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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1895—ADJOURNED MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Haven, Roosevelt, Julliard.

The minutes of the meeting of April 25 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising that the employment of bands to furnish music for park concerts does not require to be done by contract upon public letting. Filed.

From Tarleton H. Bean, accepting the appointment of Superintendent of the Aquarium. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, submitting the following eligible list for the position of Engineman : George T. Baldwin, Elvy D. Snyder, Walter Carter.

On motion, the appointment of Walter Carter was ordered to take effect this day, and he was assigned to duty on the New Maccomb's Dam Bridge.

From E. S. Stokes, requesting the Board to approve his application to the Board of Excise for a license to sell wines and liquors at Claremont.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify the Excise Board that this Board has no objection to the issuing of a temporary license up to such time as the question of letting may be determined.

From the Captain of Police, recommending that the pay of the following-named officers who have been one year in the service be increased in accordance with the rules : John J. Nesbitt, John H. Kelly, George Steers, Patrick H. Fox, Theodore F. Werdann, John Meares, James P. Cassidy, James A. Farrell, James J. Daly, Henry Gartleman. Approved.

From the General Inspector, submitting a report of the sale at auction of lost and impounded property on 27th ultimo. Filed.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the position of Clerk, heretofore held by William F. McCabe, and also the position of General Inspector in this Department, be and the same hereby are abolished.

Resolved, That hereafter John J. Odell, Clerk, be and he hereby is authorized and required to certify to the correctness of all pay-rolls, in lieu of the certificate heretofore made by the General Inspector.

From E. R. Sampson, requesting that he be designated as Custodian of the Aquarium. Referred to the Superintendent of the Aquarium for report.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the salary of the Superintendent of the Aquarium be fixed at four thousand dollars per annum, from May 1, 1895.

Commissioner Haven reported regarding the application of the American Fisheries Society for the use of the Aquarium during the month of June, and submitted a letter from Dr. Bean, Superintendent of the Aquarium, and a member of the Society on the subject.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to express to the American Fisheries Society the regret of this Board that continued changes and improvements in the Aquarium will render it impossible to grant their request for the use of the Aquarium during June, 1895, but expressing the hope that in future they will be able to accommodate the Fisheries Society, and shall always be glad to welcome them to the hospitality of the Aquarium.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of Public Parks express their appreciation of the services of Mounted Policeman Max Lasky, in stopping a runaway in the north-west portion of Central Park about 4 P. M. on Sunday, April 28. The Commissioners feel that it was largely owing to his exertions that much damage and possible loss of life was prevented.

From George R. Simpson, applying to be allowed pay up to May 1. Referred to Commissioners Juilliard and Roosevelt for report.

On motion, it was ordered that R. W. Gilder be requested to appear before the Board on Wednesday next at ten o'clock A. M. and submit his views relative to the recent report of the Tenement House Commission on the subject of small parks in the tenement house districts.

On motion, it was ordered that the police arrangements for the dedication services at the Washington Arch on April 30 be made applicable to Saturday, May 4.

On motion, the Superintendent of Parks was directed to make immediate temporary repairs to the road north of the Claremont, Riverside Park.

On motion, it was ordered that the matter of police protection and such changes as may be necessary at the Claremont for the bicycle meeting on Saturday next be referred to Commissioner Juilliard, with power.

Commissioner Roosevelt reported having designated a site at Bowling Green for the statue of Abraham De Peyster.

Commissioner Roosevelt submitted the following changes in the rules governing roller skating and the use of children's velocipedes in Central Park :

1st. That roller skating be permitted at the following places in Central Park, in addition to such other permission heretofore granted : On the Mall, from Marble Arch to Terrace Bridge. On the walk west of the East Drive and on the walk east of the Centre Drive, leading from Fifty-ninth street, and Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth avenues entrances, to the Mall. On the walk leading from Sixty-seventh street and Fifth avenue entrance to the Mall, under the Willowdel Arch. (These walks to be used only in going to the Mall.)

2d. That no permits be required for children's tricycles, velocipedes, etc., in Central Park ; but no child, unless accompanied by an adult attendant, shall be permitted to bring into or ride on the walks of Central Park any tricycle or velocipede.

3d. That roller skating be prohibited on the Mall on Saturdays and Sundays after 1 P. M., from May until October.

The following named bill having been duly examined and audited was placed before the Board, passed upon and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Collins & Gillis, amount retained as security on contract for Parade Ground..... \$522 00

On motion, at 10.10 o'clock A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1895—REGULAR MEETING, 9:30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Haven, Roosevelt, Juilliard.

A representative of the Comptroller, being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President, in the presence of the representative of the Comptroller, and such of the parties making proposals as were present, publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which have been received in accordance with an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD.

For Furnishing and Delivering Forage.

	350,000 P. UNDS OF HAY.	55,000 POUNDS OF STRAW.	3,500 BAGS OF OATS.	400 BAGS OF CORN.	450 BAGS OF BRAN.	
Charles B. Morris & Co.....	80	65	105	120	100 per cwt.	\$7,597 50
Horace Ingersoll.....	75	60	115	130	45 per bag.	7,817 50
John Early.....	80	68	107	121	40 "	7,690 00
Theodore P. Huffman.....	77½	70	110	125	47 "	7,769 00

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a resolution of the Common Council authorizing the erection of a reviewing-stand at Washington Square. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, notifying of the confirmation on 27th ultimo of the proceedings for acquiring title to lands for the Ogden avenue approach to the New Maccomb's Dam Bridge. Filed.

From the Secretary of the American Museum of Natural History, transmitting a report for the year 1894. Filed.

From Rufus R. Randall, Alderman of the Twenty-fourth Ward, requesting that a road be constructed in Bronx Park, leading to Scott avenue, to enable the erection of a bridge over the railroad. Referred to President King for report.

From Robert Graham, representing the Church Temperance Society, requesting renewal of their permit for a lunch wagon to stand at Herald Square. The permit was ordered renewed during the pleasure of the Board.

From Morgan & Bro., commending Mounted Officer A. W. McKean for meritorious service in stopping a runaway team. Filed and ordered to be communicated to the force.

From William W. Ellsworth, requesting that bicycle stations be provided for wheelmen in the parks. Referred to Commissioner Roosevelt for report.

From Kurzman & Frankenheimer, requesting consent to the continuance of existing projections on buildings on St. Nicholas avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-eighth and One Hundred and Forty-ninth streets. Referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to the powers of the Department.

From Martin Gay, resigning as Assistant Engineer on the new Macomb's Bridge, the same having been completed. Accepted, with the thanks of the Commissioners for the part he has taken in the work.

From the Captain of Police and the Police Surgeon, reporting the death of Officer Harry King. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a weekly report of accidents and injuries on the parks. Filed.

From Francis Mahon, resigning his position as a Park Policeman. Accepted.

From Chauncey M. Depew, relative to the resignation of Park Policeman Francis Mahon. Filed.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the quantity of gravel to be supplied under the contract with Brown & Fleming, dated April 2, 1895, for furnishing and delivering screened gravel on Central Park and Riverside Drive, be and the same hereby is reduced by an amount equal to 25 per cent., as provided by the terms of said contract.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the President be authorized to employ an expert to make an examination of the work thus far done on the Harlem River Driveway and report as to its progress, and whether the same accords in all respects with the specifications, and also whether in his opinion the contracts and specifications are sufficiently clear and comprehensive to enable an intelligent performance of the work required to be done thereunder.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Comptroller be notified that this Department will take possession on June 1 next of the buildings, etc., standing on the lands required for Mulberry Bend Park, with a view to their removal.

Resolved, That when possession is taken of the buildings, etc., on Mulberry Bend Park, the same be disposed of at auction sale and removed from the park within thirty days from date of sale.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract of the Passaic Rolling Mill Company, for the Ogden avenue approach to Central Bridge, and recommending that the penalty for overtime be remitted. Approved.

Commissioners Haven and Roosevelt submitted a report of trials of Park Policemen held before them on May 1, and their findings thereon, which were considered and disposed of as follows :

Rudolph Eichler, charged with being off post and neglect of duty, was found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

Jeremiah Shea, charged with being off post and neglect of duty, was found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

George Hampshire, charged with being off post and neglect of duty, was found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

John J. Cronin, charged with being absent from drill duty without leave, was cautioned.

Theodore F. Werdann, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, was found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Owen Donnelly, charged with being off post and neglect of duty, was cautioned.

Patrick Nugent, charged with neglect of duty, was cautioned.

Martin J. Crofton, charged with being off post and neglect of duty, was found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

Thomas Flynn, charged with being off post and neglect of duty ; on motion, charge dismissed.

William S. Ryerson, charged with being absent from drill duty without leave, was found guilty as charged, fined ten days' pay and cautioned.

Edward O'Loughlin, charged with not properly patrolling ; on motion, charge dismissed.

William E. Niven, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, was cautioned.

Thomas P. Corcoran, charged with neglect of duty ; on motion, charge dismissed.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to place at the corner of Riverside Drive and One Hundred and Eighth street, signs with the inscription "Bicycles keep to the right."

Resolved, That the Captain of Police be directed to inform Police officers that no coasting or fast riding on bicycles will be permitted in the Park, and that the rules of the road must be followed by bicycles.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to eject the occupant of the Gracie House, in East River Park, at once and to take possession of said house.

From the "New York World," relative to awarding medals for meritorious service to members of the Park Police force. Referred to Commissioners Haven and Roosevelt.

From the Superintendent of the Aquarium, recommending a reconsideration of the action of the Board upon the application of the American Fisheries Society for the use of the lecture-room of the Aquarium on Wednesday, June 12, and Thursday, June 13, for their convention.

On motion, the previous action of the Board was reconsidered and the desired permission granted.

From the Superintendent of the Aquarium, recommending certain alterations in the Aquarium and submitting an estimate of cost.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the recommendations of the Superintendent of the Aquarium be approved, and that he be directed to proceed with the plans for the proposed changes and report to this Board.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Captain of Police be directed to give special attention to the carrouseis, with a view of preventing disorderly conduct in that neighborhood.

The following named bills, having been examined and audited, were placed before the Board, passed upon separately, and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment:

Consolidated Gas Company, gas.....	\$323 00
Collins, Charles W., Estimate No. 1.....	3,248 00
Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, rents.....	1,625 00
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries and wages.....	6,855 69
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries and wages.....	4,841 16
Edward A. Miller, petty cash.....	31 54
The New York Mutual Gas-light Company, gas.....	57 63
Alfred P. Boller, professional services (Macomb's Dam Bridge).....	988 25
The Passaic Rolling Mill Company, payment, acceptance.....	24,706 14
J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 11.....	32,001 20
James D. Leary, Estimate No. 15.....	18,323 68

Richard Watson Gilder was heard in relation to certain acts of the Legislature for additional public parks, etc., being chapters 69, 293 and 338 of the Laws of 1895, in conformity with certain recommendations of the Tenement-house Commission. He suggested conferences with the Board of Education, the Health Department and other branches of the city government, and was requested to submit in writing his views on these various matters.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the contract for furnishing and delivering forage, proposals for which were this day received, be and the same is hereby awarded to George B. Morris & Co., the lowest bidder, and that the President be authorized to sign the contract upon the approval of the sureties by the Comptroller.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Captain of Police, under the direction of the Police Committee, be authorized to change, from time to time, the stations of all Sergeants and Roundsmen in his discretion.

On motion, at 10.20 A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1895—ADJOURNED MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Haven, Roosevelt, Juilliard.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the occupants of the Gracie House, in the East River Park, be allowed until May 25 to remove their furniture.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the resolution allowing J. K. Gracie to take a mantel from the Gracie House in East River Park be and is hereby rescinded.

The following communications were received :

Certified copies of chapters 69, 338, 293, 235, 236 and 347, Laws of 1895, were submitted and ordered filed.

From the Fire Department, requesting permission to parade on Riverside Drive on the 25th instant and to erect a reviewing stand at Seventy-sixth street. Granted.

From John P. Haines, President American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, requesting that a site be designated for a proposed drinking fountain. Referred to the Sculpture Society to report as to the artistic merits of the proposed fountain.

From the National Sculpture Society, accepting invitation to report on the merits of statues before acceptance by this Department, and advising that action will be taken at their next meeting with regard to statues referred to them for examination. Filed.

From George B. Post, Architect, requesting the consent of the Department to projections on the proposed Municipal Building in Crotona Park.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and hereby is granted to the erection of projections on the front of the new Municipal Building in Crotona Park, the same not to exceed ten feet, as shown on a plan submitted by George B. Post, Architect.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending remission of penalty for overtime on the contract of John J. Cummings for furnishing mould. Approved.

From the Captain of Police, recommending advancement in pay of Officer James Coughlin, he having served one year. Approved.

From the Captain of Police, reporting a list of accidents and injuries in the parks for the week ending 12th instant. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending the filling of Jerome avenue opposite Sedgwick avenue approach. Approved and estimates ordered to be obtained.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a plan for change of grade and walk west of the subway on the Harlem River Driveway. Approved.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending the preparation of plans for a bridge over Spuyten Duyvil Creek, connecting Kingsbridge road with Broadway. Referred back to the Engineer with directions to prepare plans for submission to the Board.

On motion, it was Resolved, That it is the pleasure of the Board of Parks that Mr. William R. Stewart be presented with a duplicate key of the Washington Arch in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him in the inception and erection of said arch.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Captain of Police be directed to notify the owners of all wagons and vans now standing in front of the small parks that all permits for such stands will be revoked from and after June 1, for the months of June, July, August and September, and that he be further directed to see that during said months this order is strictly enforced.

On motion, it was ordered that a special permit be given to the Church Temperance Society to stand two lunch wagons, one at Herald Square and one at Bryant Park, at such points as may be designated by the President.

On motion, it was Resolved, That desirable tenants in Pelham Bay Park be notified that their rent will remain at the present rate to the 1st of August, and then be advanced to what Mr. Read thinks proper.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the bill of the Metropolitan Storage Warehouse and Van Company, amounting to \$56, for removing furniture, etc., from Chambers street to the Arsenal Building, be and the same is hereby audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

From Augustus C. Brown and M. J. Cooke, commending Officer John Hoey for stopping a runaway horse in the Park. Referred to Commissioners Haven and Roosevelt.

From Anton Sommer, commending Officer No. 252 (A. W. McKean) for meritorious conduct. Referred to Commissioners Haven and Roosevelt.

Plans and specifications for work at the Aquarium were submitted, and on motion the same were referred to the Superintendent of the Aquarium for approval, with directions to have the same printed and bids advertised for upon such approval.

From James P. Kernochan, relative to providing receptacles for waste paper, etc., on the parks. Referred to Commissioner Roosevelt.

From the Captain of Police, relative to the condition of certain police horses. On motion the recommendations of the Captain as to the transfer of one horse and the sale at auction of two others were approved, and the matter of the proposed purchase of new horses was referred to Commissioner Roosevelt with power.

From the Captain of Police, calling attention to the condition of the stable of the Mounted Squad. Referred to the President.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Aquarium be authorized to purchase for the account of the Aquarium such small articles as may be required from time to time.

From D. F. Sullivan, applying for the indorsement of the Department to the renewal of his excise license in Van Cortlandt Park. Referred to the President with power.

The matter of telephone service at the Aquarium was referred to Commissioner Haven with power.

On motion, it was Resolved, That Commissioner Roosevelt be authorized to contract for building golf links in Van Cortlandt Park, to cost \$650, and that the Superintendent be ordered to report if there is any suitable building to keep golf sticks in.

The charge against Park Policeman James J. Cogan for conduct unbecoming an officer was then heard, and the officer found guilty and fined fifteen days' pay and cautioned that any repetition of unnecessary assault on a prisoner will be followed by immediate dismissal.

The following named bills having been examined and audited were placed before the Board, passed upon separately and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

D. P. Arnold, beef.....	\$273 00
Anchor Post Company, posts.....	440 00
A. F. Brombacher & Co., rakes, etc.....	113 50
“ crayons, etc.....	39 26
James S. Barron & Co., baskets, etc.....	12 90
Bloomingdale Bros., overalls.....	71 52
Joseph Brennan, daily papers.....	21 19
R. G. Baxter, fish.....	15 00
The Bradley & Currier Company, Limited, doors, etc.....	15 03
The Barber Asphalt Paving Company, asphalt.....	247 99
Colwell Lead Company, furnace, etc.....	99 36

Arthur Drant, tanks.....	\$475 00
Thomas H. Doty, hay, etc.....	31 67
T. C. Dunham, white lead.....	56 60
F. W. Devoe and C. T. Reynolds Company, bronze.....	1 68
The East River Mill and Lumber Company, oak, etc.....	330 16
C. C. Ellis & Son., bread.....	41 25
W. Shepard Estey, mat.....	23 00
Elizabeth Nursery Company, plants.....	389 00
J. W. Fiske, cups, etc.....	42 00
Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company, treads, etc.....	29 52
E. S. Greeley & Co., wire, etc.....	26 30
Ralph Henry, closet, etc.....	782 50
A. H. Hews & Co., pots.....	24 50
International Rubber Clothing and G. S. Co., overalls, etc.....	138 00
Keuffel & Esser Company, paints.....	40
" repairs to tape.....	45
The Mitchell-Vance Company, brackets, etc.....	21 12
W. L. McCreery, call buttons.....	63 00
Mosler Safe Company, removing safes.....	106 50
J. H. Mulholland, brooms.....	69 00
McKesson & Robbins, whisky, etc.....	27 87
Marshall Lefferts & Co., galvanized pipe.....	5 10
T. N. Motley & Co., injector, etc.....	153 14
Nunan & Co., steel tire.....	16 15
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, sink, etc.....	233 04
New York Belting and Packing Company, hose, etc.....	178 74
W. B. Perry & Son, apples, etc.....	175 00
William Porter's Sons, lamp burners.....	1 00
P. Sandford Ross, removing spiles, etc.....	600 00
Louis Ruhe, bird food.....	18 00
E. G. Saltmann, black prints.....	14 16
Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, asphalt.....	581 87
A. G. Spalding & Bros., markers.....	13 50
Thomas Smith, Jr., oil.....	53 78
T. G. Sellow, chairs, etc.....	53 75
X. Stoutenborough, dustpans.....	16 20
Steward & McDermott, use boat, etc.....	90 00
W. & J. Sioane, matting, etc.....	427 73
Theodore F. Tone, coal.....	8 50
T. & W. Thorn & Co., hay, etc.....	70 28
J. M. Thorburn & Co., hemp seed, etc.....	4 00
Tefft, Weller & Co., sheeting.....	10 56
J. S. Woodhouse, sickels, etc.....	116 54

Whitman Saddle Company, horse sheets, etc	\$309 05
M. D. Williamson, coal	4 50
Warwick Valley Milk Association Company, milk	9 50
Yellow Pine Company, yellow pine, etc	268 96
John J. Cummings, payment acceptance	1,792 60
Consolidated Gas Company, gas	3 06
Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephonic service	1,300 00
Joseph Wolf, professional services	30 85
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On motion, at 11 o'clock A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1895—REGULAR MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Haven, Roosevelt, Juilliard.

