, for services rendered as Consulting Architect in connection with the work at the Aquarium, be and the same hereby is amended so as to change the amount of said bill to seven hundred and twenty-one dollars and ninety-five cents.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the plan submitted by E. D. Lindsey, Consulting Architect, showing stucco covering to easterly balcony and spandrel coverings in gallery of the Aquarium, be and the same hereby is approved and ordered transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for approval, as required by chapter 254 of the Laws of 1893.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President laid before the Board specifications and form of contract for painting the Washington Bridge, across the Harlem river, and moved that the same be approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation that an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing the work.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Charles E. Simms, Jr., President of the Associated Cycling Clubs of New York, appeared and presented a petition for the right to use Riverside Drive, from Seventy-second street to Claremont, for one day, preferably May 29 or June 5 of this year, between the hours of two and four in the afternoon, for the purpose of holding bicycle races, and was heard in relation thereto. The petition was placed on file.

Mr. Simms also called attention to the need for repairing the pavement of the roadway of the approach to the Madison Avenue Bridge, crossing the Harlem river.

On motion, at 3.15 the Board went into executive session.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer :

1st. Submitting proposals of J. C. Rodgers, contractor for the second section of the Harlem River Driveway, in relation to the filling of the back bays and the removal of the large rock slip south of Washington Bridge, and recommending their acceptance. Referred to the President for report.

2d. Relative to the necessity of blasting fragments of rock from the rock face between Stations Nos. 46 and 49 of the first section of the Harlem River Driveway and recommending that the contractor be authorized to remove so much of the rock as may be directed, under Item 4 of his contract, in order that the proper anchorage for the anchor rods to be used for the retaining-wall in that vicinity may be secured.

On motion, the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer was approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From F. S. Smith, reporting his convalescence and readiness to resume his duty as an Assistant on the Harlem River Driveway. Referred to the Consulting Engineer for report.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, the pay of Andrew Corbett, Telephone Boy, was fixed at \$1.25 per day, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan moved that the proposal of Joseph K. Smith, for furnishing and delivering manure where required on the parks, the only bid received therefor, be rejected, it being deemed to the interest of the City so to do.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the contract for furnishing and delivering grass sod where required on the parks be awarded to William Young, the lowest bidder ; that his proposal be forwarded to the Comptroller for approval of the sureties, and when so approved, that the President be authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

The Anchor Post Company, fence, etc., \$780.75 ; Blackford's, clams, etc., \$39.76 ; Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Company, brackets, etc., \$14.93 ; James Biggart & Co., coal, \$50 ; James Biggart & Co., coal, \$27.10 ; Colwell Lead Company, brass pipe, \$3.90 ; Peter Duryee & Co., rakes, \$8.25 ; T. W. Decker & Sons, milk, \$10.08 ; Gordon Brothers, coal, \$63 ; J. Gallagher, gravel, \$7.50 ; Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, sundry bills, Metropolitan Museum of Art, \$1,172.19 ; Edward Huke, water-closet, etc., \$95 ; The Industrial Christian Alliance, brooms, \$8.50 ; Jones & Wills, painting columns, etc., \$325 ; Johnson Brothers, hippopotamus tank, \$440 ; Kieley & Mueller, iron ball, \$1 ; Lange & Co., coal, \$133.24 ; C. M. Moseman & Brother, cart harness, etc., \$831.60 ; The J. L. Mott Iron Works, scorcher, etc., \$107.02 ; Charles B. Morris & Co., hay, etc., \$65.91 ; Merchant & Co., galvanized pipe, \$2.88 ; J. W. Mason & Co., chair, etc., \$11.88 ; J. M. C. Martin's Sons, brushes, \$1.20 ; Theo. W. Morris & Co., glass, \$4.93 ; Theo. W. Morris & Co., glass, \$665 ; Albert Ravekes & Son, sheathing balcony, Aquarium, \$131 ; Albert Ravekes & Son, stairs, etc., Aquarium, \$850 ; H. E. Stevens & Son, spruce, \$74.10 ; Swan & Finch Company, lard oil, \$1.50 ; W. S. Taylor & Bloodgood, Jr., felt, \$132.30 ; T. & W. Thorn & Co., hay, etc., \$80.84 ; Tefft, Weller & Co., mats, \$6 ; Valentine & Co., varnish, etc., \$67.30 ; S. Wasserman, bread, etc., \$72 ; Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, cylinder, etc., \$2.20 ; The Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company, three per cent. amount retained, \$1,457.05.

On motion, at 3.45 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

SPECIAL MEETING, March 29, 1897—1.30 P. M., No. 187 FULTON STREET.

Pursuant to the following :

MARCH 27, 1897. WILLIAM LEARY, Esq., *Secretary, Department of Public Parks*, Arsenal, Central Park, New York City :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board to be held Monday, the 29th inst., at 1.30 P. M., at No. 187 Fulton street, for the purpose of transacting such business as may be presented.

Respectfully, S. V. R. CRUGER, Vice-President.

Present—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely.

In the absence of the President the Vice-President took the Chair.

Commissioner Stiles presented specifications for a refrigerating plant at the Aquarium. On motion, said specifications were approved, a form of contract was ordered prepared and sent to the Corporation Counsel for approval, and an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of the London Assurance Company, amounting to one hundred and twenty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents, for premium of insurance on Central Park buildings, etc., be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against appropriations for the year 1896, as follows :

“Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.,” \$69.02 ; “Zoological Department,” \$37.20 ; “Police Supplies,” \$21.53—\$127.75.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

Resolved, That the bill of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, Limited, of London, amounting to one hundred and thirty-six dollars and ninety-six cents, for premium of insurance on

the Aquarium Building, Battery Park, be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the fund provided under chapter 254 of the Laws of 1893 for Castle Garden, Battery Park, equipping, furnishing, stocking, etc.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

Resolved, That the bill of the Lancashire Insurance Company, amounting to one hundred and twenty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents, for premium of insurance on park buildings, be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against appropriations for the year 1896, as follows :

“Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.,” \$69.02 ; “Zoological Department,” \$37.20 ; “Police Supplies, etc.,” \$21.53—\$127.75.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

Resolved, That the bill of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, Limited, of London, amounting to one hundred and thirty-five dollars and nine cents, for premium of insurance on park buildings, be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriations for the year 1896, as follows :

“Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.,” \$76.36 ; “Zoological Department,” \$37.20 ; “Police Supplies, etc.,” \$21.53—\$135.09.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Styles, Ely—3.