A representative of the Comptroller, being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President in the presence of the representative of the Comptroller, and such of the parties making proposals as were present, publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which have been received in accordance with an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD, for the following works :

For Paving with Rock Asphalt the Walk Surrounding the Conservatory Pond, Central Park.

BIDDERS.	PAVEMENT OF ROCK ASPHALT WITH CONCRETE BASE, 19,700 SQUARE FEET.	PAVEMENT OF ROCK ASPHALT WITH CONCRETE BASE, INCLUDING RUBBLE-STONE FOUNDATION, 7,000 SQUARE FEET.	AMOUNTS.
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company....	\$0 08	\$0 15	\$2,626 00
T. Hugh Boorman.....	07 $\frac{3}{16}$	11 $\frac{5}{16}$	2,389 30
The Neuchatel Asphalt Company (Ltd.)..	09 $\frac{3}{8}$	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,928 63

For Paving with Asphalt the Westerly Sidewalk of Riverside Avenue, from Seventy-second to One Hundred and Twentieth Street.

BIDDERS.	PAVEMENT OF ROCK ASPHALT WITH CONCRETE BASE, 30,000 SQUARE FEET.	AMOUNTS.
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	\$0 08	\$2,400 00
The Neuchatel Paving Company (Limited).....	08 $\frac{3}{8}$	2,662 50
T. Hugh Boorman.....	06 $\frac{3}{8}$	2,062 50

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department in the matter of projections on buildings erected on St. Nicholas avenue.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the consent of the Department of Public Parks be and the same hereby is given to the erection and maintenance of projections on the ten buildings on the west side of St. Nicholas avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-eighth and One Hundred and Forty-ninth streets, as shown on a plan submitted ; said projections not to extend more than one foot from the building line. This consent to take effect upon the payment to the Department of the sum of two thousand dollars.

From Henry G. Marquand, Thomas W. Wood and R. M. Upjohn, tendering their resignations as members of the Advisory Art Committee.

On motion, the resignations were accepted, and the Secretary was directed to communicate to these gentlemen the regret of the Board for their resignations and its thanks for their services in the past.

From McKim, Mead & White, requesting the consent of the Department to the erection of projections on the residence of W. D. Guthrie at Park avenue and Thirty-fifth street.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and the same hereby is given to the erection of projections on the proposed dwelling of W. D. Guthrie, adjoining the northwest corner of Park avenue and Thirty-fifth street ; said projections not to extend more than four feet four inches beyond the building line, as shown on a plan filed with the Department by McKim, Mead & White, Architects. This consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the privilege.

From McKim, Mead & White, requesting the consent of the Department to the erection of projections on a proposed house of Prescott Hall Butler, at the northwest corner of Park avenue and Thirty-fifth street.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and the same hereby is given to the erection of projections on the proposed dwelling of Prescott Hall Butler on the northwest corner of Park avenue and Thirty-fifth street ; said projections not to extend more than four feet four inches beyond the building line, as shown on a plan filed with the Department by McKim, Mead & White, Architects. This consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the privilege.

From William R. Stewart, acknowledging resolutions relative to the key of the Washington Arch. Filed.

From Josephine Shaw Lowell, suggesting that a small park might be located in the neighborhood of Eleventh avenue and Fifty-second to Fifty-fourth streets. Referred to Commissioner Juilliard for report.

From the National Sculpture Society, advising that a committee will be appointed to examine statues in the parks. Filed.

From Dr. James C. Lay, requesting that the Department take charge of a small park at the foot of East Forty-second street, in accordance with a law recently enacted. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From James McCauley, Auctioneer, submitting an account of the sales of condemned and lost property on April 20th and 27th. Filed.

A certified copy of chapter 220, Laws of 1895, relative to enabling veterans to participate in the exercises on Memorial Day, was received and filed.

From Veterans connected with the Park Police force, applying for leave of absence on Memorial Day, in accordance with chapter 220, Laws of 1895. Granted.

From the Captain of Police and the Police Surgeon, reporting the death of Roundsman John Dolan. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, recommending the granting of summer vacations to members of the Park Police force. The recommendations of the Captain of Police were approved and the vacations granted in accordance therewith.

From Francis Mahon, requesting permission to withdraw his resignation as a Park Policeman. Filed.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be directed forthwith to prepare and submit specifications and form of contract for the improvement of Cathedral Parkway, and that when approved by the Counsel to the Corporation an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing the work.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a plan and profile, with specifications and form of contract, etc., for regulating, grading and otherwise improving Cathedral Parkway, from Seventh avenue to Riverside Drive. Filed.

On motion, it was ordered that an auction sale of the grass in the new parks be held.

On motion, it was Resolved, That during the months of June, July, August and September, the meetings of the Board of Commissioners of Public Parks be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, at 9.30 A. M.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the following rules be adopted :

1. That no more than four horses be allowed to be driven together in the parks below the Harlem river, and then only when attached to private vehicles, except by special permit.

2. That all drivers of four-in-hands be required to conform to all rules of the Park Department, both regarding the rate of speed and all other matters.

3. That no horns be allowed to be blown in the parks.
4. That the above rules also apply to four-horse sleighs.
5. That all vehicles and bicycles be required to keep to the right-hand side of the road, and when passing in same direction pass on the left-hand side of the vehicle in front of them.
6. That all previous rules incompatible with the foregoing are hereby revoked.
7. That the Captain of Police be directed to inform his men of the foregoing rules.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Coaching Club be allowed the usual courtesies on the occasion of their annual parade on Saturday, May 25, and that the Captain of Police be directed to afford a suitable escort.

From the Secretary of the American Museum of Natural History, notifying of resolutions of the Board of Trustees authorizing the appointment of an Architect and the preparation of plans for the extension of the Museum Building, and submitting plans prepared by said Architect.

Morris K. Jesup and James M. Constable, a Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Museum, appeared before the Board and were heard in the matter.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the plans, etc., submitted by the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History for the extension of their building be referred to the President, to consult with the officers of the Museum and to examine and report on May 29 next.

Lawson N. Fuller appeared before the Board to make a personal explanation of certain newspaper articles in which he stated he had been misrepresented as to his observance of the rules regarding four-in-hands and six-in-hands in the parks. Mr. Fuller asked that he be granted a permit to drive six-in-hands in the parks, but was informed that the Board preferred not to issue such a permit.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the contracts for which proposals have been this day received be awarded as follows: For paving the westerly walk of Riverside avenue, to T. Hugh Boorman; for paving the walk surrounding Conservatory Pond in Central Park, to T. Hugh Boorman, he being the lowest bidder; 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.

The following bills, having been examined and audited, were placed before the Board, passed upon separately and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment:

C. Ammann, plants.....	\$75 00
Barber Asphalt Paving Company, asphalt.....	539 00
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Brisach & Barbier, repairs to Aquarium.....	50 00
Edward Callanan's Son, step pads.....	1 00
Colwell Lawn Mower Company, knives, etc.....	55 00
Dr. R. Dunphy, professional services, etc.....	85 10
T. C. Dunham, tennis white	77 51

Ducker Portable House Company, portable house	\$180 00
Hodgman Rubber Company, hip boots	43 20
" " tubing	8 64
Hiram Hitchcock, treasurer, bills	1,057 86
Keuffel & Esser Co., tracing paper	9 72
Oscar Mayer, speaking tube	11 50
N. O'Donnell, coal	170 60
Parsons & Sons Company, rhodotypus kerrioides, etc	109 40
Wm. J. Peck, lime, etc	3 35
Rehm & Co., awnings, etc	103 90
W. H. Schieffelin & Co., London purple, etc	42 56
Warren-Ehret Company, felt, etc	90 10
Westerfield Wagon and Sprinkling Truck Company, sprinkling sprays	216 00
T. Hugh Boorman, asphaltting in basement Arsenal	465 38
Colwell Lawn Mower Company, lawn mowers	480 00
John L. Kipp, hand carts	210 00
McKesson & Robbins, sponges	8 75
Page, Dennis & Co., copy press, etc	14 00
Penn Salt Manufacturing Company, con. alum	81 01
Reed & Auerbacher, galvanized pails	1 88
S. L. Storer & Co., herring	16 00
Thonet Brothers, chairs	36 00

On motion, at 10.10 o'clock A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1895—REGULAR MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Haven, Roosevelt, Juilliard.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising that in his opinion employees can be paid only for time actually in the service of the Department. Filed.

From the Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners, requesting consent of the Department to the construction of their proposed road. Laid over until next meeting.

From the National Sculpture Society, notifying the Board of the appointment of a committee on the drinking fountain proposed to be erected in the parks. Filed.

From Good Government Club "A," calling attention to the necessity of improvements in the way of asphalt work at the Plaza, Fifty-ninth street and Fifth avenue. Referred to the President.

From George T. Worley and others, petitioning that model boats be permitted to sail on Conservatory Lake on Sundays.

On motion, the rules and regulations were ordered changed so as to permit the sailing of miniature boats on the Conservatory Lake on Sundays.

From J. M. Walters, submitting a bill for services rendered in connection with the Aquarium.

On motion, the bill of J. M. Walters, amounting to \$50 for services rendered in connection with the Aquarium, was audited and approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting on a communication of James D. Leary, in regard to a change of construction of roadway of the Driveway, by the substitution of Telford macadam instead of sandy loam between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and the river.

On motion, the report of the Engineer was approved and the contract was ordered to be so modified, under the direction of the President.

From the Captain of Police, relative to the ordinances of the Park Department as to the carrying of lighted lamps by vehicles passing through the Park at night.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the communication of the Captain of Police be referred to Commissioners Haven and Roosevelt to report at the next meeting, and that the proposed ordinance requiring lights on all vehicles at night, now before the Board of Aldermen, be approved by this Board.

From the Captain of Police, transmitting the resignation of Franklin P. Waters as a member of the Park Police force. Accepted.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract for area walls, etc., at American Museum of Natural History, and recommending that the penalty for $15\frac{3}{4}$ days' overtime be remitted. Approved.

From the Assistant Secretary, submitting a report of an auction sale of two condemned horses on the 24th instant. Filed.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the plans received from the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History for a west wing addition to the Museum Building be and the same hereby are approved, and that said plans be forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the concurrence of said Board, as required by chapter 235 of the Laws of 1895, and that said Board be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars, or so much of said sum as may be required for the construction of said west wing and the equipment thereof, as provided by the act above cited.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be directed to prepare and submit as soon as practicable a plan for the improvement of Mulberry Bend Park.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the plans for the improvement of Cathedral Parkway as approved by this Board be transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for its concurrence, in conformity to the provisions of chapter 45 of the Laws of 1894, with the request that the Comptroller be directed to issue bonds from time to time, as may be required, to an amount not exceeding one hundred and ninety-eight thousand dollars for doing the work.

From James M. Constable, Vice-President, American Museum of Natural History, recommending an extension of time to September 1 on the contract for the construction of cases for the said Museum. On motion, the recommendation was approved, and the time on said contract was extended to September 1, 1895.

Plans and specifications for work at the Aquarium were presented, and, on motion, the same were referred to the President and Commissioner Haven.

A report was submitted showing disposition of charges against Park Policemen, tried on the 25th instant, and on motion, the same was approved as follows :

- John F. Mooney, charged with being absent from duty without leave, was excused.
- George Walker, charged with being late for drill roll-call, was reprimanded.
- Patrick Quinn, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, was cautioned.
- James King, charged with being late for roll-call, charge dismissed.

On motion, the Captain of Police was directed to close the place now occupied by the Tallapoosa Club in Pelham Bay Park.

A communication was received from the executors of the will of the late Robert Ray Hamilton, relative to a bequest of \$10,000 made in said will for the erection of a fountain, and requesting that a suitable location in or near one of the public parks be designated. On motion, the matter was referred to the President to locate a site.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, The free use of the lawns in Central Park has caused great injury to the sod and shrubs and drawn to the parks many undesirable persons ; therefore

Resolved, That the Superintendent be directed to report at the next meeting what rules for the use of the lawns may be adopted, so as to allow the greatest liberty possible consistent with proper preservation of grass, shrubs and trees, and the preservation of order and good behavior in Central Park.

On motion, the permit of the Metropolitan Traction Company to keep a pair of horses at Union Square in connection with their car service was renewed, to continue during the pleasure of the Board.

On motion, the Superintendent of Parks was directed to look into the question as to the feasibility of constructing an underground foot path near the upper Transverse road, to enable people entering the Park at Ninety-second street and Fifth avenue to cross under the carriage road at that point.

The President reported that he had ordered prepared plans for a small entrance to Central Park at Sixty-ninth street and Fifth avenue.

The following bills, having been examined and audited, were placed before the Board, passed upon separately and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

M. B. Brown, rubber stamps	\$5 65
James S. Barron & Co., pails.....	7 25
Colgate & Co., soap.....	4 56
F. W. Devoe and C. T. Reynolds Company, steel tapes, etc.....	16 25
T. C. Dunham, tennis white.....	19 13
The E. R. Mill and Lumber Company, spruce.....	32 49
Keuffel and Esser Company, drawing paper.....	11 07

J. M. C. Martin's Sons, brushes, etc.....	\$19 43
John F. McHugh, United States flags.....	39 75
The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephonic service.....	433 36
The New York Oil Cabinet Company, oil cabinet.....	60 00
Rehm & Co., painting flag pole, etc.....	25 00
J. M. Thorburn & Co., trowels.....	5 00
T. & W. Thorn & Co., hay, etc.....	23 50
Williams & Grant, sod.....	160 00
Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, repairs to typewriter, etc.....	10 50
The American District Telegraph Company, messenger service.....	4 55
J. C. Cady & Co., professional services.....	768 95
Luciano Conterno & Sons, music.....	270 00
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills.....	1,679 95
A. McClelland, payment acceptance.....	4,104 16
W. B. Rogers, music.....	1,038 00
James B. Smith, Estimate No. 6.....	<u>30,758 10</u>

The Board then presented to Officers John Murphy, John Hoey and Patrick Dooley the medals offered by the "New York World" to three of the members of the Park Police force who have shown exceptional bravery during the past year.

On motion, at 10.25 the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 5, 1895—REGULAR MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Haven, Roosevelt, Juilliard.

A representative of the Comptroller, being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President, in the presence of the representative of the Comptroller, and such of the parties making proposals as were present, publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received in accordance with an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD for the following-named work :

For the Construction of Retaining Wall and Appurtenances on the Westerly Line of the Riverside Park, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Fourth Streets, in the City of New York.

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	ANDREW McMILLAN.			THOMAS DWYER.			JOHN J. HOPPER.		
			Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.	Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.	Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.
1	Foundation masonry.....	2,000 cu. yds.	\$2 58	\$5,160 00	\$5,160 00	\$6 50	\$13,000 00	\$13,000 00	\$6 25	\$12,500 00	\$12,500 00
2A	Wall masonry, including Pier, Specification A.....	3,600 "	7 45	26,820 00	.....	9 50	34,200 00	.....	8 15	29,340 00	.....
2B	Wall masonry, including Pier, Specification B.....	3,600 "	10 20	.....	36,720 00	11 00	.....	39,600 00	11 20	.....	40,320 00
3	Granite coping.....	2,010 lin. ft.	3 20	6,432 00	6,432 00	4 00	8,040 00	8,040 00	5 20	10,452 00	10,452 00
4	Concrete in foundation.....	250 cu. yds.	5 00	1,250 00	1,250 00	8 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	4 70	1,175 00	1,175 00
5	12-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	65 lin. ft.	2 50	162 50	162 50	1 50	97 50	97 50	1 75	113 75	113 75
6	18-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	130 "	3 00	390 00	390 00	2 50	325 00	325 00	3 20	416 00	416 00
7	Surface basin.....	1	100 00	100 00	100 00	160 00	160 00	160 00	150 00	150 00	150 00
Total amounts.....		.....	.....	\$40,314 50	\$50,214 50	.....	\$57,822 50	\$63,222 50	.....	\$54,146 75	\$61,125 75

For the Construction of Retaining Wall and Appurtenances on the Westerly Line of the Riverside Park, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Fourth Streets, in the City of New York—(Continued).

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	DUNCAN D. McBEAN.			PATRICK CASEY.		
			Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.	Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.
1	Foundation masonry.....	2,000 cu. yds.	\$4 78	\$9,560 00	\$9,560 00	\$6 25	\$12,500 00	\$12,500 00
2A	Wall masonry, including Pier, Specification A.....	3,600 "	7 43	26,748 00	.....	10 00	36,000 00	.....
2B	Wall masonry, including Pier, Specification B.....	3,600 "	8 75	.....	31,500 00	10 90	.....	39,240 00
3	Granite coping.....	2,010 lin. ft.	1 50	5,025 00	5,025 00	3 00	6,030 00	6,030 00
4	Concrete in foundation.....	250 cu. yds.	6 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	5 00	1,250 00	1,250 00
5	12-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	65 lin. ft.	1 25	81 25	81 25	2 00	130 00	130 00
6	18-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	130 "	2 00	260 00	260 00	2 00	260 00	260 00
7	Surface basin.....	1	150 00	150 00	150 00	75 00	75 00	75 00
	Total amounts.....	.....	.....	\$43,324 25	\$48,076 25	.....	\$56,245 00	\$59,485 00

For the Construction of Retaining Wall and Appurtenances on the Westerly Line of the Riverside Park, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Fourth Streets, in the City of New York—(Continued).

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	JOSEPH A. FLYNN.			CHAS. W. COLLINS.		
			Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.	Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.
1	Foundation masonry.....	2,000 cu. yds.	\$4 80	\$9,600 00	\$9,600 00	\$5 17	\$10,340 00	\$10,340 00
2A	Wall masonry, including Pier, Specification A.....	3,600 "	7 95	28,620 00	.....	10 23	36,828 00	.....
2B	Wall masonry, including Pier, Specification B.....	3,600 "	10 45	.....	37,620 00	13 50	.....	48,600 00
3	Granite coping.....	2,010 lin. ft.	3 00	6,030 00	6,030 00	3 87	7,778 70	7,778 70
4	Concrete in foundation.....	250 cu. yds.	10 00	2,500 00	2,500 00	8 00	2,000 00	2,000 00
5	12-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	65 lin. ft.	1 00	65 00	65 00	2 50	162 50	162 50
6	18 inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	130 "	1 75	227 50	227 50	3 00	390 00	390 00
7	Surface basin.....	1	50 00	50 00	50 00	100 00	150 00	150 00
	Total amounts .....	.....	.....	\$47,092 50	\$56,092 50	.....	\$57,649 20	\$69,421 20

For the Construction of Retaining Wall and Appurtenances on the Westerly Line of the Riverside Park, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Fourth Streets, in the City of New York—(Continued).

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	T. W. REILLY.			ISAAC A. HOPPER.		
			Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.	Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.
1	Foundation masonry.....	2,000 cu. yds.	\$4 25	\$8,500 00	\$8,500 00	\$8 90	\$17,800 00	\$17,800 00
2A	Wall masonry, including Pier, Specification A.....	3,600 "	8 35	39,060 00	.....	7 00	25,200 00	.....
2B	Wall masonry, including Pier, Specification B.....	3,600 "	10 05	.....	36,180 00	8 10	.....	29,160 00
3	Granite coping.....	2,010 lin. ft.	3 00	6,030 00	6,030 00	4 00	8,040 00	8,040 00
4	Concrete in foundation.....	250 cu. yds.	5 00	1,250 00	1,250 00	5 40	1,350 00	1,350 00
5	12-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	65 lin. ft.	2 00	130 00	130 00	1 25	81 25	81 25
6	18-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	165 "	2 50	325 00	325 00	1 50	195 00	195 00
7	Surface basin.....	1	100 00	100 00	100 00	20 00	20 00	20 00
	Total amounts.....			\$46,395 00	\$52,515 00	.....	\$52,686 25	\$56,646 25

For the Construction of Retaining Wall and Appurtenances on the Westerly Line of the Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Eleventh Streets, in the City of New York.

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	THOMAS DWYER.			JOHN J. HOPPER.		
			Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.	Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.
1	Foundation masonry.....	2,310 cu. yds.	\$6 50	\$15,015 00	\$15,015 00	\$6 25	\$14,437 50	\$14,437 50
2A	Wall masonry, Specification A.....	4,520 "	10 00	45,200 00	.....	7 50	33,900 00	.....
2B	Wall masonry, Specification B.....	4,520 "	12 00	.....	54,240 00	10 85	.....	49,042 00
3	Granite coping.....	1,935 lin. ft.	5 00	9,675 00	9,675 00	5 20	10,062 00	10,062 00
4	Concrete in foundation.....	10 cu. yds.	8 00	80 00	80 00	4 70	47 00	47 00
5	12-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	70 lin. ft.	1 50	105 00	105 00	1 75	122 50	122 50
6	18-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	140 "	2 50	350 00	350 00	3 20	448 00	448 00
7	24-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	70 "	3 50	245 00	245 00	5 40	378 00	378 00
8	Man-holes complete.....	2	160 00	320 00	320 00	75 00	150 00	150 00
	Total amounts.....			\$70,990 00	\$80,030 00	.....	\$59,545 00	\$74,687 00

For the Construction of Retaining Wall and Appurtenances on the Westerly Line of the Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Eleventh Streets, in the City of New York--(Continued).

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	DUNCAN D. McBEAN.			PATRICK CASEY.		
			Pr.ce.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.	Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.
1	Foundation masonry.....	2,310 cu. yds.	\$5 98	\$13,813 80	\$13,813 80	\$6 25	\$14,427 50	\$14,437 50
2A	Wall masonry, Specification A.....	4,520 "	7 08	32,001 60	.....	10 00	45,200 00	.....
2B	Wall masonry, Specification B.....	4,520 "	8 52	.....	38,510 40	10 90	.....	49,268 00
3	Granite coping.....	1,935 lin. ft.	2 50	4,837 50	4,837 50	3 00	5,805 00	5,805 00
4	Concrete in foundation.....	10 cu. yds.	6 00	60 00	60 00	5 00	50 00	50 00
5	12-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	70 lin. ft.	1 25	87 50	87 50	2 00	140 00	140 00
6	18-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	140 "	2 00	280 00	280 00	2 00	280 00	280 00
7	24-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	70 "	3 50	245 00	245 00	2 00	140 00	140 00
8	Man-holes complete.....	2	150 00	300 00	300 00	75 00	150 00	150 00
	Total amounts.....			\$51,625 40	\$53,134 20	.....	\$66,202 50	\$70,270 50

For the Construction of Retaining Wall and Appurtenances on the Westerly Line of the Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Eleventh Streets, in the City of New York—(Continued).

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	JOSEPH A. FLYNN.			ISAAC A. HOPPER.		
			Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.	Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.
1	Foundation masonry.....	2,310 cu. yds.	\$5 65	\$13,051 50	\$13,051 50	\$8 30	\$19,173 00	\$19,173 00
2A	Wall masonry, Specification A.....	4,520 "	7 95	35,934 00	.....	7 00	31,640 00	.....
2B	Wall masonry, Specification B.....	4,520 "	10 45	.....	47,234 00	8 10	.....	36,612 00
3	Granite coping.....	1,935 lin. ft.	3 00	5,805 00	5,805 00	4 00	7,740 00	7,740 00
4	Concrete in foundation.....	10 cu. yds.	10 00	100 00	100 00	1 40	14 00	14 00
5	12-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	70 lin. ft.	1 00	70 00	70 00	1 10	77 00	77 00
6	18-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	140 "	1 75	245 00	245 00	1 50	210 00	210 00
7	24-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	70 "	2 50	175 00	175 00	1 90	133 00	133 00
8	Man-holes complete.....	2	50 00	100 00	100 00	50 00	100 00	100 00
	Total amounts.....	.....	.....	\$55,480 50	\$66,780 50	.....	\$59,087 00	\$64,059 00

For the Construction of Retaining Wall and Appurtenances on the Westery Line of the Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Eleventh Streets, in the City of New York—(Continued).

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	CHARLES W. COLLINS.			T. W. REILLY.		
			Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.	Pr.ice.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.
1	Foundation masonry.....	2,310 cu. yds.	\$5 25	\$12,127 50	\$12,127 50	\$4 30	\$9,933 00	\$9,933 00
2A	Wall masonry, Specification A.....	4,520 "	10 50	47,460 00	.....	8 30	37,516 00	.....
2B	Wall masonry, Specification B.....	4,520 "	13 50	.....	61,020 00	10 25	.....	46,330 00
3	Granite coping.....	1,935 lin. ft.	3 75	7,256 25	7,256 25	3 00	5,805 00	5,805 00
4	Concrete in foundation.....	10 cu. yds.	10 00	100 00	100 00	5 00	50 00	50 00
5	12-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	70 lin. ft.	3 00	210 00	210 00	2 00	140 00	140 00
6	18-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	140 "	3 50	490 00	490 00	2 50	350 00	350 00
7	24-inch vitrified stoneware drain-pipe.....	70 "	4 50	315 00	315 00	3 00	210 00	210 00
8	Man-holes complete.....	2	150 00	300 00	300 00	50 00	100 00	100 00
	Total amounts.....	.....	.....	\$68,258 75	\$81,818 75	.....	\$54,104 00	\$62,918 00

For Regulating and Grading, Setting Curb-stones and Flagging the Sidewalk and Constructing Receiving-basins and Culverts in Riverside Avenue, from Claremont Place to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Street.

	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	THOMAS MURRAY.		THOMAS DWYER.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation.....	2,400 cub. yds.	\$1 10	\$2,640 00	\$0 48	\$1,152 00
2	Rock excavation.....	900 "	1 50	1,350 00	1 25	1,125 00
3	New curb-stones.....	100 lin. ft.	80	80 00	45	45 00
4	Old curb reset.....	775 "	25	193 75	05	38 75
5	New flagging.....	980 sq. ft.	24	235 20	19	186 20
6	Old flagging relaid.....	2,480 "	15	372 00	02	49 60
7	One receiving-basin complete.....	1 complete.	200 00	200 00	150 00	150 00
8	Two receiving-basins.....	2 "	195 00	390 00	75 00	150 00
9	Vitrified stoneware pipe.....	50 lin. ft.	2 00	100 00	40	20 00
			.....	\$5,560 95	.....	\$2,916 55

For Regulating and Grading, Setting Curb stones and Flagging the Sidewalk and Constructing Receiving-basins and Culverts in Riverside Avenue, from Claremont Place to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Street—(Continued).

	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	MICHAEL GAVIN.		JOHN FARRELL.		JOHN J. HOPPER.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation	2,400 cub. yds.	\$0 59	\$1,416 00	\$0 70	\$1,680 00	\$0 90	\$2,160 00
2	Rock excavation.....	900 "	1 65	1,485 00	1 50	1,350 00	1 50	1,350 00
3	New curb-stones.....	10 lin. ft.	53	53 00	60	60 00	48	48 00
4	Old curb reset.....	775 "	09	69 75	10	77 50	10	77 50
5	New flagging.....	980 sq. ft.	21	205 80	20	196 00	25	245 00
6	Old flagging relaid.....	2,420 "	07	173 60	01	24 80	06	148 80
7	One receiving-basin complete.....	1 complete.	160 00	160 00	150 00	150 00	250 00	250 00
8	Two receiving-basins.....	2 "	75 00	150 00	100 00	200 00	150 00	300 00
9	Vitrified stoneware pipe.....	50 lin. ft.	90	45 00	1 40	70 00	75	37 50
			.....	\$3,758 15	.....	\$3,803 30	.....	\$4,616 80

Table of Bids for the Construction of Retaining Wall and Appurtenances on the Westerly Side of the Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Eleventh Street and One Hundred and Nineteenth Street, in the City of New York.

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	ISAAC A. HOPPER.			THOMAS DWYER.		
			Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.	Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.
1	Foundation masonry	2,580 cub. yds.	\$8 50	\$22,962 00	\$22,962 00	\$6 50	\$16,770 00	\$16,770 00
2A	Wall masonry, Specification A.....	5,180 "	7 00	36,260 00	.....	10 00	51,800 00	.....
2B	Wall masonry, Specification B.....	5,180 "	8 10	.....	41,958 00	12 00	.....	62,160 00
3	Granite coping	2,175 lin. ft.	4 00	8,700 00	8,700 00	5 00	10,875 00	10,875 00
4	Concrete in foundation	50 cub. yds.	5 40	270 00	270 00	8 00	400 00	400 00
5	12-inch vitrified stone drain-pipe.....	200 lin. ft.	1 10	220 00	220 00	1 50	300 00	300 00
6	18-inch vitrified stone drain-pipe.....	206 "	1 50	309 00	309 00	2 50	515 00	515 00
7	24-inch vitrified stone drain-pipe.....	60 "	1 96	114 00	114 00	3 50	210 00	210 00
8	Man-holes complete.....	2	50 00	100 00	100 00	160 00	320 00	320 00
	Total .....	.....	.....	\$68,935 00	\$74,633 00	.....	\$81,190 00	\$91,550 00

Table of Bids for the Construction of Retaining Wall and Appurtenances on the Westerly Side of the Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Eleventh Street and One Hundred and Nineteenth Street, in the City of New York--(Continued).

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	T. W. REILLY.			CHARLES W. COLLINS.		
			Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.	Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.
1	Foundation masonry.....	2,580 cub. yds.	\$4 25	\$10,965 00	\$10,965 00	\$5 20	\$13,416 00	\$13,416 00
2A	Wall masonry, Specification A.....	5,180 "	8 30	42,994 00	.....	10 30	53,354 00	.....
2B	Wall masonry, Specification B.....	5,180 "	10 25	.....	53,095 00	13 50	.....	63,930 00
3	Granite coping.....	2,175 lin. ft.	3 00	6,525 00	6,525 00	3 85	8,373 75	8,373 75
4	Concrete in foundation.....	50 cub. yds.	5 00	250 00	250 00	10 00	500 00	500 00
5	12-inch vitrified stone drain-pipe.....	200 lin. ft.	2 00	400 00	400 00	2 50	500 00	500 00
6	18-inch vitrified stone drain-pipe.....	206 "	2 50	515 00	515 00	3 50	721 00	721 00
7	24-inch vitrified stone drain-pipe.....	60 "	3 00	180 00	180 00	4 50	270 00	270 00
8	Man-holes complete.....	2	50 00	100 00	100 00	150 00	300 00	300 00
	Total.....	.....	.....	\$61,929 00	\$72,030 00	.....	\$77,434 75	\$94,010 75

Table of Bids for the Construction of Retaining Wall and Appurtenances on the Westerly Side of the Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Eleventh Street and One Hundred and Nineteenth Street, in the City of New York—(Continued).

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES,	DUNCAN D. McBEAN.			JOSEPH A. FLYNN.		
			Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.	Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.
1	Foundation masonry.....	2,580 cub. yds.	\$5 75	\$14,835 00	\$14,835 00	\$5 80	\$14,964 00	\$14,964 00
2A	Wall masonry, Specification A.....	5,180 "	7 09	36,726 20	.....	7 95	41,181 00	.....
2B	Wall masonry, Specification B.....	5,180 "	8 50	.....	44,030 00	10 45	.....	54,131 00
3	Granite coping.....	2,175 lin. ft.	2 50	5,437 50	5,437 50	3 00	6,525 00	6,525 00
4	Concrete in foundation.....	50 cub. yds.	6 00	300 00	300 00	10 00	500 00	500 00
5	12-inch vitrified stone drain pipe.....	200 lin ft.	1 25	250 00	250 00	1 00	200 00	200 00
6	18-inch vitrified stone drain-pipe.....	206 "	2 00	412 00	412 00	1 75	360 50	360 50
7	24-inch vitrified stone drain-pipe.....	60 "	3 50	210 00	210 00	2 50	150 00	150 00
8	Man-holes complete.....	2	150 00	300 00	300 00	50 00	100 00	100 00
	Total .....	.....	.....	\$58,470 70	\$65,774 50	.....	\$63,980 50	\$76,930 50

Table of Bids for the Construction of Retaining Wall and Appurtenances, on the Westerly Lane of the Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Eleventh Street and One Hundred and Nineteenth Streets, in the City of New York—(Continued).

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	PATRICK CASEY.			JOHN J. HOPPER.		
			Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.	Price.	Amount, Spec. A.	Amount, Spec. B.
1	Foundation masonry.	2,580 cub. yds.	\$6 25	\$16,125 00	\$16,125 00	\$6 25	\$16,125 00	\$16,125 00
2A	Wall masonry, Specification A.	5,180 "	10 00	51,800 00	.....	7 35	38,073 00	.....
2B	Wall masonry, Specification B.	5,180 "	10 90	.....	56,462 00	10 85	.....	56,203 00
3	Granite coping.	2,175 lin. ft.	3 00	6,525 00	6,525 00	5 20	11,310 00	11,310 00
4	Concrete in foundation.	50 cub. yds.	5 00	250 00	250 00	4 70	235 00	235 00
5	12-inch vitrified stone drain-pipe.	200 lin. ft.	2 00	400 00	400 00	1 75	350 00	350 00
6	18-inch vitrified stone drain-pipe.	206 "	2 00	412 00	412 00	3 20	659 20	659 20
7	24-inch vitrified stone drain-pipe.	60 "	2 00	120 00	120 00	5 40	324 00	324 00
8	Man-holes complete.	2	75 00	150 00	150 00	75 00	150 00	150 00
	Total. . . . .	.....	.....	\$75,782 00	\$80,441 00	.....	\$67,226 20	\$85,356 20

For Paving and Repaving with Asphalt the Walks on the Central Park, in the City of New York.

NAMES.	ASPHALT WITH CONCRETE BASE, 160,000 SQUARE FEET.	PAVEMENT WITH- OUT CONCRETE BASE, 18,000 SQUARE FEET.	AMOUNTS.
The Barber Asphalt Paving Company.....	\$0 17½	\$0 09¾	\$29,755 00
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	15¼	10	27,000 00

For Galvanized Wrought and Cast Iron Railing on the Seven Pools of the Aquarium in Castle Garden Building, in Battery Park, in the City of New York.

Names.	Amount.
Joseph Marren.....	\$1,547 00
Adolph Ruhling.....	1,134 00
Valentine Cook & Son.....	1,400 00
J. W. Fiske.....	733 00
Jackson Architectural Iron Works.....	1,680 00
Johnson Brothers.....	1,695 00

Prior to the opening of the bids for paving and repaving with asphalt the walks of Central Park, Mr. Foley, of the firm of Foley & Powers, Attorneys, No. 206 Broadway, representing the Fruin Bambrick Construction Company of St. Louis, protested against the opening of the bids for this work and the awarding of the contract, on the ground that under the specifications the said company was excluded from the privilege of bidding upon the work in question by reason of the fact that the specifications practically give a monopoly to a competing concern by requiring the asphalt to be procured from a certain territory under the control of the British Government.

Mr. Foley was informed that before awarding the contract the bids, together with the protest made by him, would be referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion in the matter.

The Board then proceeded to open proposals received in accordance with an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD for the privilege of conducting the restaurant known as the Claremont on Riverside Drive.

J. Van Vechten Olcott, representing E. S. Stokes, the present occupant of the Claremont, presented a written protest against any action by the Board prejudicial to the rights of Mr. Stokes under his contract.

He was informed that his protest would be considered in connection with the bids which were received.