On motion, at 1.45 P. M., the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1897—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners McMillan (President), Cruger, Stiles, Ely.

The minutes of the meetings of the 22d and 29th ultimo were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution transferring the sum of \$200 from the appropriation for Harlem river bridges for the year 1896 to the appropriation for maintenance and construction of new parks north of the Harlem river, etc., for the same year. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Board of Rapid Transit Commissioners, forwarding a copy of resolutions passed by the said Board, adopting a route and general plan of construction for the Rapid Transit Railroad, and requesting consent of this Board as to the route so laid down.

On motion, it was ordered that the Rapid Transit Commission be requested to submit a map showing the proposed route.

From the President of the Grant Monument Association, desiring the necessary permission for the transfer of the remains of General Grant from the temporary tomb on Riverside Park to the permanent tomb within the monument.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the desired permission be and hereby is granted to the Grant Monument Association to remove the remains of Gen. U. S. Grant from the temporary tomb to the new monument, and that the Superintendent of Parks is hereby instructed to see that the necessary assistance on the part of this Department is given to that end.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Grand Marshal of the Grant Monument Inaugural Parade, relative to the use of One Hundred and Nineteenth street for the parade to take place on the 27th instant, and requesting that said street be put in proper condition. Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works.

From the Secretary of the Department of Docks, requesting the consent of this Department for certain work required to strengthen the wharf at the Battery. Referred to the Engineer of Construction.

From the Secretary of the New York Botanical Garden, forwarding plans and specifications for the first horticultural house and for the propagating houses designated for erection on the botanical reservation on the Bronx Park.

On motion, said plans and specifications were accepted.

From Charles L. Bristol, Professor of Biology of the New York University, in relation to the proposed establishment of a biological station at the Bermudas, and suggesting an arrangement for supplying the Aquarium annually with desired specimens so obtained. Referred to the President and Commissioner Stiles.

From the Secretary of the National Sculpture Society, acknowledging receipt of the request of this Department for a report upon the merits of statues of General Sherman and Richard Morris Hunt, intended for the parks. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Social Reform Club, inclosing a copy of a resolution commending the action of this Board in refusing to allow railroad tracks to be laid in or under Union Square. Filed.

From Francis M. Scott, calling attention to the condition of the sidewalk of City Hall Park at the southwest corner of Centre and Chambers streets.

On motion, provision was ordered made in the next contract for laying asphalt walks for making the necessary repairs to the sidewalk described.

From the Signal Officer of the First Naval Battalion, N. G., N. Y., applying for permission to establish signal stations on the parks for signal practice by members of the Battalion. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Secretary of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, in relation to repairing the pavement between the railroad tracks on Transverse Road No. 3, crossing the Central Park, and stating that the same would receive attention. Filed.

From the Treasurer of the Second Avenue Railroad Company, stating that the running of their cars through Transverse Road No. 3 had been discontinued, and inclosing check in payment of the amount due the Department to February 28 last, the date of such discontinuance. Filed.

From U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., applying for permission to conduct memorial services at the Tomb of General Grant on Decoration Day. Granted.

From the Evening Telegram, requesting permission to use Riverside Drive, from One Hundred and Eighth street to Claremont, for a bicycle parade on June 5, and also to erect a reviewing stand at the same locality as last year. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas, Department of Public Works, stating that an order had been given the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas light Company to set up and light lamps on Morningside Park at points indicated by this Department. Filed.

From the President of the House and Real Estate Owners Association of the Twelfth and Nineteenth Wards, in relation to the planting of trees on East River Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Edwin L. Bullis, suggesting that all equestrian statues of the soldier class be placed on Riverside Park in the vicinity of the Grant Monument. Filed.

From Henry E. Cobb, J. T. Francis and others, remonstrating against the proposed use of Riverside Park for bicycle purposes. Filed.

From Edward Gerbereux, of the Race Committee of the Associated Cycling Clubs of New York, specifying May 29 as the desired date for the proposed bicycle races on Riverside Drive. Filed.

From L. Abelson, on behalf of the Socialist Labor Party, requesting permission to hold a mass meeting on Union Square plaza on the evening of May 1 next. Granted.

From William P. Scott, Jr., G. Frank Rossire and others, petitioning for the construction of a carriageway in connection with the entrance to Central Park at Seventh avenue and Fifty-ninth street. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From Robert W. Justa, in relation to the sanitary condition of the Bronx river. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From A. J. Koch, asking that benches be placed along the Fifth avenue sidewalk of Central Park between Seventy-ninth and Ninetieth streets. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Rush C. Hawkins, in relation to the need for more shade trees on the city parks. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Knox & Woodward, representing property owners opposed to the building of a railroad through Transverse Road No. 1, crossing the Central Park, asking to be advised of any application for the construction of such railroad. Filed.

From A. R. Shattuck, relative to the condition of the Central Park drives. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From C. Bensinger, in relation to the need for additional public conveniences on the easterly side of Central Park, between Seventy-fifth and Ninety-sixth streets. Filed.

From D. E. Seybel and others, relative to the condition of the Central Park bridle roads. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From M. De H. Mason, in relation to proposed work for the improvement of the "Pool" on the westerly side of Central Park near One Hundred and Second street, and also suggesting the removal of the "House on the Hill" in that vicinity. Filed.

From M. Heinle, in relation to the sanitary condition of the swamps in the northern portion of Van Cortlandt Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From George C. Palmer, submitting for the approval of this Department plans for the proposed alteration to the stoop and railing of the dwelling No. 922 Fifth avenue. Referred to the President.

From Charles Buek, applying for permission to erect a bay window on a proposed dwelling at the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and Seventy-sixth street, as shown on accompanying plans. Referred to the President.