Bids were received from the following parties : John J. McGrath, Joseph Deutsch, Ralph A. Gushee, Alfred Cabassud, W. D. Harlow, P. H. McCann ; and the whole subject was referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion.

Seth Low, A. B. Boardman, Counsel for the Rapid Transit Commissioners, and Engineer Parsons, appeared before the Board and were heard in relation to the request of the Rapid Transit Commissioners for the consent of the Board of Parks to the construction of the proposed rapid transit railroad.

The following preamble and resolutions were thereupon adopted :

Whereas, The Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners for the City of New York, appointed by the provisions of chapter 4 of the Laws of 1891 and of the acts amendatory thereof, has determined upon the routes and general plan of construction of the rapid transit railway for the conveyance and transportation of persons and property, to be established in said city in addition to the rapid transit railways already existing therein, and has transmitted to the Department of Public Parks of the said city a copy of said plans and conclusions, as adopted, showing such routes and general plan of construction ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Parks hereby approves such plans and conclusions and does hereby consent to the construction of a railway in accordance therewith.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be authorized and directed to sign a certificate showing such consent, and that the same be duly transmitted to the Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners.

The above resolutions are not to be construed as an expression of the individual opinions of the members of this Board as to the wisdom or unwisdom of the general plan proposed for the solution of the rapid transit problem, but only as the official approval and consent of this Board required by the statute, so far as it involves construction under the public parks and places under the control of this Board.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the National Sculpture Society, requesting that certain information be furnished to them in each case where a statue is referred to them for examination. Filed, with directions to comply.

From the Naval Memorial Committee, tendering thanks for services rendered by the Park Police on Decoration Day, on the occasion of the decoration of the statues of Admiral Farragut and Captain Ericsson. Filed.

From Edward Cooper, President, tendering thanks for the loan of plants for the receptions of the Art Departments of Cooper Union. Filed.

From George F. Lawlor, commending Officer John Robinson, for saving a boy from drowning in the lake in Central Park. Filed, and ordered communicated to the Park Police force.

From the Captain of Police, reporting upon complaint relative to the management of the boat service in Central Park. Filed.

Alfred T. Carroll, attorney for certain property-owners on Cherry street, appeared before the Board and protested against the erection of the proposed structure on Corlears Hook Park. He was requested to submit his protest in writing.

On motion, it was Resolved, That owing to the damage done to lawns and shrubs, it is impossible to allow free use of grass in Central Park, and that the following rules be adopted, except as to Morningside Park, to take effect June 10, and that the Captain of the Park Police be and is hereby directed to enforce them :

During the month of May the Ball Ground, Cherry Hill, the East Green, Cedar Hill, the Ramble lawns and the North and South Meadows (lying north and south of Transverse Road No. 4) shall be free for the use of those provided with permits for picnics and May parties.

On Saturdays and Sundays, during the concert season, the Green, the East Green, the Ball Ground, the hill northwest of the Music Stand, and the North and South Meadows, shall be thrown open to the public.

On Wednesdays and Saturdays during the summer and fall the Green shall be given up to school boys under the age of sixteen for base-ball playing.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the Ball Ground shall be open for croquet playing, and during the season from May 1 to December 1, the North and South Meadows and the lawns around the Circle, at One Hundred and Sixth street, west side, shall be open for tennis, cricket, foot-ball, lacross and croquet, and they shall be at the same time common to the general public.

From the Superintendent of the Aquarium, transmitting plans and specifications for a new roof over the gallery tanks in the Aquarium. Approved.

On motion, Foster Crowell was appointed as an expert to report on the Harlem River Drive-way, under the direction of the President.

On motion, the minutes of the Peter Cooper Monument Committee, regarding the location of the Peter Cooper Monument, were referred to the President with power.

On motion, it was Resolved, That on and after June 17 all vehicles passing through Central Park after dark shall be required to carry a lighted lamp or lamps of sufficient power to show a distance of two hundred feet. No vehicle shall be allowed to enter the Park after dark without proper lamp or lamps, and any vehicle found therein without such lamp or lamps shall be required to leave by the nearest exit.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That contracts, for which proposals have been this day received, be awarded as follows: For construction of Riverside retaining-wall, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Fourth streets, to A. McMillan; for construction of Riverside retaining-wall, between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Nineteenth streets, to Duncan D. McBean; for railing for pools of the Aquarium, to J. W. Fiske; they being the lowest bidders; that their proposals be transmitted to the Comptroller for action upon the sureties, and upon approval thereof; that the President be authorized to sign the contracts for and on behalf of the Department.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That all proposals received for regulating and grading in Riverside avenue, from Claremont place to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, be and are hereby rejected, and that the Secretary be directed to readvertise for proposals.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That Owen McKenna, John Moran and Edward Crosby be and are employed on probation as Park Policemen.

The following bills, having been examined and audited, were placed before the Board, passed upon separately and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries and wages	\$6,434 69
James McLaughlin, gravel	25 00
The New York Mutual Gas-light Company, gas	49 25
James D. Leary, Estimate No. 16	12,774 40
J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 12	33,018 60

On motion, at 10.45 A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1895--REGULAR MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Haven, Roosevelt, Juilliard.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A certified copy of chapter 934 of the Laws of 1895, annexing a part of Westchester County to the City of New York, was presented and filed.

A certified copy of chapter 894 of the Laws of 1895, relative to additional lands for the Harlem River Driveway, was laid before the Board. Ordered filed, and, on motion, the Engineer of Construction was directed to prepare maps for filing.

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting copy of resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$2,872.25 for asphalt walks in Riverside Park. Filed, and, on motion, the Engineer of Construction was directed to prepare and submit a form of contract and specifications.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of resolution authorizing the transfer of \$2,000 to the appropriation for the improvement of Manhattan Square. Filed.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of resolution authorizing the issue of bonds for the payment of awards for the Sedgwick-Ogden avenue approach to the new Macomb's Dam Bridge. Filed.

From the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a resolution requesting favorable consideration of a petition for a wagon stand at Thirty-fifth street and Broadway. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, giving opinion that there is no legal objection to the award of contract for asphalt work in Central Park upon the bids received on 5th instant. The President reported that he had given directions that the proposals of the lowest bidder on said work be transmitted to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties, and, upon motion, the action of the President was approved and the contract awarded to the lowest bidder, the Sicilian Asphalt

Paving Company, and the President authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, giving opinion as to the right of the Board to award the license for Claremont Restaurant. Filed.

From the National Sculpture Society, relative to the examination of park statues and the matter of a site for the Peter Cooper statue. Filed.

From the Chief Engineer of the Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners, relative to a proposed change of grade at Battery Park, in connection with the construction of a tunnel at that point, and requesting consent of this Department thereto. On motion, the consent requested was refused.

From Lt.-Col. G. L. Gillespie, U. S. A., stating that before the temporary bridge at One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street can be utilized at another point on the Harlem river the approval of the Secretary of War must first be obtained. On motion, the Engineer of Construction was directed to submit a plan showing proposed location for said temporary bridge.

From Alonzo B. Kight, requesting the consent of the Department to the erection of projections on buildings on Riverside Drive, north of Eighty-first street.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and is hereby granted to the erection of projections on two dwellings situated on east side of Riverside Drive, sixty-two feet north of Eighty-first street (Nos. 90 and 91), said projections not to extend more than two feet six inches beyond the building line, as shown on a plan submitted by A. B. Kight, owner and architect, such consent to take effect upon the payment of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for each house.

From Alfred T. Carroll and Rockwood & Co., protesting against the erection of structures on Corlears Hook Park. Filed.

From the Landscape Architect, submitting a plan for the improvement of Mulberry Bend Park.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the plan submitted by the Landscape Architect for the improvement of Mulberry Bend Park be and the same hereby is approved and ordered forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the approval of that Board, and with the request that an issue of bonds be authorized to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars to provide funds for said improvement, under chapter 69 of the Laws of 1895.

From the Landscape Architect, suggesting a change in the south approaches to Mulberry Bend Park.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the plan submitted by the Landscape Architect, showing additional lands proposed to be used in connection with the improvement of Mulberry Bend Park, be approved and forwarded to the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, with the request that the necessary steps be taken to condemn and acquire said lands for park purposes.

From the Assistant Secretary, submitting a report of the auction sale of buildings, etc., at Mulberry Bend Park, and grass in the new parks. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a weekly report of accidents and injuries in the parks. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, suggesting action on the ordinance prohibiting flowers, etc., being brought into or carried within Central Park. Referred to Commissioners Haven and Roosevelt.

From the Captain of Police, recommending that seven days' vacation with pay be allowed to Doormen and Acting Doormen. Approved.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending the sale of surplus sheep. Sale at auction ordered.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have an analytical index of the minutes prepared for the year ending April 30th, 1895, at an expense not to exceed seventy-five dollars.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting plans and estimates of quantities for the revision of contract for the Harlem River Driveway, in accordance with the plans of the Landscape Architect. On motion, referred to Foster Crowell, Expert on the Driveway, to confer with Engineer Kellogg and report, and the President and Vice-President were authorized to make application to the Board of Aldermen for consent to contract, without public letting, to such an amount as may be recommended by the said expert.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending the employment of A. P. Boller as Consulting Engineer, to prepare plans for bridge over Spuyten Duyvil Creek at Broadway. On motion, A. P. Boller was requested to furnish a rough sketch of the proposed bridge and an estimate of the cost thereof.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to authorize an appropriation of sixty-five thousand seven hundred dollars for the purpose of macadamizing roads in Pelham Bay Park, under the authority of chapter 609 of the Laws of 1895.

From the Grant Monument Association, requesting the Department to proceed with the work of grading around the Grant Tomb. Approved.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board held May 29, 1895, a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a copy :

“On motion, the Captain of Police was directed to close the place now occupied by the Tallapoosa Club in Pelham Bay Park.”

Therefore be it Resolved, That said resolution be and the same hereby is rescinded, and it is further ordered that the Tallapoosa Club may occupy its present club-house in Pelham Bay Park until the 1st day of October, 1895.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the rules adopted at last meeting relative to lights on all vehicles passing through Central Park after dark be made to apply to Riverside Drive and West Seventy-second street.

The following was adopted :

Whereas, President King is obliged to sail for Europe on account of illness ; be it

Resolved, That this Board, while regretting the necessity for his absence, grant him leave until the first of August, and express their hopes of a pleasant trip and a safe return.

Resolved, That during the absence of the President no appointments, except those absolutely necessary, shall be made by this Board.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to notify the Civil Service Board that the Commissioners of Public Parks request that the names of Henry J. Foley, William A. Casey, Robert H. McGill and John W. England, Jr., be left on the eligible list and returned to them for consideration.

The following was adopted :

Whereas, The Vice-president is necessarily absent from New York for a part of each week, be it

Resolved, That Hon. James A. Roosevelt be and he is hereby appointed an additional Vice President, and that the Secretary of the Board be directed to notify the Comptroller, so that his signature may be approved.

Asa Bird Gardiner, representing the Military Society of the War of 1812, appeared before the Board and requested that action be taken under a resolution of the Board of Aldermen approved by the Mayor June 11, 1895, in regard to furnishing flags for the Battery and the Block House, and permitting said society to have charge of the raising of said flags on July 4 and November 25.

On motion, it was Resolved, That in compliance with the request of the Board of Aldermen (G. O. 259) the Veteran Corps of Artillery, incorporated as the Military Society of the War of 1812, whereof the Rev. Morgan Dix, S. J. D., D. C. L., is President and Commandant, continue to have charge of raising the National flag at the Battery and at the Block House in Central Park on July 4, the anniversary of American Independence, and on November 25, Evacuation Day, in every year, and that the Superintendent of Parks place in charge of said corps for said occasions two regulation United States flags of the prescribed dimensions.

Mr. Frankenheimer, representing Mr. Broadbelt, asked that the Board reconsider its action by which the sum of \$2,000 was charged for consent to projections on buildings on St. Nicholas avenue. He was requested to submit a statement of the facts in writing.

Mr. Olcott, representing E. S. Stokes, appeared and submitted a communication of Mr. Stokes in regard to his further occupation of the Claremont Hotel.

Daniel P. Hayes, representing P. McCann, one of the bidders for the privilege, was heard on the subject, and asked that the communication of Mr. Stokes be not considered, and that the privilege be awarded to his client, he being the highest bidder.

The following was adopted :

Whereas, The Commissioners of Public Parks desire to avoid legal complications and an expensive lawsuit ; therefore unanimously

Resolved, That Edward S. Stokes be allowed to continue in charge of the Claremont until October 1, 1895, provided he agrees to pay in advance five hundred dollars (\$500) per month rent for each month, commencing June 1, and gives a written guarantee to relinquish the premises in good order on October 1, 1895.

The following bills, having been examined and audited, were placed before the Board, passed upon separately and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Bayne's Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music.....	\$340 00
A. F. Brombacher & Co., hand-carts, etc.....	600 75
Consolidated Gas Company, gas.....	268 25
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	135 00
Luciano Conterno & Sons, music.....	270 00
Thomas C. Dunham, putty, etc.....	83 23
F. W. Devoe and C. T. Raynolds Company, shellac, etc.....	71 10
F. W. Devoe and C. T. Raynolds Company, turpentine, etc.....	133 48
J. W. Fiske, drinking fountains.....	126 00
Holbrook Brothers, glass.....	19 50
Keuffel and Esser Company, tracing cloth.....	8 40
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries and wages.....	4,669 91
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills.....	240 75
James D. Leary, filling.....	843 00
Lieboldt's Twelfth Regiment Band, music.....	240 00
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, urinals.....	28 20
Henry Nungesser & Co., grass seed.....	32 25
Patterson Brothers, spikes, etc.....	12 78
E. Pritchard, tablets.....	87 50
William Patchell, sawdust.....	40 00
Thomas Smith, Jr., oil.....	25 22
Stewart & McDermott, drainage boxes.....	236 00
Ronald Taylor, cementing tanks, etc.....	175 00
T. & W. Thorn & Co., hay, etc.....	103 17
Yellow Pine Company, yellow pine.....	38 48
DeWitt C. Bouker, Jr., Estimate No. 1, improvement of Corlears Hook Park.....	7,304 43
Berlinghoff's Military Concert Band and Orchestra, music.....	140 00
Edward Callanan's Son, repairs wagon top, etc.....	110 00

Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	\$135 00
Dr. R. Dunphy, professional services, etc.....	45 10
Felix I. Eben, music.....	655 00
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, sundry bills.....	1,153 80
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills.....	671 56
Lederhaus' Squadron "A" Band, music.....	140 00

On motion, at 10.45 A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1895—REGULAR MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners Haven, Roosevelt, Juilliard.

A representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President, in the presence of the representative of the Comptroller, and such of the parties making proposals as were present, publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which have been received in accordance with an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD for the following works :

Constructing New Roof over the Gallery and Ground Floor Tanks for the Aquarium in the Castle Garden Building in Battery Park.

NAME.	AMOUNT.
Patrick Reynolds.....	\$11,873 00
Thomas P. McQuade.....	8,900 00
James R. F. Kelly & Co.....	10,300 00
Dey & Somerville.....	8,428 00
Theodore Dieterlen.....	10,293 00
Ralph Henry.....	9,617 00
A. B. Marshall.....	9,975 00
Christopher Nally.....	9,485 00
Telfer & Rennie.....	8,547 00
Thomas Dwyer.....	9,670 00

For Regulating and Grading, Setting Curb-stones and Flagging the Sidewalk, and Constructing Receiving-basins and Culverts in Riverside Avenue, Claremont Place to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Street.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	THOMAS CALLANAN.		MICHAEL GAVIN.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1 Earth excavation	2,400 cu. yds.	\$1 00	\$2,400 00	\$0 63	\$1,512 00
2 Rock excavation.....	900 "	2 50	2,250 00	1 39	1,251 00
3 New curb-stones	100 lin. ft.	60	60 00	53	53 00
4 Old curb reset	775 "	10	77 50	6	46 50
5 New flagging..	980 sq. ft.	21	205 80	21	205 80
6 Old flagging relaid	2,480 "	2	49 60	5	124 00
7 Receiving-ba in complete.....	1	250 00	250 00	169 00	169 00
8 Receiving-basins, except cap and gutter stones and cover.....	2	130 00	260 00	87 00	174 00
9 Vitrified stoneware pipe	50 lin. ft.	5 00	250 00	2 00	100 00
Totals.....	.....	.....	\$5,802 90	.....	\$3,635 30

For Regulating and Grading, Setting Curb-stones and Flagging the Sidewalk, and Constructing Receiving-basins and Culverts in Riverside Avenue, Claremont Place to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Street—(Continued).

	ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	THOMAS DWYER.		JOHN J. HOPPER.		JOHN SLATTERY.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation.....	2,400 cu. yds.	\$0 68	\$1,632 00	\$0 90	\$2,160 00	\$0 60	\$1,440 00
2	Rock excavation.....	900 "	1 25	1,125 00	1 50	1,350 00	1 20	1,080 00
3	New curb-stones.....	100 lin. ft.	45	45 00	48	48 00	40	40 00
4	Old curb reset.....	775 "	5	38 75	10	77 50	10	77 50
5	New flagging.....	980 sq. ft.	19	186 20	25	245 00	18	176 40
6	Old flagging relaid.....	2,480 "	2	49 60	6	148 80	1	24 80
7	Receiving-basin complete.....	1 "	150 00	150 00	200 00	200 00	150 00	150 00
8	Receiving-basins, except cap and gutter stones and cover.....	2 "	75 00	150 00	125 00	250 00	70 00	140 00
9	Vitrified stoneware pipe.....	50 lin. ft.	40	20 00	75	37 50	1 00	50 00
	Totals.....			\$3,396 55		\$4,516 80		\$3,178 70

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$500,000 for the extension of the American Museum of Natural History. Filed.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$198,000 for the improvement of Cathedral Parkway. Filed.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$200,000 for the improvement of Riverside Park. Filed.

From the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of a resolution relative to the preservation of the flag-pole at Battery Park, etc. Filed.

From the Comptroller, relative to the character of pavement to be used on Fifth avenue, between Ninetieth and One Hundred and Tenth streets. Filed.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to amend the resolution passed by said Board April 17, 1894, authorizing the expenditure of the sum of eighty thousand dollars for repaving Fifth avenue, from Ninetieth to One Hundred and Tenth street, so as to allow the use of asphalt for doing said work instead of granite-block pavement.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, notifying of the confirmation, on the 14th ultimo, of the proceedings for acquiring title to the lands for the Jerome avenue approach to new Macomb's Dam Bridge. Filed.

From the Civil Service Examining Boards, transmitting a copy of a resolution relative to the eligible list for Park Police. Referred to Commissioner Roosevelt.

From the Supervisor of the City Record, notifying of the designation of newspapers for official advertisements. Filed.

From Kurzman & Frankenheimer, requesting reconsideration of the action of this Board requiring payment of \$2,000 for its consent to the erection of projections on buildings on St. Nicholas avenue. On motion, the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board cannot see any valid reason for reconsidering its action.

From Andrew E. Foye, commending Officer Max Laskey for meritorious service in stopping a runaway horse. Filed, with directions to communicate to the force.

From Lawrence F. Collins, commending Officer Edward O'Loughlin for meritorious service in stopping a runaway horse. Filed, with directions to communicate to the force.

From Joseph Wolf, Architect, transmitting specifications and estimates for work at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

On motion, the specifications were approved, and orders were authorized to be issued to the lowest bidders, as follows:

1. To T. H. Simonson & Son, for lumber required for screens for cast exhibit on the Museum floor of the north wing, \$75.
2. To John D. Clarke, for arranging the steam-heating apparatus at the Museum, \$211.60.

From David Milliken, Jr., requesting that regulations restricting business travel on Fifth avenue, from Fifty-ninth to Seventy-second street, be adopted. Filed.

From E. S. Stokes, accepting the conditions stipulated for the occupation of Claremont Restaurant. Filed.

From James McCauley, submitting an account of auction sale of condemned material, etc. Filed.

From Thomas E. Crimmins, requesting that the amount paid by him for paving-stones sold at auction and not delivered, be refunded. Referred to the Trustees of the Park Police Pension Fund.

From Albert S. Roe, tendering thanks for the renewal of pavement on West Seventy-second street. Filed.

From Cornelius Vanderbilt, President of the New York Botanical Garden, requesting that 250 acres of land in Bronx Park be appropriated as a site for said garden. On motion, referred to President King.

From Cornelius Vanderbilt and Hon. Addison Brown, relative to the boundary of land in Bronx Park for the purposes of a botanical garden. On motion, referred to President King.

From N. L. Britton, Secretary, advising that the endowment fund for the proposed botanical garden has been subscribed, and requesting that application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for an appropriation of \$500,000 as authorized by law. On motion, referred to President King.

From Elizabeth A. Dolan, widow of Roundsman John Dolan, applying for a pension. Referred to the Trustees of the Park Police Pension Fund.

From the Assistant Secretary, submitting a report of auction sale of surplus sheep. Filed.

From the Assistant Secretary, recommending the sale of impounded horse and dogs. Sale ordered.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a weekly report of accidents and injuries in the parks. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting on an application of Christopher Nally for remission of overtime on his contract for Riverside wall, and recommending that the penalty for 127 days of such overtime be remitted and the balance, 32 days, charged against the contractor. Approved.

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From the Engineer of Construction, reporting on a communication from the Department of Public Works, relative to water-supply for the new Municipal Building in Crotona Park. On motion, the report, with recommendation, were approved.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting on a communication from the Department of Public Works, relative to sidewalk at Jeanette Park. Filed.

From A. P. Boller, Consulting Engineer, transmitting specifications and form of contract for the removal of the pivot pier of old Macomb's Dam Bridge.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the specifications and form of contract for the removal of pivot pier of the old Macomb's Dam Bridge, this day submitted by A. P. Boller, Consulting Engineer, be and are hereby approved, 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, with a view of making application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for an appropriation.

From the Commissioner of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, requesting approval of a map showing change of alignment of Crotona avenue. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a plan for additions to the Harlem River Driveway, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 894 of the Laws of 1895.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the map or plan submitted by the Engineer of Construction, entitled "Plan showing an addition to the Public Driveway in its westerly side, between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and High Bridge Park, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, as laid out and established by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 894 of the Laws of 1895," dated New York, July 3, 1895, and signed M. A. Kellogg, Engineer of Construction, D. P. P., be and the same hereby is approved, and that the President be authorized to cause three similar maps or plans to be prepared, to certify the same and cause them to be filed in the manner required by the law cited.

Resolved, That, upon the filing of the said map, the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to initiate a proceeding to acquire title in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the land shown on said map.

From C. P. H. Gilbert, Architect, requesting consent to the erection of projections on a proposed dwelling on northeast corner of Riverside Drive and Seventy-fourth street.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the consent of this Department is hereby granted to the erection of projections on the proposed dwelling of George A. Macy at the northeast corner of Riverside Drive and Seventy-fourth street, the said projections not to extend more than four feet four inches beyond the building line, as shown on a plan submitted by C. P. H. Gilbert, Architect ; said consent to take effect upon the payment of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to the Department for the privilege.

From Cady, Berg & See, submitting specifications and form of contract for the extension of the building of the American Museum of Natural History.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the specifications and form of contract this day submitted by Cady, Berg & See, Architects, for the extension of the building of the American Museum of Natural History, be and the same hereby are approved and ordered printed, and when printed and approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, that the Secretary be directed to insert an advertisement in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work.

From the Mayor, relative to selecting Fifth avenue, between Sixtieth and Sixty-first streets, as a site for a proposed monument to the soldiers and sailors of the late war. Referred to the President.

From Roundsman James McGlynn, recommending the sale or return of a horse received from I. H. Dahlman. Approved.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the orders given by Commissioner Haven June 26, regarding Police Sergeants, Pelham Bay Park clubs and saloons, patrol wagons, ice-houses in Bronx Park, bicycle rules, and the signing of contracts for Riverside wall and asphaltting Central Park walks, be and are hereby ratified and approved.

Commissioner Roosevelt submitted a bill of T. McClure Peters, for erecting golf links in Van Cortlandt Park.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the bill of T. McClure Peters, amounting to six hundred and twenty-four dollars and eighty cents, for erecting golf links in Van Cortlandt Park, be and the same is hereby approved and audited, and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Commissioner Juilliard submitted a bill of the J. W. Bent Storage Company of Chicago, Ill., for storage of the Persian Building. Referred to Commissioner Juilliard.

Nelson Zabriskie, of the firm of Hyland & Zabriskie, attorneys, representing George M. Backoven, owner of the steam-tug "Corona," doing a tug-boat business on the Harlem river, asked that the rule closing the draws of the Third and Madison Avenues Bridges during certain hours of the day, be modified so as to permit the said tug-boat to pass through at all times.

Alderman Frederick A. Ware, John Sabine Smith, and a delegation of citizens appeared and were heard with reference to petitions presented by them for concerts at Bryant Park during the present season. They were informed that, inasmuch as the orders for music at the various parks had already been given out, and the money at the disposal of the Department appropriated, it was too late to consider their petition favorably this year, but that the same would receive attention when the subject came up next year.

Alderman Ware asked that permission be given to a man named Stephens to stand with a truck at Thirty-fifth street and Broadway.

Christopher Nally, contractor, was heard with reference to the overtime charged against him on his contract for retaining wall on Riverside Drive.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the contracts for which proposals were this day received be awarded as follows :

1. For constructing new roof over the gallery and ground floor tanks for the Aquarium in the Castle Garden Building in Battery Park, to Dey & Somerville, at..... \$8,428 00
2. For regulating and grading, setting curb-stones, and flagging the sidewalk and constructing receiving-basins and culverts in Riverside avenue, from Claremont place to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, to John Slattery, at.. 3,178 70

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

The following bills having been examined and audited were placed before the Board, passed on separately, and approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Abbott Downing Company, repairs to ambulance.....	\$16 00
Baynes' Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music.....	340 00
P. Berlinghoff's Band, music.....	140 00
Luciano Conterno & Sons, music.....	130 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	135 00
The Henry Huber Company, roofing, tin, etc.....	12 28
Ralph Henry, partition, etc.....	120 00
Leiboldt's Twelfth Regiment Band, music.....	120 00
Lederhaus' Squadron "A" Band, music.....	140 00
Philip Markley, coal.....	152 00
“ “	40 00
Manhattan Incandescent Light Company, burners, etc.....	5 00
F. H. D. Mason, petty cash.....	417 46
George Norton, repairs to wagons, etc.....	25 00
Charles Meder, thermometers.....	24 00
J. S. Woodhouse, sickles, etc.....	35 55
Whitman Saddle Company, stirrups, etc.....	63 00
J. W. Williams, cleaning carpets.....	9 54
Baynes' Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music.....	170 00
John A. Boswald, leader, music.....	450 00
Brown & Fleming, clay soil.....	215 62

Bradley & Currier Company (Limited), doors, etc.....	\$510 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	135 00
John J. Coleman, mould.....	250 00
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries and wages.....	6,340 33
Leiboldt's Twelfth Regiment Band, music.....	120 00
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries and wages.....	4,109 25
Christopher Nally, payment on acceptance.....	16,553 03
C. Ammann, ampelopsas, etc.....	20 00
Brown & Fleming, Estimate No. 1.....	7,992 55
Alfred P. Boller, professional services.....	206 70
James S. Barron & Co., water barrels, etc.....	97 50
R. G. Barter, fish.....	15 50
Colwell Lead Company, lead pipe.....	48 06
Colwell Lead Company, lead pipe.....	4 24
Deane Steam Pump Company, valve.....	2 08
T. C. Dunham, white lead, etc.....	133 84
East River Mill and Lumber Company, yellow pine stakes.....	46 49
C. C. Ellis, bread.....	42 63
Joseph Edwards & Co., pipe connection.....	298 50
J. W. Fiske, drinking-fountains.....	42 00
Initial Towel Supply Company, towels.....	20 00
Iron Clad Manufacturing Company, ash cans.....	14 00
Keufel & Esser Company, helio paper.....	1 70
Lederhaus' Squadron "A" Band, music.....	140 00
Leiboldt's Twelfth Regiment Band, music.....	120 00
McKesson & Robbins, chloride lime.....	27 75
Merrill & Wehrle Charcoal Company, charcoal.....	6 00
W. L. McCreery, electric bell.....	10 00
James McFarlane & Son, painting Aquarium.....	291 00
W. H. Masterson, mould.....	810 00
Page, Dennis & Co., scale.....	4 25
William Porter's Sons, chimneys, etc.....	5 00
W. B. Perry & Son, apples, etc.....	31 00
Sol. Sayles, beef.....	307 80
S. L. Storer & Co., herring.....	17 00
Spratts Patent (America Limited) game meal.....	2 50
Siebrecht & Wadley, canvas, etc.....	71 00

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T. & W. Thorn & Co., hay, etc.....	\$93 80
J. M. Thorburn & Co., canary seeds, etc.....	4 00
J. M. Thorburn & Co., grass seed.....	7 50
William Tucker & Co., plants.....	111 80
Thonet Brothers, chairs.....	18 00
Westerfield Wagon and Sprinkling Truck Company, sprinkling wagon.....	310 00
Geo. A. Williams & Sons, window guard.....	65 00
Warwick Valley Milk Assn. & Co., ⁴ milk.....	9 30

On motion, at 10.50 A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1895—REGULAR MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners Haven, Roosevelt, Juilliard.

The meeting being open to the public and the 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 work :

For regulating and paving with Telford pavement the road between Broadway and Van Cortlandt Station of the Putnam Division of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad and the Gun Hill Road, from said station to Jerome avenue in Van Cortlandt Park, Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York.

Table of Bids.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	GEORGE F. DOAK.		PENNEL & O'HERN.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Excavations of all kinds.....	200 cu. yds.	\$0 30	\$60 00	\$0 40	\$80 00
Telford pavement	10,750 sq. yds.	1 17	12,577 50	1 00	10,750 00
Dry rubble masonry.....	120 cu. yds.	2 00	240 00	2 00	240 00
Vitrified stoneware.....	2,300 lbs.	0 01	23 00	05	115 00
Rubble or cobble stone—gutters.....	1,400 sq. yds.	0 27	378 00	30	420 00
.....	.....	.....	\$13,278 50	.....	\$11,605 00

Table of Bids—(Continued).

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	JAMES FLANAGAN.		P. F. CURRAN.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Excavations of all kinds.....	200 cu. yds.	\$0 30	\$60 00	\$0 50	\$100 00
Telford pavement.....	10,750 sq. yds.	1 50	16,125 00	1 50	16,125 00
Dry rubble masonry.....	120 cu. yds.	2 00	240 00	2 50	300 00
Vitrified stoneware.....	2,300 lbs.	0 01	23 00	0 03	69 00
Rubble or cobble stone—gutters.....	1,400 sq. yds.	0 70	980 00	1 20	1,680 00
.....	.....	.....	\$17,428 00	.....	\$18,274 00

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$201,181.32 for the payment of awards for land required for the Jerome avenue approach to the new Macomb's Dam Bridge. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Boards, advising that an expert engineer may be employed on a specified work without Civil Service examination. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, advising that the selection of four men from the eligible list of Park Policemen, made by the Commissioners, was in conformity with the Civil Service rules. Filed.

From the National Sculpture Society, approving the design of statue of Peter Cooper and pedestal and of a site therefor at Cooper Union Park.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

From the National Sculpture Society, relative to the proposed site at Bowling Green for the De Peyster statue. Filed.

On motion, it was Resolved, That an early report be requested from the National Sculpture Society on the Heine Fountain.

From F. W. Ruckstuhl, requesting that an examination be made as to the artistic merits of a proposed monument to P. S. Gilmore proposed to be donated to the City. Referred to the National Sculpture Society for examination and report as to artistic merits.

From Hyland & Zabriskie, requesting modification of the regulations as to closing of draws of bridges over the Harlem river. Filed, with directions to reply that the Board declines to modify the existing ordinance.

From Mrs. Isidor Straus, commending Officer Thomas Flynn for meritorious service. Filed with directions to communicate to the force.

From James McCauley, submitting an account of sales of grass and sheep at auction. Filed.

From Leopold Eidlitz, requesting consent to the erection of a stoop on a dwelling at Eighty-seventh street and Riverside Drive.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the consent of the Department be and the same is hereby granted to Leopold Eidlitz for the erection of stoop on his residence at Eighty-seventh street and Riverside Drive, as shown on a plan submitted.

From the Assistant Secretary, submitting a report of an auction sale of an impounded horse. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting on the proposed alteration of the alignment of Crotona avenue, recommended by the Commissioner of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

On motion, it was Resolved, That this Board does hereby give its approval to the change of alignment of Crotona avenue, through Crotona Park, as proposed by the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, and shown on a map submitted by him, entitled, "Map or Plan showing the proposed rectification of Crotona avenue, from Crotona Park, South, to Crotona Park, North, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York," dated November 26, 1894, and signed Louis A. Risse, Chief Engineer, per Frederick Greiffenberg, Principal Assistant Topographical Engineer.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending that an order in favor of Joseph Marren for the erection of iron railings and gates at Mount Morris Park be cancelled, as Mr. Marren has failed to do the work, and that a new order be issued. Approved.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a weekly report of accidents and injuries in the parks. Filed.

From the Captain of Police and Police Surgeon, reporting favorably on the probationary service of Owen McKenna, John Moran and Edward Crosby, as Park Policemen.

On motion, it was Resolved, That Owen McKenna, John Moran and Edward Crosby, be and they hereby are appointed Park Policemen, their probationary service having been satisfactory.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that a gas-lamp be located on Riverside Drive, at a point designated on a sketch submitted. Approved and referred to the Gas Commission.

From the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding an application of O. P. Raynor to keep boats at Pelham Bay Park. Referred to the Secretary to obtain additional information and report to Commissioner Roosevelt.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the bill of William Henderson, amounting to two dollars and sixty cents, for sharpening saws used in Pelham Bay Park, be and the same is hereby audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the fund provided under chapter II, Laws of 1894, for Pelham Park, Improvement of—Improving Eastern Boulevard, etc., Waterbury lane to Pelham Bridge.

A report was presented of trials of Park Policemen, held July 3, and the findings thereon, which were considered, and, on motion, approved as follows :

John McKenna, charged with violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer, charge dismissed.

Albert W. McKean, charged with conduct unbecoming an officer, charge dismissed.

James Higgins, charged with conduct unbecoming an officer, charge dismissed.

Patrick Cavanagh, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, cautioned.

Aaron Rose, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, was found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Michael J. Gallagher, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty (asleep on post), was found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Albert W. McKean, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, was found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

John Murphy, charged with conduct unbecoming an officer, was found guilty as charged, fined one day's pay and cautioned that the next complaint of disobedience of orders will result in his being transferred from the mounted to the foot Police.

George T. Ferguson, charged with being late for roll-call, was cautioned.

George Steers, Jr., charged with being absent from duty without leave, was found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Edward L. Collins, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, was found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

James F. McIntyre, charged with being off post, was found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Charles Baptist, charged with being late for roll-call, was found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

John McKenna, charged with being late for roll-call, was cautioned.

Martin J. Gallagher, charged with being absent from duty without leave, was found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Michael E. Dolan, charged with being late for return roll-call, was cautioned.

Joseph O'Brien, charged with being off post and neglect of duty, was found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Henry Buckley (Doorman), charged with being absent from duty without leave, was found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

John J. Dawson (Doorman), charged with being absent from duty without leave, was found guilty as charged and fined three days' pay.

From Henry Castrop, requesting the consent of the Department to the renewal of his excise license at Pelham Bay Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

The Secretary reported the renewal of insurance on park restaurant buildings and recommended that the premiums be allowed on the license fees for said restaurants. Approved and so ordered.

The bicycle regulations, as proposed at the meeting of July 3, were approved and adopted, as follows :

Proposed Bicycle Regulations.

1. Park Paths—No person shall ride or operate a bicycle on the park paths in any park. Wheelmen walking upon the park paths may push their wheels along said paths, but in no case shall the wheels be taken upon the turf.

2. Regulation of Riding—Wheelmen must observe the law of the road, keeping to the right of the road, and passing vehicles going in the same direction to the left wherever practicable. Coasting is forbidden. Wheelmen must keep their feet upon the pedals and have thorough control of the handle bars of their wheels at all times when riding. When riding at night, wheelmen must have a lighted lamp on the front part of their machines.