From Raleigh C. Gildersleeve, applying for permission to erect projections on two houses, Nos. 444 and 446 Park avenue as shown on the accompanying plans. Referred to the President.

From the Electric Carriage and Wagon Company, applying for permission to run carriages propelled by electric storage batteries through the parks of the city. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Columbia Yacht Club, applying for permission to build a retaining-wall about the grounds used by the club at the foot of West Eighty-sixth street. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

From A. L. Webster and Frederick Ehrenberg, desiring to dispose of a plant for spraying trees against fungus and insect pests. Referred to the Entomologist for report.

From G. Dorval, licensee, desiring to be allowed to make certain necessary repairs to the Casino building. Referred to the President.

From A. Major, asking consideration of his process or contrivance for the purification of water in park fountains and ponds. Filed.

From R. W. Creuzbaur, applying for employment as an Assistant Engineer. Filed.

From the Director of the Menagerie :

1st. Submitting a report upon the condition of the Menagerie for the month of March. Filed.

2d. Recommending the acceptance of an offer of James A. Bailey to place three Persian sheep on exhibition in the Menagerie.

On motion, the Director was authorized to accept the offer of Mr. Bailey upon condition that the owner shall pay for the keeping of the animals while on exhibition.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting specifications and form of contract for the improvement of a portion of St. Mary's Park in the Twenty-third Ward.

On motion, the same were approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Submitting specifications for repairing and repaving with rock asphalt the walks in and around city parks other than Central Park.

On motion, the same were approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, an advertisement was ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

3d. Reporting as to progress of the work of improving the grounds surrounding the tomb of General Grant on Riverside Park, with plans showing such progress. Filed.

4th. Forwarding a communication from the Resident Engineer of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, calling attention to the dangerous condition of the approach to the old Macomb's Dam Bridge. Referred to the President.

5th. Reporting in relation to the establishment of grades of the approach to the new Macomb's Dam Bridge and submitting a plan, showing the grades proposed north of One Hundred and Fifty-third street.

On motion, the map or plan submitted by the Engineer of Construction was approved and ordered forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the approval of that Board, as required by the provisions of chapter 207 of the Laws of 1890.

6th. Reporting upon a communication from D. C. Bouker, Jr., in relation to the prosecution of work under his contract for the improvement of Riverside Park, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets. Referred to the President with power.

7th. Recommending the employment of Carl W. Schmidtke, as Inspector of Water-pipes on Riverside Park, and also recommending the appointment of an Inspector of Asphalt Paving on work of that character to be done in the parks.

On motion, the recommendations of the Engineer were approved.

8th. Submitting a descriptive list of buildings to be removed from St. Mary's Park and also several to be removed from Pelham Bay Park.

On motion, said buildings were ordered disposed of at public auction, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting his inability to find in the Central Park a position suitable, in his opinion, for the ornamental fountain, with a statue of Pan as a decorative figure, offered to the Department by Edward Severin Clark.

On motion, the Superintendent's report was accepted.

2d. Reporting upon a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, in relation to a proposed widening of the roadway of Central Park, West, by taking two feet from the easterly sidewalk, and stating that, in his opinion, such widening would be unwise, inasmuch as the sidewalk referred to is much used as a promenade and the proposed change would destroy the line of shade trees along the curb.

On motion, the Superintendent's report was accepted and approved.

3d. Reporting adversely upon a communication from a committee of the League of American Wheelmen, in relation to the construction of an additional entrance to Central Park on Fifty-ninth street. Approved.

4th. Reporting as to a site for the Hunt Memorial, proposed to be erected in Central Park, and suggesting for that purpose a locality opposite the Lenox Library on the easterly side of the Park, as shown on an accompanying plan. Filed.

5th. Reporting upon a communication from H. E. Ackerly, respecting a proposed bicycle path around the Reservoir in Central Park.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Commissioner of Public Works.

6th. Reporting adversely upon a communication from the Triumph Wheelmen, relative to setting apart the Circle at One Hundred and Fourth street on the westerly side of Central Park, as a bicycle speedway.

On motion, the report of the Superintendent was approved.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Reporting the accidents, collisions and runaways in the Parks during the two weeks ending with the 3d instant. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon the condition of the Police horses for the month of March. Referred to the Committee on Police.

3d. Reporting in relation to the alleged disfigurement of the sarcophagus at the Tomb of General Grant on Riverside Park. Filed.

From E. D. Lindsey, Consulting Architect, explaining the delay in the actual completion of work on the tanks in the Aquarium, by Dey & Somerville, and recommending that no penalty be charged for overtime, for the reason that the contractors were in no wise responsible for the non-completion of the work on the date specified therefor.

On motion, the recommendation and report of the Consulting Architect were approved and all penalty for overtime on said work was remitted, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The Treasurer presented a statement of moneys received by the Department and deposited in the City Treasury during the month of March, which was ordered entered upon the minutes as follows:

NEW YORK, April 1, 1897. *To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners:*

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of moneys received during the month of March, 1897, and deposited in the City Treasury:

March	1. Case & Co., McGown's Pass Tavern, February.....	\$105 40
"	6. Isidor Isaac, Arsenal Restaurant.....	208 34
"	8. Thomas J. Hogan, Corlears' Hook Park.....	20 80
"	8. Isidor Isaac, carrousel, February.....	20 32
"	8. Oscar H. Riker, swings, Central Park, February.....	3 16
"	10. John Lucas, donkeys, Central Park, February.....	3 35
"	10. Otto Schwenk, Bronx Park, February.....	3 70
"	12. Mrs. Dorschell, rent, January, February and March.....	30 00
"	16. Aug. S. Dominick, license, Van Cortlandt Park, January and February...	60 00
"	16. Edgar J. Barker, rent, St. John's Park.....	25 00
"	18. James Bradley, bay window, Eighty-seventh street and Riverside Drive...	215 00
"	18. G. Dorval, Casino, Central Park.....	750 00
"	19. Morton Britton, Battery Park.....	15 00
"	22. Michael Halloran, sheds, Central Park.....	100 00
"	22. R. A. Gushee, Claremont, February.....	525 00
"	23. American Swan Boat Company, removing boats.....	9 26
"	31. R. A. Gushee, Claremont, March.....	525 00
"	31. Charles P. Hallock, agent, rents of houses.....	812 27
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W. A. STILES, Treasurer.

From the Inspector of the United States Third Light-house District, applying for permission to place a small building for the purpose of a fog-signal station on the point of Jeffrey's Hook, on the east bank of the Hudson river at Fort Washington Park.

On motion, the desired permission was granted, by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following:

Resolved, That this Board, having carefully considered the application of the Associated Bicycling Clubs for a permit to use Riverside Drive, from Seventy-second to One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets, on an afternoon in May or June, for a bicycle race, hereby denies said application.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Charles E. Simms, Jr., President of the Associated Cycling Clubs of New York, appeared and was heard with reference to the application referred to in the foregoing resolution, suggesting a modification of the rules, in order to admit of the granting of the desired permission.

Lawson N. Fuller also appeared and was heard with reference to the uses of the Riverside Drive, approving of greater privileges for bicycle riders.

James D. McClelland, representing the West Side Public Improvement Association, was heard with regard to the condition of the Circle at Eighth avenue and Fifty-ninth street.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare a plan showing an extension of the sea-wall along the easterly side of the extension of East River Park, from its present terminus at Eighty-ninth street to Eighty-sixth street, with adjoining walks and improvements connected therewith, and when such plan is completed, that the same be forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the concurrence of that Board, and with the request that an issue of bonds to the amount of fifty-five thousand dollars be authorized for the purpose of carrying out the said work, as provided by chapter 320 of the Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 69 of the Laws of 1895.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Hon. Franklin Edson appeared on behalf of the Peter Cooper Monument Committee, and was heard in favor of a plan for the improvement of the small park south of Cooper Union.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the plan submitted by the Peter Cooper Monument Committee, showing location of the monument to Peter Cooper, to be erected on the small park south of Cooper Union, and also the proposed improvement of said park, be and hereby is approved, and that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the expenditure of a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars, for the purpose of carrying out such improvement, said sum to be taken from the balance remaining of the amount appropriated by said Board on the 30th of June, 1896, under the provisions of chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896, for the construction of inclosing walls and posts, piers, steps, etc., for entrances to the Central Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President, to whom was referred the application of Louis Stern for consent to the erection of a projecting window on his residence, Nos. 993 and 994 Fifth avenue, to take the place of an existing window to be removed in making alterations, made a verbal report in the matter and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be, and hereby is, given to alterations in projections on dwelling of Louis Stern, Nos. 993 and 994 Fifth avenue, involving the removal of an existing projecting window from the front of No. 993, and the erection of a projecting window

on No. 994 in its stead, all as shown on a plan filed with this Department by Schickel & Ditmars, Architects.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President, to whom was referred a communication with map from the Engineer of Construction in relation to locating the proposed bridge connecting City Island with Pelham Bay Park, reported that he had examined into the matter and recommended that borings be made for a distance of fifty feet on either side of a dotted line, indicated in red on said map, to ascertain the character of the bottom of Pelham Bay at that locality with a view to determining the proper location for said bridge.

On motion, the President's recommendation was approved and the work of making borings was ordered proceeded with by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of the Page Woven Wire Fence Company, amounting to nine hundred and fifty dollars, for erecting iron fence around the buffalo inclosure in Van Cortlandt Park, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for maintenance and improvement of new parks north of the Harlem river for the year 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 3.25 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were read :

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer of the Harlem River Driveway, inclosing a communication from James D. Leary, contractor, requesting that a more formal agreement be made under Clause C of his contract for the removal of so much of the rock-face, between Stations 46 and 49, as may be directed, based on the action of the Board on the 22d ultimo.

On motion, the matter was referred to the President with power.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending the exchange of a female hippopotamus for an elephant and a pair of lions.

On motion, the exchange of animals, as recommended, was approved and authorized by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Recommending the transfer of Robert Montgomery and Timothy Capper, Inspectors of Masonry, the former from Riverside Park to the works of erecting a sea-wall at East River Park and entrances to Central Park, and the latter from the East River Park sea-wall to the Riverside Park

improvement, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets, and also the work at the tomb of General Grant when required; and also recommending the employment of an Inspector of Paving and an Inspector of Masonry on the Riverside Park improvement, between Seventy-ninth and Ninety-sixth streets, for a short period until that work is completed.

On motion, the recommendations of the Engineer of Construction were approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Recommending that John Heffernan, Axeman, be allowed pay for two weeks' time lost on account of sickness, in consideration of faithful service, and recommending also that the employment of James F. Marion and Christopher A. Farrell, Axemen, be continued until June 1 next.

On motion, the recommendations of the Engineer of Construction were approved by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From the Captain of Police:

1st. Recommending that the pay of Officer James D. Cotter, recently assigned to mounted duty, be increased to \$1,200 per annum, the amount paid to mounted officers.

On motion, the pay of Officer Cotter was so fixed by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

2d. Recommending that a Laborer be detailed to act as Stableman at the police stables in place of John O'Shaughnessy, absent on account of illness.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Rufus R. Randall, Alderman of the Twenty-fourth Ward, recommending that the privilege of conducting a refreshment stand on Crotona Park be given to Julius Weller. Filed.

From Danzig & Townsend, applying for the privilege of occupying the Lorillard Mansion and stables in Pelham Bay Park, for the purpose of conducting a road house. Referred to the President.

From the Sergeants and Roundsmen of the Park Police, applying for an increase in their salaries. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From A. Kramer, submitting a bill of fare, with schedule of prices for refreshments at the Dairy, in Central Park. Filed.

From Morris Goldwater, applying for permission to erect and maintain a news-stand under the stairway leading to the elevated railroad on the easterly side of City Hall Park. Denied.

From Walter L. Tremper, employed on the Harlem River Driveway, applying for leave of absence, without pay, for two weeks, from April 1.