3. Rate of Speed—No wheelman shall ride at a rate of speed exceeding eight miles an hour in the parks.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the action of Commissioner Haven, as Acting President, in signing the maps of the additional lands required for the driveway, and directing the filing of the same in the offices provided by law ; also in signing the contracts with J. W. Fiske for railing at the Aquarium, and with John Slattery for widening Riverside Drive, between One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street and Claremont place ; and (with the concurrence of Commissioner Roosevelt) employing on probation Henry J. Foley, William A. Casey, Robert H. McGill and John W. England, Jr., as Park Policemen, be and the same is hereby approved.

From the Captain of Police, commending Officer Henry J. Dwyer for meritorious service. Filed, with directions that the Secretary write to the officer expressing the thanks and appreciation of the Board for his conduct, and ordered communicated to the force.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting that the contract for asphalt work on Riverside Drive with T. H. Boorman had been completed within the stipulated time. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending that additional asphalt work be done in the vicinity of Conservatory Pond, and that an order be issued to T. H. Boorman for the same. The recommendation of the Engineer was approved.

From Sergeant James E. Dillon, applying for full pay while absent during illness. Granted.

From the Captain of Police, recommending that Sergeant James E. Dillon be detailed as Acting Captain during his vacation. Approved.

From the Captain of Police, reporting relative to alleged disturbances at Battery Park on Sunday, 14th instant, in connection with steamboats. On motion, it was ordered that a copy of

the report of the Captain of Police be transmitted to the Dock Department, with the request that they will prescribe such regulations for the use of the dock as will prevent disorder on Battery Park in the future.

On motion, the contract for regulating and paving with Telford pavement road in Van Cortlandt Park, was awarded to the lowest bidder, Pennell & O'Hern, at \$11,605, and their proposal was ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for approval of the sureties thereon, and when so approved the President was authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

George R. Pyne, representing the Trustees of Columbia College, was heard relative to an application for permission to erect and maintain a boat-house for said college on the shore front of Riverside Park between One Hundred and Fifteenth and One Hundred and Sixteenth streets, and submitted plans for same.

On motion, permission was granted, subject to the approval of the site, after examination, by the Superintendent of Parks.

On motion, it was ordered, that when this Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, 31st instant, at 9.30 A. M.

Commissioner Juilliard recommended payment of the bill of J. W. Bent Storage Company for storage charges at Chicago on the Persian Building up to the time when notice was given of the rejection of the building. Approved.

James Doherty (Veteran Fireman) was given a hearing on charges of intoxication and absence without leave, preferred against him, was found guilty and the action of the Vice-President directing his discharge was approved.

James Kelleher (Veteran) Laborer, charged with intoxication, having been notified to appear for a hearing, failed to appear, and the action of the Vice-President directing his discharge was approved.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the bill of I. H. Dahlman, amounting to four hundred and fifty dollars for two horses, be and the same is hereby audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, payable from the appropriation for Police Supplies for the current year.

At 10.35 the Board went into executive session.

On motion, the application of Officer J. J. Dwyer to be restored to full service was denied.

Reports of Foster Crowell, Expert on the Harlem River Driveway, regarding the present condition of work on the driveway contracts, and on the proposed modification of the contracts, were received and referred to Commissioner King.

On motion, it was Resolved, That Assistant Engineer Lockwood be put in charge of both sections of the Speedway, subject to the Engineer of Construction; that Assistant Engineer

Schermerhorn be placed under Mr. Lockwood, as assistant, on both sections. This order to be in force until the return of President King.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the bill of Foster Crowell, amounting to five hundred dollars, for services rendered the Department in making an expert examination of Harlem River Driveway, be and the same is hereby audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, payable from the fund provided for the construction of said driveway.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the bill of Foster Crowell, amounting to four hundred dollars, for services rendered the Department in making an expert report and estimate upon the new plans and proposed modified contract for the Harlem River Driveway, be and the same is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, payable from the fund provided for the construction of said driveway.

From J. G. Howard, Architect, submitting plans and specifications for a lavatory in Battery Park. Referred to Commissioner Roosevelt for examination and report.

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

James D. Leary, Estimate No. 17, Public Driveway, Construction of.....	\$14,708 24
J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 13, Public Driveway, Construction of.....	36,387 20
Abeel Bros., iron.....	8 76
Consolidated Gas Company, gas.....	184 62
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	100 00
F. W. Devoe & C. T. Raynold Co., tape.....	6 80
E. R. Mill & Lumber Company (The), pine stakes.....	35 00
J. M. Gunst Disinfecting Company, phenoleum.....	35 00
International Rubber Clothing & G. S. Co., overalls, etc.....	331 00
Keuffel & Esser Co., tape.....	85
Lederhaus' Squadron "A" Band, music.....	140 00
Peter Morris, sod.....	450 00
The N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Company, gas.....	44 00
N. O'Donnell, coal.....	484 90
W. B. Rogers, music.....	2,240 00
Tefft, Weller & Co., canvas.....	7 00
Whitman Saddle Company, hames, etc.....	37 50
William Young, sod.....	595 60
F. H. D. Mason, petty disbursements.....	322 96

On motion, at 11.05 A. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1895.—REGULAR MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners Haven, Roosevelt, and Juillard.

The meeting being open to the public, and the 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 Furnishing All the Labor and Furnishing and Erecting All the Materials Necessary to Erect and Complete the New West Wing and Enlargement of the American Museum of Natural History in the Manhattan Square.

Bidders.	Amount.
Arthur McMullen & Co.....	\$337,000 00
James R. F. Kelly & Co.....	381,430 00
Thomas Dwyer	327,000 00
Edward Franke.....	324,680 00
W. & T. Lamb.....	414,668 00
Luke A. Burke.....	307,552 00
Walker & Lawson.....	398,484 00
Thomas Cockerill & Son.....	337,777 00
P. Gallagher.....	387,890 00
P. J. Carlin & Co.....	365,900 00
James Baker Smith.....	380,380 00

For Regulating, Grading and Paving the Roadway and Sidewalks and otherwise Improving Cathedral Parkway (One Hundred and Tenth Street), from Seventh Avenue to the Westerly Line of Columbus (Ninth) Avenue.

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	CHARLES W. COLLINS.		JOHN J. HOPPER.		THOMAS P. MCQUADE.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation	2,500 cubic yards.	\$0 85	\$2,125 00	\$1 10	\$2,750 00	\$1 00	\$2,500 00
2	Rock excavation	50 "	2 00	100 00	1 50	75 00	2 50	125 00
3	Mould or top soil in place	1,000 "	1 00	1,200 00	1 20	1,440 00	1 00	1,200 00
4	New bridge-stones for crosswalk	2,400 square feet.	51	1,224 00	80	1,920 00	52	1,248 00
5	New granite-block pavement	7,750 square yards.	2 44	18,910 00	3 50	27,125 00	2 81	21,777 50
6	Asphalt pavement on concrete foundation	5,800 "	2 90	16,820 00	3 35	19,430 00	2 23	12,934 00
7	Concrete in foundation	1,300 cubic yards.	5 00	6,500 00	4 80	6,240 00	4 12	5,356 00
8	New blue-stone curb, straight face	3,420 lineal feet.	1 47	5,027 40	1 60	5,472 00	2 27	7,763 40
9	New blue-stone curb, curved on face	550 "	1 60	880 00	3 50	1,925 00	2 37	1,303 50
10	Receiving-basin, built complete	1 (one).	145 00	145 00	120 00	120 00	150 00	190 00
11	Receiving-basins rebuilt	2 (two).	100 00	200 00	60 00	120 00	60 00	120 00
12	Vitrified stoneware pipe culverts	50 lin. ft., 12"	1 00	50 00	60	30 00	1 00	50 00
13	Pavement, asphalt with concrete bases	35,000 square feet.	23	8,050 00	21	7,350 00	18	6,300 00
	Totals .....	.....	.....	\$61,231 40	.....	\$73,997 00	.....	\$60,867 40

For Regulating, Grading and Paving the Roadway and Sidewalks and otherwise Improving Cathedral Parkway (One Hundred and Tenth Street), from Seventh Avenue to the Westerly Line of Columbus (Ninth) Avenue—Continued.

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	THE BARBER AS- PHALT PAVING CO.		WARREN-SCHARF AS- PHALT PAVING CO.		F. V. SMITH.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation.....	2,500 cubic yards.	\$0 50	\$1,250 00	\$0 50	\$1,250 00	\$0 70	\$1,750 00
2	Rock excavation.....	50 "	1 25	62 50	2 00	100 00	1 50	75 00
3	Mould or top soil in place.....	1,200 "	1 00	1,200 00	1 25	1,500 00	50	600 00
4	New bridge-stones for crosswalks.....	2,400 square feet.	55	1,320 00	50	1,200 00	47	1,128 00
5	New granite-block pavement.....	7,730 square yards.	2 50	19,375 00	2 50	19,375 00	2 46	19,065 00
6	Asphalt pavement on concrete foundation.....	5,800 "	2 95	17,110 00	2 80	16,240 00	2 95	17,110 00
7	Concrete in foundation.....	1,300 cubic yards.	5 25	6,825 00	4 00	5,200 00	3 00	3,900 00
8	New blue-stone curb, straight face.....	3,420 lineal feet.	1 50	5,130 00	1 35	4,617 00	1 60	5,472 00
9	New blue-stone curb, curved on face.....	550 "	3 00	1,650 00	1 35	742 50	1 60	880 00
10	Receiving-basin, built complete.....	1 (one).	200 00	200 00	175 00	175 00	150 00	150 00
11	Receiving-basins rebuilt.....	2 (two).	150 00	300 00	120 00	240 00	100 00	200 00
12	Vitrified stoneware pipe culverts.....	50 lin. ft., 12"	1 25	62 50	1 50	75 00	2 00	100 00
13	Pavement, asphalt with concrete bases.....	35,000 square feet.	25	8,750 00	25	8,750 00	25	8,750 00
	Totals .....	.....	.....	\$63,235 00	.....	\$59,464 50	.....	\$59,180 00

For Regulating, Grading and Paving the Roadway and Sidewalks and otherwise Improving Cathedral Parkway (One Hundred and Tenth Street), from the Westerly Line of Columbus (Ninth) Avenue to Riverside Avenue.

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	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	F. V. SMITH.		FRUIN-BAMBRICK CONSTRUCTION CO.		THE BARBER ASPHALT PAVING CO.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation	6,500 cubic yards.	\$0 75	\$4,575 00	\$1 25	\$8,125 00	\$0 50	\$3,250 00
2	Rock excavation	2,600 "	75	1,950 00	2 52	6,552 00	1 25	3,250 00
3	Mould or top soil in place	2,400 "	75	1,800 00	1 85	4,440 00	1 00	2,400 00
4	New bridge stones for crosswalk	1,000 square feet.	47	470 00	65	650 00	55	550 00
5	New granite-block pavement	4,850 square yards	2 60	12,610 00	3 80	18,430 00	2 50	12,125 00
6	Asphalt pavement, concrete foundation	7,800 "	2 95	23,010 00	2 78	21,684 00	2 95	23,010 00
7	Gravel pavement or roadway, Telford foundation	4,400 "	1 50	6,600 00	1 80	7,920 00	2 00	8,800 00
8	Concrete foundation, granite-block pavement	900 cubic yards.	3 00	2,700 00	8 67	7,803 00	5 25	4,725 00
9	New blue-stone curb, straight-face circuit corners	4,310 lineal feet.	1 60	6,896 00	99	4,266 00	1 50	6,465 00
10	New blue-stone curb, curved on face	300 "	1 60	480 00	1 99	597 00	1 50	450 00
11	Old curb reset	1,700 "	10	170 00	32	544 00	10	170 00
12	Road-basins, 3 feet diameter	8.	75 00	600 00	1 00 00	800 00	75 00	600 00
13	Receiving-basins, rebuilt or altered	3.	100 00	300 00	150 00	450 00	150 00	450 00
14	Vitrified stoneware in culverts, 12-inch	100 lineal feet.	2 00	200 00	36	36 00	1 25	125 00
15	Vitrified stoneware pipe, furnished and laid, 8-inch	300 "	1 50	450 00	25	75 00	1 00	300 00
16	Pavement asphalt concrete base rubble-stone	49,000 square feet.	25	12,250 00	19 1/2	9,677 50	25	12,250 00
17	Rubble-stone, masonry cement, mortar	70 cubic yards.	3 50	245 00	5 00	350 00	6 00	420 00
18	Blue-stone steps	300 lineal feet.	1 50	450 00	66	198 00	1 65	495 00
19	Rustic rock coping	50 "	5 00	250 00	27 00	1,350 00	1 00	50 00
20	Wall masonry, including piers	100 cubic yards.	7 00	700 00	14 00	1,400 00	12 00	1,200 00
21	Parapet wall, two faced	10 "	12 00	120 00	24 00	240 00	22 00	220 00
22	Granite coping, including caps, piers	140 lineal feet.	6 50	910 00	22 00	3,080 00	4 20	588 00
	Totals			\$78,036 00		\$98,668 40		\$81,893 00

For Regulating, Grading and Paving the Roadway and Sidewalks and otherwise Improving Cathedral Parkway (One Hundred and Tenth Street), from the Westerly Line of Columbus (Ninth) Avenue to Riverside Avenue—Continued.

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	JOHN J. HOPPER.		THOMAS P. McQUADE.		WARREN-SCHARF ASPHALT PAVING CO.		CHARLES W. COLLINS.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation.....	6,500 cubic yards.	\$1 10	\$7,150 00	\$0 50	\$3,250 00	\$0 50	\$3,250 00	10 85	\$5,525 00
2	Rock excavation.....	2,600 "	1 50	3,900 00	1 50	3,900 00	1 00	2,600 00	1 50	3,900 00
3	Mould or top soil in place.....	2,400 "	1 20	2,880 00	1 00	2,400 00	1 25	3,000 00	1 25	3,000 00
4	New bridge-stones for crosswalk.....	1,000 square feet.	80	800 00	52	520 00	50	500 00	51	510 00
5	New granite-block pavement.....	4,850 square yards.	3 50	16,975 00	2 81	13,628 50	2 50	12,125 00	2 49	12,076 50
6	Asphalt pavement, concrete foundation.....	7,800 "	3 35	26,130 00	2 23	17,394 00	2 80	21,840 00	2 90	22,620 00
7	Gravel pavement or roadway, Telford foundation.....	4,400 "	1 32	5,808 00	1 30	5,720 00	1 32	5,808 00	1 60	7,040 00
8	Concrete foundation, granite-block pavement.....	900 cubic yards.	4 80	4,320 00	4 12	3,708 00	4 00	3,600 00	5 00	4,500 00
9	New blue-stone curb, straight-face circuit corners.....	4,310 lineal feet.	1 60	6,896 00	2 27	9,783 70	1 35	5,818 50	1 47	6,335 70
10	New blue-stone curb, curved on face.....	300 "	1 55	465 00	50	150 00	1 00	300 00	1 00	300 00
11	Old curb reset.....	1,700 "	12	204 00	05	85 00	25	425 00	10	170 00
12	Road-basins, 3 feet diameter.....	8.	60 00	480 00	30 00	240 00	50 00	400 00	75 00	600 00
13	Receiving-basins, rebuilt or altered.....	3.	60 00	180 00	40 00	120 00	120 00	360 00	100 00	300 00
14	Vitrified stoneware in culverts, 12-inch.....	100 lineal feet.	60	60 00	1 00	100 00	1 50	150 00	1 00	100 00
15	Vitrified stoneware pipe, furnished and laid, 8-inch.....	300 "	30	90 00	60	180 00	1 00	300 00	80	240 00
16	Pavement asphalt concrete, base rubble-stone.....	49,000 square feet.	21	10,290 00	2 23	109,270 00	25	12,250 00	23	11,270 00
17	Rubble-stone, masonry cement, mortar.....	70 cubic yards.	3 00	210 00	4 50	315 00	4 00	280 00	4 00	280 00
18	Blue-stone steps.....	300 lineal feet.	1 20	360 00	70	210 00	1 00	300 00	75	225 00
19	Rustic rock coping.....	50 "	1 20	60 00	2 00	100 00	2 50	125 00	3 00	150 00
20	Wall masonry, including piers.....	100 cubic yards.	18 00	1,800 00	12 00	1,200 00	10 00	1,000 00	7 50	750 00
21	Parapet wall, two faced.....	10 "	25 00	250 00	30 00	300 00	23 00	230 00	12 50	125 00
22	Granite coping, including caps, piers.....	140 lineal feet.	3 60	504 00	3 00	420 00	4 00	560 00	3 50	490 00
	Totals.....	.....	.....	\$89,812 00	.....	\$172,994 20	.....	\$75,221 50	.....	\$80,507 20

For Regulating, Setting Curb-stones and Paving with Granite-block Pavement, with Concrete Foundation, the Roadway of the Approach to the new Macomb's Dam Bridge over the Harlem River, between One Hundred and Sixty-first and One Hundred and Sixty-second Streets, together with the Asphalt and Gravel Sidewalks Adjacent thereto.

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	F. V. SMITH.		CHARLES W. COLLINS.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	New granite-block pavement, concrete foundation.....	2,044 square yards.	\$3 00	\$6,132 00	\$3 13	\$6,397 72
2	New bridge-stones.	160 square feet.	50	80 00	50	80 00
3	New five-inch curb-stones.....	870 lineal feet.	60	522 00	57	495 90
4	Asphalt sidewalk.....	1,040 square feet.	40	416 00	20	208 00
5	Gravel sidewalk	10,430 "	04	417 20	17	1,773 10
	Totals.....	.....	.....	\$7,567 20	.....	\$8,954 72

	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	JAMES FLANAGAN.		THOMAS P. MCQUADE.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	New granite-block pavement, concrete foundation.....	2,044 square yards.	\$3 45	\$7,051 80	\$3 50	\$7,154 00
2	New bridge-stones	160 square feet.	49	78 40	50	80 00
3	New five-inch curb-stones.....	870 lineal feet.	60	522 00	50	435 00
4	Asphalt sidewalk.....	1,040 square feet.	30	312 00	28	291 20
5	Gravel sidewalk.....	10,430 "	12	1,251 60	24	2,503 20
	Totals.....	.....	.....	\$9,215 80	.....	\$10,463 40

For Repairing the Stone Piers and Building Crib-work at Pelham Bay Bridge at East Chester Bay.