On motion, leave of absence was granted, as applied for.

From George Malvaision, George E. Weiseman and others, requesting that James McNamee be assigned to duty on Christopher Street Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Patrick Collins, applying for permission to sell milk from a wagon at the corner of Broadway and Mail street. Denied.

From Emma Frankel, applying for the privilege of conducting a refreshment-stand in Battery Park. Referred to the President.

From Wilmore Anway, F. P. Sheldon, M. D., and others, recommending that Officer Joseph Harris be assigned to duty in citizen's clothes on Morningside Park and avenue. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Richard H. Hunt, architect, enclosing a bill, amounting to \$9,500, for payment on account of services rendered in connection with the erection of a new wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Referred to the Trustees of the Museum.

From Daniel Ulrich, Assistant Engineer, applying for an increase in salary. Referred to the President for report.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the resignation of John H. Reardon, a Laborer at City Hall Park. Filed.

The President reported the following appointments and restorations on the working force of the Department:

Appointments.

Gardeners—Max C. A. Volkman, Alexander Cramb, Edward Cooley, James Coyle, Frederick Leible, Alfred Pieper, John M. Griffin.

Tinsmith—Henry Vorndran.

Steam-fitter—Henry Errion.

Teamsters with carts—John Reilly, George F. Jennings, Louis Roland, Hugh Flynn.

Teamsters with teams—Thomas Carman, William O'Neill, James Demucci, Edward J. Heffernan, John Wilkinson, Patrick Moriarity, Frank Connelly, Joseph R. Fournier, John O'Brien, Peter Finland, William McClintock, A. A. Marsich, Jr., Charles Yaker, John McCrave.

Reinstated.

Inspector of Paving—R. W. Humphreys.

Laborers—John McHale, John Kehoe, Richard W. Stone, James E. Rogers, Samuel P. Gray, Patrick Brown.

On motion, the appointments and restorations, as reported by the President, were approved and confirmed by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Styles, Ely—4.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Andorra Nurseries, plants, \$48.75 ; E. C. Bridgman, maps, \$13.50 ; James Biggart & Co., coal, \$75 ; A. J. Connolly, making well, \$350 ; Peter Duryee & Co., ice-picks, etc., \$37.59 ; F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Company, ink, 56 cents ; Gordon Bros., coal, \$28.30 ; Herring Safe Works, opening safe, etc., \$2.50 ; Peter Henderson & Co., hempseed, etc., \$3.65 ; Hodgman Rubber Company, Robert W. Todd, receiver, mat, \$1 ; H. L. Judd & Co., cuspidors, \$24 ; Keuffel & Esser Company, templates, etc, \$25.38 ; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, coal, etc., \$325.57 ; The Lefevre Company (successors to J. A. Lefevre), atlas, etc., \$218.75 ; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$8.90 ; Maverick & Wissinger, diagrams, etc., \$40 ; Theodore W. Morris & Co., glass, \$1.16 ; William R. Noe, chimneys, etc., \$16.87 ; Albert Rodler, building tanks, etc., \$420 ; Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company, keys, etc., 48 cents ; Walter B. Tufts, asbestos, etc., \$12 ; John T. Whitehead, extending calls, etc., \$10 ; The Whilldin Pottery Company, flower-pots, \$20.25 ; Albany Lubricating Compound and Cup Company, Adam Cook's Sons, proprietors, packing, \$17.27 ; Samuel Bailie & Son, marble slab, etc., \$9.17 ; Bloomingdale Bros., table, \$10.75 ; Robert Currie, rubber pads, \$40.50 ; Peter Duryee & Co., horse shears, etc., \$27.35 ; Froment & Co., iron, \$4.26 ; The Fairbanks Company, repairing scale, \$8.17 ; Charles Hvass, brooms, etc., \$84 ; Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries and wages, Metropolitan Museum of Art, \$6,973.28 ; Iron Clad Manufacturing Company, ash-cans, \$36 ; Keuffel & Esser Company, steel tape, \$5.76 ; Keuffel & Esser Company, metallic tape, \$3.36 ; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$174.30 ; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, coal, American Museum of Natural History, \$506.30 ; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries and wages, American Museum of Natural History, \$6,462.99 ; A. McMillan & Co., building gaps in wall, \$125 ; C. M. Moseman & Bro., saddle cloths, etc., \$100.05 ; David Moffat & Co., leather, etc., \$40.85 ; McKesson & Robbins, lye, \$7.12 ; Theodore W. Morris & Co., glass, \$25.65 ; John McClave, spruce plank, etc., \$134.53 ; John McClave, ash, etc., \$203.85 ; National Calcium Light Company, calcium lights, \$829 ; New York Stencil Works, stamps, \$12.80 ; L. D. Orsor, Manhattan feed, \$8 ; Embury M. E. McLean, stand pipe, etc., \$797 ; Albert Ravekes & Son, sheathing, etc., \$175 ; Albert Ravekes & Son, platform, etc., \$181 ; Travers Brothers Company, sash cord, \$5.85 ; Tower Manufacturing and Novelty Company, clips, \$6 ; Tefft, Weller & Co., muslin, \$5.08 ; The United States Fire Extinguisher Manufacturing Company, extinguishers, \$80 ; West Disinfecting Company of New York, E. Taussig & Co., disinfectant, \$6.25.

On motion, at 3.55 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1897—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners McMillan (President), Cruger, Stiles.

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 received in pursuance to an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD were opened and read, for the following-named works:

For Furnishing all Labor Required to Complete the Excavations in Earth, Solid Rock or Other Materials and Removal of Same Necessary for the Foundations of the New East Wing and Extension of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Central Park, Including all Necessary Excavations, Blasting and Removal of Surplus Materials, Besides Protection to the Existing Museum Building, etc.:

BIDDERS.	AMOUNT.
Henry D. Steers.....	\$23,300 00
P. J. Moran.....	22,875 00
Edwin J. Shafer.....	14,936 16
John Slattery.....	21,200 00
John J. Hopper.....	24,842 00

For Furnishing all Labor and Materials Required for the Installation of a Refrigerating Plant in the Aquarium, etc.:

BIDDERS.	AMOUNT.
Wright Steam Engine Works.....	\$4,900 00
Newburgh Ice Machine and Engine Company.....	4,900 00
The De La Vergne Refrigerating Machine Company.....	8,825 00

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Secretary of War, notifying the Department to remove within 90 days the structure of the temporary bridge across the Harlem river at One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street. Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

From the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, advising the Department of the action of the said Board, as follows :

1st. Approving plans showing stucco covering the easterly balcony and spandrel covering for gallery of the Aquarium. Filed.

2d. Making applicable to the preliminary work on the construction of a bridge across the Harlem river at One Hundred and Forty-fifth street the sum of \$1,500 previously provided for similar work in connection with a temporary bridge at the same point. Filed.

3d. Authorizing the expenditure of the balance remaining of the sum provided for rip-rapping and cleaning the shores of "The Pool" in Central Park to other work in connection with the improvement of "The Pool." Filed.

From the Commissioners of Accounts, forwarding a copy of their report to the Mayor with regard to the administration of this Department prior to February, 1895. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art :

1st. Inclosing a copy of the annual report of the Trustees of the Museum for the year 1896. Filed.

2d. In relation to the semi-annual closing of the Museum for cleaning and rearrangement of collections.

On motion, it was ordered that the Trustees be requested to cause the Museum building to be open to the public on the 27th instant.

3d. Returning, with the approval of the Trustees, a bill of Richard H. Hunt, architect, for a payment on account of services rendered in connection with the erection of the new Museum wing.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Richard H. Hunt, architect, for professional services, amounting to \$9,500, being one per cent. of the estimated cost of the work of erecting a new east wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the fund provided for the purpose, under chapter 347 of the Laws of 1895.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

From the Committee on Parks of Good Government Club B, expressing disapproval of the use of Riverside Drive or of the Circle in the Central Park for bicycle races. Filed.

From the Fairmount Improvement Association, requesting the improvement of a roadway on Crotona parkway. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From C. H. Covell, respecting the need for a public convenience on Riverside Park. Filed.

From Charles Crawford, Rufus R. Randall and others, petitioning for the construction of a bicycle path on the Circle at the north end of Crotona Park. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river.

From H. M. Montgomery, E. W. Russell, M. D., and others, petitioning for the laying out of a play-ground on the Riverside Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From John C. Shaw, in relation to a bill before the Legislature, providing for the extension of West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street through the proposed St. Nicholas Park. Filed.

From J. C. Killmer, applying for permission for a small baggage truck, with rubber tires, to pass through a portion of Battery Park to the landing place of a steamer running to Bath. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Managing Editor of the New York "Daily News," requesting permission to place a wire for fire signals on the electric-light poles in City Hall Park, as shown on a plan inclosed. On motion, permission was granted as requested.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a report of accidents, collisions and runaways in the parks during the week ending with the 10th instant. Filed.

From the Captain and Surgeon of Police, reporting upon the probationary service of Thomas F. Eagan and Charles Spitz, as Park Policemen. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting specifications and form of contract for paving with macadam pavement the roadway of Boston road, in Bronx Park, between One Hundred and Eighty-first street and the easterly line of said park. Referred to the President.

2d. Submitting specifications and form of contract for paving with telford pavement Mosholu avenue, between Grand and Jerome avenues, in Van Cortlandt Park, and also Grand avenue, between Mosholu and Jerome avenues, at East Two Hundred and Thirty-third street, in said park. Referred to the President.

3d. Reporting upon a communication from the Department of Docks in relation to repairs required to the bulkhead between Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh streets, North river, with an estimate of the quantity of material required to do the work. Laid over.

4th. Reporting upon the application of the Columbia Yacht Club, for permission to construct a retaining wall in the vicinity of their club-house at the foot of West Eighty-sixth street.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Superintendent of Parks to obtain from the club a plan showing the work proposed to be done and to report his recommendations in the matter.

From the Superintendent of Parks—

1st. Reporting upon a communication from D. E. Seybel and others, with reference to the bridle paths of Central Park, stating that the difficulty complained of had been removed. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon an application of the First Naval Battalion for permission to establish signal stations on the parks, and recommending that the same be granted, providing the privilege is restricted to the parks north of the Harlem river. Approved.

3d. Reporting adversely upon a petition for the construction of a carriage entrance to the Central Park at Seventh avenue and Fifty-ninth street. Approved.

4th. Reporting in relation to the placing of additional settees on the park sidewalk of Fifth avenue. Approved.

5th. Reporting as to the dangerous condition of the gas tank at Macomb's Dam Bridge.

On motion, the matter was referred to William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, for examination and report as to the best remedy for the matter complained of.

6th. Reporting adversely in the matter of the application of the "Evening Telegram" for permission to use Riverside Drive, from One Hundred and Eighth street to Claremont, for a bicycle parade on June 5. Laid over.

7th. Calling attention to the necessity for the proper lighting of Transverse Road No. 4, crossing the Central Park, and recommending that provision be made for lighting the said road in the same manner as the other transverse roads. Approved.

From Daniel Butterfield and others, a committee of the Old Guard Association of the Twelfth Regiment, applying for permission to erect in the locality known as Mount Tom, on Riverside Drive, a memorial to the officers and men of the Twelfth Regiment killed during the war, and enclosing a design of the proposed memorial. Referred to the National Sculpture Society for examination and report as to the artistic merits of the proposed memorial.

From the Chief Engineer of the Rapid Transit Railroad Commission, forwarding a map as requested, showing the general route of the proposed rapid transit railroad, as adopted by the Rapid Transit Commission.

On motion, the route and general plan of construction for the rapid transit railroad, as adopted by the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners, and communicated to this Board on the 5th instant, was approved, in so far as the streets and public places over which this Department has jurisdiction are affected thereby, and consent to the construction of the said railroad upon the route and according to the general plan, as submitted, was given, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

From the President of the Colonial Dames Society of New York, thanking the Department for consenting to the terms of the lease recently executed, for the occupation by the said society of the Van Cortlandt Mansion in Van Cortlandt Park. Filed.