Bidders.	Amount.
Wm. H. Jenks.....	\$22,000 00
Walls & Van Riper.....	3,560 00

For Paving with Asphalt the Walks in Central Park, Between Seventh and Eighth Avenues, from One Hundred and Fourth to One Hundred and Tenth Street.

BIDDERS.	18,000 SQUARE FEET.	AMOUNT.
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	\$0 9½	\$1,710 00
T. Hugh Boorman.....	12½	2,250 00
The Barber Asphalt Paving Company.....	9%	1,777 50

For Paving with Asphalt the Walks in Central Park, from Ninety-seventh to One Hundred and Second street, between Fifth Avenue and the East Drive.

BIDDERS.	25,000 SQUARE FEET.	AMOUNT.
T. Hugh Boorman.....	\$0 12½	\$3,125 00
The Barber Asphalt Paving Company.....	9%	2,468 75
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	9½	2,375 00

For Paving with Asphalt the Walks in Morningside Park North of One Hundred and Twentieth Street.

BIDDERS.	12,000 SQUARE FEET ASPHALT PAVEMENT.	AMOUNT.
The Barber Asphalt Paving Company.....	\$0 09%	\$1,185 00
T. Hugh Boorman.....	12½	1,500 00
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	09½	1,140 00

For Paving with Rock Asphalt the Walks on the Westerly Side of Riverside Avenue, from One Hundred and Fourteenth to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Street.

BIDDERS.	7,000 SQUARE FEET OF ASPHALT, WITH CONCRETE BASE.	24,000 SQUARE FEET OF ASPHALT, WITH BASE MATERIAL FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT.	AMOUNT.
T. Hugh Boorman.....	\$0 16½	\$0 06½	\$2,839 00
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	15¾	08	3,022 50

For Paving and Repaving with Asphalt the Walks of the Central Park.

BIDDERS.	23,000 SQUARE FEET ASPHALT, WITH BASE AND FOUNDATION.	24,000 SQUARE FEET ASPHALT, WITH BASE ONLY.	AMOUNT.
The Barber Asphalt Paving Company.....	\$0 24	\$0 09 $\frac{7}{8}$	\$7,890 00
T. Hugh Boorman.....	26 $\frac{7}{16}$	11 $\frac{7}{16}$	8,949 00
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	25	09 $\frac{1}{4}$	7,970 00

The President announced that the awards of contracts for which proposals had been received to-day would not be made until Wednesday, 28th inst.

The minutes of the meeting of July 17, 1895, were read and approved.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the action of Commissioners Haven and Roosevelt on July 31, in the following matters, be and is hereby confirmed, and made the action of the Board :

1. Directing preparation of Departmental Estimate for year 1896.
2. Appointing James J. Kelly as Park Policeman on probation.
3. Granting permission to erection of iron drinking fountain by American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at junction of Canal, Washington and Hoboken streets.
4. Directing acknowledgment of letter from National Sculpture Society relative to "The Pilgrim" and "Farragut" statues, with request for further report as suggested by the Society.
5. Directing that report of National Sculpture Society that design of granite fountain proposed to be donated is practical but devoid of artistic merit, be communicated to Mr. John P. Haines.
6. Referring to Engineer of Construction for report sketch of proposed bridge over Spuyten Duyvil creek, at Broadway, submitted by A. P. Boller, Consulting Engineer.
7. Requiring resignation of Wm. H. Pierce, Inspector upon work of paving Transverse Road No. 4, James A. Gearty, contractor, he having been granted a hearing upon the report made by the Engineer of Construction that defective work had been permitted.
8. Approving plans and specifications for a public overlook, etc., in Corlears Hook Park, and directing that work be advertised.
9. Granting permission to O. P. Raynor to keep and maintain boats for hire at Pelham Bridge for three months from August 1, upon payment of \$40 monthly.
10. Directing that new roof be put on ice-house adjoining Lorillard Mansion at Bronx Park.
11. Directing that a larger force be placed at the disposal of the Entomologist for work of destroying noxious insects.
12. Directing that report of Foster Crowell, Consulting Engineer on Driveway, with report of Contractor Leary's Engineer, be transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation with request for opinion as to liability for defective work.

13. Authorizing rebuilding of one tank of the ground floor series at Aquarium, under direction of the Superintendent of Aquarium, at a cost not exceeding \$250.

14. Directing that no dumping be permitted at upper end of Riverside Drive, except by consent of John J. Hopper, he having paid the Department for the privilege.

15. Directing that amount required for cottage at Battery Park be included in estimate for 1896, not being properly chargeable to Aquarium appropriation.

16. Authorizing issue of order to J. C. Rodgers, contractor on Driveway, for a quantity of stone, not exceeding 1,000 cubic yards, to be placed on square timber crib foundation prepared for subway at Station 71 plus 08, at a cost of \$950.

17. Directing report from Engineer of Construction, upon request of Grant Monument Association that the work of filling and grading around the Grant monument be proceeded with.

18. Directing report from Superintendent of Parks upon request of Department of Docks to have additional lights placed at Battery.

19. Directing that copy of report of Engineer of Construction on complaint of Stone-cutters' Association against P. J. Moran, contractor, for entrance at Ninetieth street and Eighth avenue, be sent to attorney of said association.

20. Directing that Sergeant W. C. Egan be placed temporarily in charge of the Mounted Squad, assignment of Roundsmen to desk duty and detail of three Patrolmen as Acting Roundsmen pending Civil Service examination.

21. Directing that a meeting of the Board be held on August 21, and that proposals for various works be opened on that day.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, The Landscape Architect, Department of Public Parks, Mr. Calvert Vaux, and the Superintendent of Parks, Mr. Samuel Parsons, Jr., have reported and prepared a map of the portion of Bronx Park recommended to be set aside for the purposes of the Botanical Garden ; therefore be it

Resolved, That Map No. 563, signed by Calvert Vaux, Landscape Architect, Department of Public Parks, and Samuel Parsons, Jr., Superintendent of Parks, be approved and adopted and the land described in said map be appropriated for the use of the Botanical Garden, under restrictions adopted at the meeting July 31, which are hereby approved and confirmed.

Mrs. Ballington Booth, representing the Salvation Army, requested permission to hold an open air meeting at the music stand at Battery Park on the night of Saturday, August 24, between the hours of 10 and 12 P. M. Which was denied.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to refer the bid of Luke A. Burke, on the work of enlarging the building of the American Museum of Natural History (West Wing), to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to formality of the affidavit, and whether the contract can properly be awarded thereon.

The following communications were received :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, requesting additional information in the matter of defective work on the Harlem River Driveway. The Engineer of Construction was requested to get the information desired and to report, if possible, before Wednesday next.

From Foster Crowell, relative to a modification in the position of bulkhead-walls in the construction of the Driveway at High Bridge, and from Engineer Kellogg reporting thereon. Referred to President King.

From J. C. Rodgers, contractor, requesting that he be furnished with plans and instructions, and from Engineer Kellogg reporting thereon. Referred to President King.

From J. D. Leary, contractor, answering Mr. Crowell's report on the proposed modification of his contract, report of Engineer Kellogg thereon, and Mr. Crowell's reply thereto. Referred to President King.

From the Civil Service Examining Boards, submitting an eligible list for the position of Park Policemen as follows: Michael Prosel, Thomas McCarthy, James J. Kelly, Hugh F. Maguire. Filed.

From R. H. Warder, Superintendent of Cincinnati Park Department, extending an invitation to the Convention of American Society of Municipal Improvements September 11 to 13. Accepted, and the Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Warder that he will be notified who will represent the Park Commissioners of New York on that occasion.

From Alfred Zucker, requesting permission to place an awning at the Bolkenhayn, on the north-east corner of Fifty-eighth street and Fifth avenue. Permission granted; to continue during the pleasure of the Board.

From C. P. H. Gilbert, Architect, requesting consent to the erection of projections on dwellings of Asa Hall and Henry H. Vail on Riverside Drive.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the consent of this Department be and the same is hereby given to the erection of projections on the proposed dwelling of Henry H. Vail, at the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and Seventy-fifth street, and of Asa Hall, on Riverside Drive, eighty feet north of Seventy-fourth street, the said projections not to extend more than six feet beyond the building-line, as shown on plan submitted by C. P. H. Gilbert, Architect, said consent to take effect upon the payment of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to the Department in each case for the privilege.

From A. P. Boller, Consulting Engineer, suggesting that an opinion be obtained from the Counsel to the Corporation as to authority to locate a temporary bridge at One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, Harlem river. So ordered.

From A. P. Boller, Consulting Engineer, reporting as to the repairs required to the running parts of the Madison Avenue Bridge. Referred to President King.

From P. Leckler, objecting to a public school being located on Mosholu Parkway, at Briggs and Bainbridge avenues. Filed.

From William H. Pierce, tendering his resignation as Inspector of Paving from 31st of July. Accepted.

From the Miscellaneous Section, Central Labor Union, transmitting resolutions indorsing plan for school and park improvements in the Fourth Ward. Filed.

From Julius Drescher, Secretary, New York Quartett Club, requesting permission for a chorus of forty to sing at a Sunday afternoon concert in Central Park. Referred to the leader of the Seventh Regiment Band, with authority to allow them to sing as requested, if he sees fit to do so.

From the Captain of Police, reporting on the probationary service of Henry J. Foley, William A. Casey, John W. England, Jr., and Robert H. McGill; also from the Police Surgeon, reporting as to their physical condition.

On motion, Henry J. Foley, William A. Casey, John W. England, Jr., and Robert H. McGill, were appointed as Park Policemen.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a weekly report of accidents and injuries in the parks. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting on an application of the Bloomingdale Boat Club for access through the retaining wall at Riverside Park, in the vicinity of One Hundred and Third street, to enable them to get to their boat-house. The recommendation of the Engineer to leave an opening at One Hundred and Third street was approved, subject to the approval of the President.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting on a communication from the Grant Monument Association, relative to grading, etc., in the vicinity of the Grant Tomb. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, submitting an estimate of the cost of repaving Fifth avenue in front of the New Netherlands Hotel. Referred to the President with authority to advertise for bids, if the maintenance fund will permit it.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending change of location of drinking fountain at Canal Street Park, as shown upon accompanying plan. Approved.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon an application of the Department of Docks for additional lights at Battery Park. A communication was ordered sent to the Dock Department, requesting that they take action toward procuring the lights desired.

From Commissioner Juilliard, recommending payment of a bill of \$90 for storage charges on the Persian Building, at Chicago.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the bill of the J. W. Bent Storage Company, of Chicago, amounting to \$90, for storage charges on the Persian Building, be and the same is hereby approved, audited, and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Commissioner Haven reported that two buffaloes have been placed on exhibition in the Park by Austin Corbin.

On motion, the thanks of the Board were tendered Mr. Corbin.

Commissioners Haven and Roosevelt submitted a report of police trials held on the 31st of July, with their findings upon the same, which were considered and approved as follows :

Henry H. Andereya, charged with being late for roll-call, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Henry H. Andereya, charged with neglect of duty, charge dismissed.

Hugh J. Gribben, charged with being off post and neglect of duty, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Thomas C. Williams, charged with neglect of duty, cautioned.

David Sheehan, charged with being late for roll-call, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Patrick H. Fox, charged with being late for roll-call, cautioned.

Francis M. Campbell (No. 2), charged with being late for roll-call, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

John V. Taylor, charged with being absent from roll-call, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

John V. Taylor, charged with not properly patrolling, cautioned.

James Nash, charged with conduct unbecoming an officer, charge dismissed.

John Murphy, charged with neglect of duty, charge dismissed.

Henry Gartelman, charged with neglect of duty, charge dismissed.

William C. Bergen, charged with being off post and neglect of duty, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

William C. Bergen, charged with not properly patrolling, charge dismissed.

William C. Bergen, charged with neglect of duty, charge dismissed.

Patrick Dooley, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, charge dismissed.

James Higgins, charged with being off post, violation of rules and neglect, cautioned.

John J. O'Brien, charged with being absent from duty without leave, cautioned.

William S. Ryerson, charged with neglect of duty, charge dismissed.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting plans and specifications for a bridge over Spuyten Duyvil creek, at Broadway. Approved, and an advertisement for bids ordered inserted in the CITY RECORD.

From N. L. Britton, Secretary, N. Y. Botanical Garden, transmitting resolutions accepting restrictions imposed in the allotment of a site for a Botanical Garden in Bronx Park. Filed.

From N. L. Britton, Secretary, N. Y. Botanical Garden, requesting that orders be given to the police to permit work to begin on the site designated for the Botanical Garden in Bronx Park. So ordered.

From Lawson N. Fuller, requesting a permit to drive a six-in-hand through Central and Riverside Parks. It was ordered that a special permit be granted Mr. Fuller for the occasion referred to only.

The Engineer was directed to employ an Inspector on the work in Transverse Road No. 4, with power to remove him immediately if he proves inefficient.

The Superintendent of Parks was directed to look into the condition of the small Park on Columbus avenue, at Sixty-third street, and report thereon.

The application of John J. Taggart, who was discharged from this Department, to be restored to work, was referred to President King with power.

The application of Mr. Adee for the further use of the house now occupied by him in Pelham Bay Park was referred to George R. Read for further report, and Mr. Adee was ordered to be notified that the Commissioners will look into the matter and render their decision as soon as possible.

It was unanimously Resolved, That Mr. George R. Read be directed to notify all parties occupying houses belonging to the Park Department that any failure to pay the rent thirty days after the same becomes due will result in immediate dispossession and revocation of their licenses.

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

James D. Leary, Estimate No. 17	\$14,708 24
J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 13	36,387 20
Abeel Brothers, iron	8 76
Consolidated Gas Company, gas	184 62
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music	100 00
F. W. Devoe & C. T. Reynolds Company, tape	6 80
East River Mill and Lumber Company, yellow pine stakes	35 00
J. M. Gunst Disinfecting Company, phenoleum	35 00
International Rubber Clothing and General Supplies Company, overalls	331 00
Keuffel & Esser Company, tape	85
Lederhaus' Squadron "A" Band, music	140 00

Peter Morris, sod.....	\$450 00
The New York Mutual Gas-light Company, gas.....	44 00
N. O'Donnell, coal.....	484 90
W. B. Rogers, music.....	2,240 00
Tefft, Weller & Co., canvas.....	7 00
Whitman Saddle Company, harness, etc.....	37 50
William Young, sod.....	595 60
F. H. D. Mason, petty disbursements.....	322 96
John A. Boswald, leader, music.....	300 00
P. Berlinghoffs, music.....	420 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	235 00
Luciano Conterno & Sons, music.....	280 00
Consolidated Gas Company, gas.....	5 18
James A. Gearty, Estimate No. 1.....	7,751 10
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills.....	503 15
“ “ “.....	1,197 68
“ “ salaries and wages.....	291 65
Leiboldt's Twelfth Regiment Band, music.....	120 00
Lederhaus' Squadron "A" Band, music.....	140 00
T. Hugh Boorman, payment acceptance.....	2,549 51
De Witt C. Bouker, Jr., Estimate No. 2.....	14,670 88
Felix I. Eben, music.....	680 00
Adriance, Platt & Co., mower.....	36 00
Abeel Brothers, steel, etc.....	80 89
Anchor Post Company, posts.....	400 00
James S. Barron & Co., baskets.....	2 00
William Brenzel & Co., repairing settees.....	793 00
Brown & Fleming, gravel.....	848 00
R. G. Barter, fish.....	15 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	135 00
F. W. Devoe & C. T. Raynolds Company, turpentine, etc.....	87 10
Thomas J. Fitzpatrick, horseshoeing.....	45 00
Church E. Gates & Co., pine.....	16 20
The Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company, spittoons.....	23 04
F. W. Howell, Weigela rosea, etc.....	560 00
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, coal.....	1,937 36
“ “ sundry bills.....	809 35
John J. Hopper, mould.....	200 00
Mosler Safe Company, moving safes, etc.....	32 00
David Moffat & Co., leather.....	31 26
Leiboldt's Twelfth Regiment Band, music.....	120 00
Patterson Brothers, door-springs, etc.....	13 50
W. B. Perry & Son, apples, etc.....	33 00

W. B. Rogers, music.....	\$900 00
Reed & Auerbacher, carriage-bolts, etc.....	5 13
Sol. Sayles, beef.....	285 00
Siebrecht & Wadley, bay trees.....	60 00
P. J. Travis, garden mould.....	375 00
Tenney, Dupee & Jameson, straw hats.....	114 00
M. D. Williamson, coal.....	43 50
Yellow Pine Company, white pine.....	75 00
Neuchatel Asphalte Company (Limited), repairing walks.....	750 00
John A. Boswald, leader, music.....	150 00
P. Berlinghoffs, music.....	140 00
Bayne's Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music.....	340 00
J. C. Cady & Co., professional services.....	150 88
John D. Clarke, steam-heating apparatus.....	211 60
Luciano Conterno & Sons, music.....	280 00
Lederhaus' Squadron "A" Band, music.....	140 00
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills.....	654 96
" " ".....	573 35
P. J. Moran, Estimate No. 1.....	8,872 50
James B. Smith, Estimate No. 8.....	6,035 00
Thomas H. Simonson & Son, lumber.....	75 00
Joseph Wolf, professional services.....	14 33
Adriance Platt & Co., repairs.....	6 55
P. Berlinghoffs, music.....	135 00
John Boyle & Co., twine, etc.....	29 92
T. Hugh Boorman, laying asphalt walks.....	521 23
" " ".....	653 12
Brown & Fleming, gravel.....	287 94
" " ".....	898 73
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	135 00
" " ".....	200 00
J. D. & T. E. Cummins, mould.....	550 00
" " ".....	550 00
Edward Callanan's Son, axles, etc.....	7 50
T. C. Dunham, Indian red, etc.....	76 25
C. C. Ellis, bread.....	41 25
Joseph Edwards & Co., repairs to hydraulic ram.....	397 77
The Garlock Packing Company, packing.....	5 62
Theo. P. Huffman, payment acceptance.....	3,885 59
Jones & Brosnan, filling.....	543 20
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills.....	111 70
Lederhaus' Squadron "A" Band, music.....	140 00
McKesson & Robbins, oil-tar, etc.....	17 90