Commissioner Stiles, from the committee to whom was referred the matter of the purchase of specimens for the Aquarium from a biological station, to be established in the Bermudas by the New York University, reported verbally in favor of the suggested arrangement and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of Public Parks purchase, on recommendation of the Superintendent of the Aquarium, live fish and other aquatic animals and plants from the biological station of the University of the City of New York in the Bermuda Islands, to an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars, in such portions as may be necessary.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans prepared under the direction of the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History by Cady, Berg & See, architects, selected by said Trustees, for the erection and equipment of an addition to the present Museum building, as authorized by the provisions of chapter 175 of the Laws of 1896, and submitted for the approval of this Board on the fifteenth ultimo, be and the same hereby are approved and ordered forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the concurrence of said Board, and with the request that the issue of bonds to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars be authorized for the purpose of providing means for carrying into effect the work shown on said plans under the provisions of the act cited.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the selection by the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History of Cady, Berg & See as architects of the work of enlarging the present Museum building under the provisions of chapter 175 of the Laws of 1896, be approved, and that the compensation of said architects be and hereby is fixed at 5 per cent. of the cost of the work to be done pursuant to said act.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to make applicable to the work of repairing, repaving, etc., the walk adjoining the Battery sea-wall the sum of four thousand two hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eighty-five cents, from funds hitherto provided under chapter 194 of the Laws of 1896 for other works, as follows :

“For Park Improvement,” \$838.85 ; “For Central Park, Improvement of—Constructing Enclosing Walls, Posts, Piers, etc.,” \$3,400—total, \$4,238.85.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the expenditure of a sum not exceeding \$4,500, to be taken from the amount heretofore provided for "Central Park, Improvement of—Paving and Repaving with Asphalt the Walks," for the purpose of paving with asphalt the easterly and westerly sidewalks of Manhattan Square.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to provide for the expense of paving, with asphalt pavement, the unpaved portions of the sidewalks of Transverse Roads Nos. 1, 2 and 3, crossing the Central Park, by making applicable for that purpose the sum of \$8,584.67, aggregated by the following sums from balances remaining unexpended of funds heretofore provided, which will not be required for the objects and purposes thereof :

Under chapter 11, Laws of 1894—Transverse Road No. 1, improvement of, etc., \$589.55 ; Transverse Road No. 2, improvement of, etc., \$122.72 ; Transverse Road No. 3, improvement of, etc., \$256.67 ; Transverse Road No. 4, improvement of, etc., \$775.98. Under chapter 194, Laws of 1896—Central Park improvement, granite-block pavement, etc., Transverse Road No. 1, \$3,639.75 ; Central Park, improvement of, constructing inclosing walls, posts, piers, steps, etc., \$3,200—\$8,584.67.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of E. C. Anderson & Co., amounting to \$2,250, for premiums of insurance on park buildings and property be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against appropriations for the current year, as follows :

"Labor, Maintenance, Supplies—Water Supply, etc.," \$918.27 ; "Zoological Department," \$381.73 ; "Police Supplies and Repairs," \$350 ; "Aquarium," \$600—\$2,250.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

The President, to whom were referred the plans submitted by George C. Palmer, for the approval of this Department, showing proposed changes in the stoop and railing of the building No. 922 Fifth avenue, reported that he had examined said plans, and found the projection of the proposed stoop to be about six inches less than the existing stoop, and recommended that the proposed changes be approved.

On motion, the recommendation of the President was approved.

On motion, at 3 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were read :

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, recommending that the work of filling in the back bays on the second section of the Harlem River Driveway be proceeded with, under the conditions expressed in his report of the 19th ultimo, at a total cost of \$8,332.50.

On motion, the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer was approved and he was authorized to direct the work of filling the back bays to proceed, in accordance therewith, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Forwarding, with his approval, a petition of the Gardeners employed by the Department, asking for an increase of pay. Laid over.

2d. Recommending the discharge of John O'Brien, with team.

On motion, the discharge of John O'Brien was approved as recommended, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

The President placed before the Board a supplementary pay-roll containing the names of Patrick Gorman and Edward Shannon, plumbers, and Burtis J. Slattery, steam and gas-fitter, for the seven days ending February 6, 1897, and for time lost through suspension, amounting in all to \$328, and moved that the same be approved by the Board and forwarded to the Finance Department for payment.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

On motion, the subject of the erection of stands in connection with the Grant Memorial Inaugural Parade, to take place on the 27th instant, and all applications therefor were referred to the President with power.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Whereas certain charges have been made against R. G. Walmsley, Foreman in charge of the stable in the Eighty-fifth street Transverse road, it is hereby

Resolved, That Commissioner McMillan, President of this Board, be appointed to represent this Board and hear the charges brought against R. G. Walmsley on the day of April, 1897, or other days to which the said hearing may be adjourned. That a notice be sent two days before the said date of hearing to R. G. Walmsley to appear on the said date and answer the charges brought against him, and that the said R. G. Walmsley be informed as to the nature of the charges which will be made against him at the hearing.

That such testimony as shall be offered at the said hearing shall be taken under oath, and that the substance of the charges and the answers thereto be reduced to writing by a stenographer. That the record of the hearing be presented to this Board for determination and judgment.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

The President reported the following restorations, appointments, etc. on the working force of the Department :

Reinstated.

Laborers—Michael McGinty, James Reardon, Henry Barnes, Carl Heuser, David Whalen, John Dooley, Cornelius Callahan.

Appointed.

Laborer—James Feeley.

Horse and Cart—John Houlihan, Dominick Lagrotto, James Corrigan, William Shanley.

Pay Fixed.

Laborer, City Hall Police Station—Patrick L. Flynn, \$2 per day.

On motion, the restorations, appointments, etc., as reported by the President, were approved and confirmed by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

Commissioner Stiles offered the following :

Resolved, That this Board, deeming it for the interest of the city so to do, hereby rejects all the bids or proposals this day received for the installation of a refrigerating plant at the Aquarium.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That a contract for excavating, etc., for foundations for the new wing and extension of the Metropolitan Museum of Art be awarded to Edwin J. Shafer, the lowest bidder ; that his proposal be sent to the Comptroller for approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved, that the President be authorized to execute the said contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles—3.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited, were approved and ordered forwarded to the Finance Department for payment :

The Anchor Post Company, posts, etc., \$520.32 ; Blackfords, herring, etc., \$44.30 ; Consolidated Gas Company of New York, gas, \$256.37 ; Consolidated Gas Company of New York, gas, \$3.71 ; The Central Gas-light Company of New York City, gas, \$3.50 ; Thompson W. Decker & Sons, milk, \$11.16 ; Eakins & Co., coal, \$22.75 ; Gordon Bros., coal, \$18 ; A. Haas's Sons, beef, etc., \$310.50 ; Initial Towel Supply Company, use of towels, \$18.50 ; Keene & Foulk,

plants, \$105; H. Lange & Co., coal, \$9.40; H. B. Merrill, pump, pipes, etc., \$905; W. C. Marshall, horses, \$450; W. C. Marshall, horses, \$300; The New York Mutual Gas-light Company, gas, \$80.50; Parsons & Sons Company, Limited, plants, \$235.30; M. Sterns, Metropolitan Fish and Oyster Market, fish, \$23.25; J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 34, Public Driveway, \$372; S. Wasserman, bread, etc., \$79; Charles P. Woodworth's Son & Co., apples, etc., \$25; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, coal, American Museum Natural History, \$995.83; Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum Natural History, \$265.05; James D. Leary, Estimate No. 28, Public Driveway, \$13,126.16.

On motion, at 3.40 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

SPECIAL MEETING—APRIL 14, 1897, 2 P. M., No. 187 FULTON STREET.

Pursuant to the following :

APRIL 12, 1897. MR. WILLIAM LEARY, *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board to be held at No. 187 Fulton street Wednesday next, 14th inst., at 2 P. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be presented.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL McMILLAN, S. V. R. CRUGER, W. A. STILES, Commissioners of Public Parks.

The President stated that the meeting had been called at the request of his Honor the Mayor, to consider the erection of stands on the easterly side of Riverside Drive on property under the jurisdiction of the Department.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor, Chairman of the Municipal Grant Monument Committee, has requested the Commissioners of Parks to issue permits for the erection of stands on the easterly side of Riverside Drive, in order to accommodate the general public.

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks will issue permits for the erection of such platforms or stands on slopes too steep to stand on, provided that each applicant shall guarantee to the Department that no greater charge than fifty cents be made for each seat, and that the persons granting such permits agree to remove the stands on or before May 1, and immediately thereafter make good any damage done to the ground, and that each applicant deposit a certified check or cash, in amount equal to five cents per square foot for the area occupied by each stand.

Resolved, That an advertisement, in accordance with the foregoing resolution, be published for at least three days.

Which were carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

That the matter of granting permits be referred to the President with power.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Ely offered the following :

That the President be authorized to arrange for the necessary railing on the northerly and westerly sides of Riverside Drive.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Stiles, offered the following :

That stand be erected in the neighborhood of General Grant's Tomb for the use of the Department.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

The President stated that a communication had been received from Edwin J. Shafer, the lowest bidder for the work of excavating for the foundation of the new wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, stating that an error of computation had been made in the preparation of his bid, and asking that he be allowed to withdraw the same, whereupon Commissioner Cruger moved that the matter be submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for his advice as to the powers and duties of the Department in relation thereto.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

That bids for a refrigerating plant at the Aquarium be readvertised.

Which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 2.30 P. M. the meeting adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1897—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M., HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Present—Commissioners McMillan (President), Cruger, Stiles, Ely.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The following communications were received :

From the Chinese Minister at Washington, D. C., desiring to perfect arrangements for the planting of a tree in the vicinity of the Tomb of General Grant on Riverside Park, to meet the wishes of Earl Li Hung Chang.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to communicate with the Chinese Minister, advising him of the readiness of the Department to furnish facilities for the planting of the tree at any time he may designate.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department in relation to providing for the removal of the rock slide on the second section of the Harlem River Driveway. Referred to the President.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer in charge of the Harlem River Driveway, submitting a form of contract and specifications for the removal of the rock slide on the Driveway south of Washington Bridge.

On motion, the matter was referred to the President with power by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

From J. F. Hitchcock, submitting a plan showing proposed improvements in the vicinity of the club-house of the Columbia Yacht Club at the foot of West Eighty-sixth street. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting favorably upon a communication from the Department of Docks, desiring the consent of this Department to the strengthening of the wharf at the Battery by filling in the inner portions of the T. Referred to the President.

From the Secretary of the "Kneipp" Naturheilverein, desiring permission for members of said society to pass bare-footed over Central Park lawns.

On motion, the desired permission was granted, subject to the same restrictions as were stipulated last year.

From Clarence True, applying for permission to erect projecting windows on five houses, commencing at the northeast corner of Riverside Drive and Eightieth street, as shown by accompanying drawing. Referred to the President.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Whereas, By the provisions of chapter 621 of the Laws of 1896, West Ninety-sixth street, from the west side of West End avenue to the Hudson river, was placed under the exclusive control and care of this Department with power to determine the lines of the curb and other surface constructions in and upon the same, including a suitable approach to the Riverside Park Viaduct, to be constructed at that point ; and

Whereas, For the proper construction of said approach it is necessary, in the opinion of this Board, that that part of said street which is to be occupied by said approach should be widened sufficiently to afford an advantageous development of the plan of said approach ; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Street Opening and Improvement be respectfully requested to widen West Ninety-sixth street by adding five feet on both the northerly and southerly sides thereof, from the west side of West End avenue to the east side of Riverside Drive, and to direct the Counsel to the Corporation to initiate a proceeding for acquiring title to the lands required for such additional width at the earliest date practicable.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Cruger, Stiles, Ely—4.

On motion, at 2.30 o'clock P. M., the meeting adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1897--REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.