James McLaughlin, sand.....	\$45 00
John F. McHugh, American flag.....	56 50
Manhattan Cement Company, cement.....	541 75
New York Belting and Packing Company (Limited), hose, etc.....	357 06
Neuchatel Asphalte Company (Limited), laying walks.....	679 57
Otis & Gorsline, vitrified pipe.....	144 26
Dennis Page & Co., settees.....	922 50
J. G. Rampone, music.....	835 00
S. E. Storer & Co., fish.....	16 00
William Scott, ice.....	7 58
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, laying walks.....	555 94
E. G. Soltmann, black paints.....	5 24
T. & W. Thorn & Co., hay, etc.....	94 87
John Ward, horseshoeing.....	22 50
West Disinfecting Company, naphtholeum.....	52 00
M. D. Williamson, coal.....	130 50
Williams & Grant, sod.....	400 00
“ “.....	78 40
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries and wages.....	4,575 32
“ “ sundry bills.....	1,025 44
James H. Barron, & Co., wringers, etc.....	81 95
Emigrant Industrial Savings Banks, rents.....	1,625 00
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries and wages.....	6,328 48
J. Henry Haggerty, oil.....	30 00
Keuffel & Esser Company, paper.....	11 07
Manhattan Cement Company, cement.....	197 00
McKesson & Robbins, castor oil.....	5 10
Merrill & Wehrle Charcoal Company, charcoal.....	12 00
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, water-closet, etc.....	95 50
Manhattan Supply Company, water-coolers, etc.....	42 26
New York Belting and Packing Company (Limited), hose.....	6 00
Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company, alum.....	81 11
E. G. Soltmann, black prints.....	1 11
Warwick Valley Milk Association and Company, milk.....	9 00
Baynes' Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music.....	170 00
John A. Boswald, leader, music.....	300 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	135 00
Leiboldt's Twelfth Regiment Band, music.....	120 00
Anchor Post Company, posts.....	450 00
American Ball-nozzle Company, nozzles.....	39 00
Ausable Horse-nail Company, nails.....	6 75
James S. Barron & Co., brooms.....	36 00
P. Berlinghoffs, music.....	280 00

Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	\$325 00
Luciano Conterno & Sons, music.....	280 00
Consolidated Gas Company, gas.....	2 50
" gas.....	205 50
Colwell Lead Company, reducers.....	48 50
Chadburn & Coldwell Manufacturing Company, repairing lawn mowers.....	283 97
Thomas C. Dunham, tennis white.....	79 60
Felix I. Eben, music.....	680 00
Theo. P. Huffman & Co., ground oats, etc.....	109 72
J. Henry Haggerty, files, etc.....	47 01
Keuffel & Esser Company, paper.....	1 70
Leiboldt's Twelfth Regiment Band, music.....	120 00
The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephonic services.....	666 66
James McLaughlin, sand.....	75 00
McKesson & Robbins, oil-tar, etc.....	7 75
Manhattan Cement Company, cement.....	98 50
Cornelius S. Mitchell, welding compound.....	1 40
W. & J. Sloane, window shades.....	10 00
W. B. Rogers, music.....	1,120 00
Yellow Pine Company, white pine.....	122 52
T. Hugh Boorman, payment acceptance.....	1,881 33
J. C. Rogers, Estimate No. 14.....	20,603 20
Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, Estimate No. 1.....	8,710 10
Brown & Fleming, payment acceptance.....	7,878 80
Payne's Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music.....	340 00
John A. Boswald, leader, music.....	150 00
Luciano Conterno & Sons, music.....	140 00
Charles W. Collins, Estimate No. 2.....	3,500 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	235 00
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, sundry bills,.....	767 87
William H. Knight, index.....	75 00
Leiboldt's Twelfth Regiment Band, music.....	120 00
Lederhaus' Squadron "A" Band, music.....	420 00
F. H. D. Mason, petty disbursements.....	378 33
The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephonic services.....	333 33
The New York Mutual Gas-light Company, gas.....	45 38
J. G. Rampone, bandmaster, Old Guard Band, music.....	280 00

On motion, at 11.40 A. M., the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1895—ADJOURNED MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Haven, Roosevelt and Juilliard.

The minutes of the meeting of August 21, 1895, were read and, upon motion, the resolution adopted at said meeting, confirming the action taken by Commissioners Haven and Roosevelt on July 31, in certain matters therein enumerated, was amended by adding after the word "confirmed" the words "and made the action of the Board." The minutes as amended were thereupon adopted.

The Board then proceeded to consider the proposals received on the 21st instant for the enlargement of the American Museum of Natural History Building (west wing), together with protests received from Thomas Dwyer, Edward Franke and James B. Smith, and communications from James M. Constable, Vice-President of the Museum, and Cady, Berg & See, Architects.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That this Board, deeming it to the interest of the City so to do, hereby reject all the bids or proposals received on the 21st instant, for erecting a new west wing for the enlargement of the American Museum of Natural History.

Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing this work with one of the two kinds of granite as submitted by the Architects, separate bids to be submitted by each bidder, based upon the samples of granite now in this office.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the following contracts, proposals for which were received on the 21st instant, be awarded as follows :

1. Regulating, etc., Cathedral parkway, from Seventh avenue to Columbus avenue, to F. V. Smith, for \$59,180.

2. Regulating, etc., Cathedral parkway, from Columbus avenue to Riverside avenue, to The Warren-Scharff Asphalt Paving Company, for \$75,221.50.

3. Regulating, paving, etc., the approach to the New Macomb's Dam Bridge, to F. V. Smith, for \$7,567.20.

4. Paving with asphalt the walks in Central Park, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, and from One Hundred and Fourth to One Hundred and Tenth street, to the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, for \$1,710.

5. Paving with asphalt the walks of Central Park, between Fifth avenue and East Drive, and from Ninety-seventh to One Hundred and Second street, to the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, for \$2,375.

6. Paving with asphalt the walks in Morningside Park, to the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, for \$1,140.

7. Paving with rock asphalt the walks of Riverside avenue, from One Hundred and Fourteenth to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, to T. Hugh Boorman, for \$2,839.

8. Paving with asphalt the walks of Central Park, to the Barber Asphalt Paving Company, for \$7,890.

—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 directed to sign the contracts for and on behalf of this Department.

No bids having been received for the removal of the old stone pivot pier of the former Macomb's Dam Bridge on the Harlem river at One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, it was ordered that another advertisement inviting proposals be inserted in the CITY RECORD.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Board, deeming it to the interest of the City so to do, hereby rejects all the bids or proposals received on the 21st instant for repairing stone piers, etc., at Pelham Bay Bridge at East Chester Bay, and direct that an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD, again inviting proposals for doing the work.

The following communications were received :

From Austin Corbin, offering to sell to the Department two buffaloes now on exhibition at the Central Park Menagerie, for the sum of \$700.

On motion, the purchase of the two buffaloes, the property of Austin Corbin, now on exhibition in the Central Park Menagerie, was authorized for the price named, viz., \$700.

From Howard & Cauldwell, Architects, submitting plans and specifications for six lavatories on Riverside Drive, together with an estimate of the cost of constructing same. Referred to the President.

From the Metropolitan Improvement Company, requesting the consent of the Department to the erection of projections on proposed buildings at Riverside Drive and Eighty-first street. Referred to the President with power.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a report of accidents and injuries in the parks for the week ending August 25. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting on a complaint of the Department of Street Cleaning as to the dumping of refuse on the territory embraced within Mulberry Bend Park by parties residing in the neighborhood. The Superintendent of Parks was directed to place two watchmen on said park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting as to the condition of the small park at the junction of Columbus avenue, the Boulevard and Sixty-third street. Referred to the President with power.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, This Department entered into a contract with James A. Gearty, under date of May 18, 1895, for regulating, paving, etc., the roadway of Transverse Road No. 4 ; and

Whereas, It appears that the work under said contract is being delayed, and is not being done according to the terms of said contract ; therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks are of opinion, and do certify in writing, that said work is unnecessarily and unreasonably delayed, and that said contractor is willfully violating the conditions of said contract, and that the work is not being done or progressing according to the terms of the contract.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to notify the contractor, pursuant to the provisions of the contract, to discontinue all work thereunder, and that the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks will complete the work, as therein provided.

The following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, This Department entered into a contract with Charles W. Collins, under date of October 20, 1894, for constructing a driveway, etc., in Central Park for an entrance at One Hundred and Tenth street and Eighth avenue ; and

Whereas, It appears that the work under said contract is being delayed, and is not being done according to the terms of said contract ; therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Public Parks are of opinion and do certify in writing that said work is unnecessarily and unreasonably delayed, and that said contractor is willfully violating the conditions of said contract, and that the said work is not being done or progressing according to the terms of his contract.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to notify said contractor, pursuant to the provisions of said contract, to discontinue all work thereunder, and that the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks will complete the work, as therein provided.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the contractor for the improvement of Corlears Hook Park be notified that the Board of Parks expect that the work of the improvement of said park shall be fully completed on or before the time called for in the contract, viz., October 1, 1895.

On motion, it was Resolved, That all communications and matters concerning the rental of buildings in the New Parks be referred to Mr. George R. Read for adjustment.

From Daniel F. Sullivan, requesting permission to enlarge the check-room in the north end of skate-house in Van Cortlandt Park, also to lay water-pipe from Grand avenue to the skate-house

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks with power.

M. J. Hirsch, representing the Prospect Hill Taxpayers' Association, appeared before the Board and requested that additional benches be placed along the East Drive, and suggested that a foot-path be constructed on the east side of the Reservoir Drive, from Ninetieth to Ninety-sixth street, and as far below Ninetieth street as practicable. He was requested to send a communication embodying his request to the President, and informed that the same would receive a prompt reply.

The following-named bills having been examined and audited were placed before the Board, passed upon separately and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Abeel Brothers, iron.....	\$10 32
A. F. Brombacher & Co., nails, etc.....	42 50
Blackfords, fish.....	10 62
James S. Barron & Co., brooms, etc.....	51 21
Colwell Lead Company, lead pipe, etc.....	197 07
Thomas C. Dunham, white lead, etc.....	256 35
Joseph Edward & Co., hydraulic device.....	798 00
Ebling, Brandes & Behning, coal.....	234 00
J. Henry Haggerty, oil.....	10 56
T. N. Motley & Co., grindstone, etc.....	4 80
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, hopper, etc.....	20 20
“ manhole frame, etc.....	4 90
McKesson & Robbins, sponges, etc.....	56 23
William J. Peck, lime..	1 00
“ brick.....	65 00
W. & J. Sloane, shades, etc.....	45 09
T. G. Sellew, mirrors.....	8 00
T. & W. Thorn & Co., oats, etc.....	20 72
J. M. Thorburn & Co., canary seed, etc.....	4 00
J. S. Woodhouse, scythestones, etc.....	15 50
John A. Boswald, leader, music.....	300 00
P. Berlinghoff's Band, music.....	140 00
Luciano Conterno & Sons, music.....	140 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	235 00
J. G. Rampone, bandmaster, etc., music.....	140 00
W. B. Rogers.....	1,345 00

On motion, at 10.15, the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, 4th proximo, at 9.45 A. M.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1895—REGULAR MEETING, 9.45 A. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Haven and Roosevelt.

James Fitzgerald, John T. Smith and Michael Moss, a delegation of Park Policemen, appeared before the Board and asked that favorable action be taken upon their petition for an increase of pay, and were heard relative thereto.

The minutes of the meeting of August 29, 1895, were read and approved.

Commissioner Juilliard arrived at this point.

The following communications were received :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department that in his opinion the proposal of Luke A. Burke for the enlargement of the American Museum of Natural History is informal. Filed.

From E. T. Palmenberg and Carl Ordemann, commending Roundsman James McGlynn for meritorious service in stopping a runaway team of horses in Central Park on Friday, August 30, 1895. Ordered entered on the record and communicated to the force.

From Henry Koster, claiming that he was discharged from the Park Police force in 1875 without trial or cause, and requesting that he be restored to the position of Captain, formerly held by him. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, relative to the requirements of the United States authorities in the matter of the construction of a proposed bridge over Spuyten Duyvil creek, at Broadway. The recommendations of the Engineer were approved.

From Commissioners Haven and Roosevelt, submitting a report of police trials held on the 29th ultimo, together with their findings upon the same, which were considered and approved as follows :

James F. McIntyre, charged with not properly patrolling, found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

Henry Gartelman, charged with being late for roll-call, was cautioned.

Patrick Meehan, charged with being absent from duty without leave, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Martin J. Crofton, charged with being late for roll-call and neglect of duty, found guilty as charged and fined three days' pay.

Martin J. Crofton, charged with conduct unbecoming an officer, found guilty as charged and fined ten days' pay.

James J. Daly, charged with being absent without leave, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Michael J. Gallagher, charged with neglect of duty, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

James Bennett, charged with being late for roll-call, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Thomas H. Nicholson, charged with being absent without leave, found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

George H. Donohue, charged with not properly patrolling, charge dismissed.

William S. Ryerson, charged with being late for roll-call, found guilty as charged and fined five days' pay.

On motion, it was Resolved, That John Galen Howard, Architect, be requested to prepare plans and specifications for the viaduct carrying Riverside Drive over Ninety-sixth street, agreeably to a sketch prepared by him, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the President be authorized to employ such expert service as he may deem necessary for the purpose of making borings, together with an examination and report, in connection with the foundations of the proposed viaduct at Riverside avenue and Ninety-sixth street, and a report upon the plans for said viaduct, and the best and most economical method of construction.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the plans and specifications for a Telford pavement on Mosholu avenue, from Broadway to Jerome avenue, Van Cortlandt Park, in two sections, be and the same hereby are approved and ordered printed, and when so 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, it was Resolved, That the executors of the estate of Robert Ray Hamilton be requested to submit to this Board a design of the ornamental fountain to be erected under the pro-

visions of the will of the late Robert Ray Hamilton, not to exceed forty feet in diameter and to be located in Mulberry Bend Park.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a weekly report of accidents and injuries in the parks. Filed.

Charles H. Graham, formerly Assistant Engineer in Charge of the Harlem River Driveway, appeared before the Board and presented a statement in writing in answer to the reports of the Consulting Engineer and the contractor's engineer on the subject of the work done on said driveway, which statement was received and ordered placed on file.

On motion, it was ordered that the various reports on the Harlem River Driveway be printed as a document of the Board.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the necessary repairs to the pavement opposite the Hotel Netherlands be referred to the President, with power to put the pavement in order, either with block stone or asphalt, as he may deem most desirable.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the President be authorized to modify the orders of the Board canceling the contracts of James A. Gearty and Charles W. Collins, if he deems it for the best interest of the City so to do.

On motion, it was ordered that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, September 18, at 9.30 A. M.

The following-named bills, having been examined and audited, were placed before the Board, passed upon separately, and ordered transmitted to the Finance Committee for payment :

R. G. Barter, fish.....	\$15 50
A. W. Brainard, gauges, etc.....	160 00
James S. Barron & Co., bristles, etc.....	109 50
Coldwell Lawn Mower Company, repairs lawn mowers.....	239 45
Colwell Lead Company, galvanized iron pipe, etc.....	5 16
Colwell Lead Company, reducers.....	15 00
Crane Co., gas-pipe.....	55 80
C. C. Ellis, bread.....	46 88
John Fink, filing saws.....	12 25
J. W. Fiske, rosettes.....	149 00
J. Henry Haggerty, oil.....	12 06
Keuffel & Esser Company, paper.....	33 34
McKesson & Robbins, carbolic acid, etc.....	26 32
John V. McMahan, cutting glass from tanks.....	315 00
William J. Peck, brick.....	32 50
William B. Perry & Son, apples, etc.....	45 00
Page, Dennis & Co., nozzles, etc.....	3 00
Louis Ruhe, bird food.....	18 00

Sol Sayles, beef.....	\$307 80
S. L. Storer & Co., herring.....	14 00
W. & J. Sloane, shades, etc.....	21 37
Tefft, Weller & Co., ticking, etc.....	14 64
Seth Thomas Clock Company, clock.....	15 00
J. M. Thorburn & Co., canary seed, etc.....	4 00
James J. & F. P. Treanor, bridge stone, etc.....	900 00
United States Net & Frame Company, dip nets, etc.....	10 50
Warwick Valley Milk Association & Company, milk.....	9 25
Wire Fence Supply Company, wire.....	19 73
Weeber & Don, grass seed.....	77 00
Bayne's Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music.....	170 00
P. Berlinghoff, Band, etc., music.....	140 00
John A. Boswald, Leader, music.....	150 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, etc., music.....	100 00
Lederhaus Squadron A Band, music.....	280 00
Leibold's Twelfth Regiment Band, music.....	120 00
Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, Estimate No. 2.....	<u>11,047 40</u>

On motion at 10.30 A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1895—ADJOURNED MEETING, 10 A. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Haven, Juilliard.

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

For Regulating and Paving with Asphalt Pavement, on Present Macadam Pavement the Carriageway of Fifth Avenue, from Ninetieth Street to the Plaza, One Hundred and Tenth Street.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	THE SICILIAN ASPHALT PAVING CO.		THE WARREN-SCHARF ASPHALT PAVING CO.		THE BARBER ASPHALT PAVING CO.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Pavement of asphalt...	23,450 sq. yds.	\$2 74	\$54,253 00	\$2 07	\$48,541 50	\$2 59	\$60,735 50
New blue-stone curb..	200 lin. ft.	50	100 00	50	100 00	49	98 00
Total.....	.....	.....	\$64,353 00	.....	\$48,641 50	.....	\$60,833 50

For Regulating and Paving with Telford Pavement the Roadway of Mosholu Avenue, between Broadway and the Main Line of the Putnam Division of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad in Van Cortlandt Park :

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	JAMES FLANAGAN.		PENNELL & O'HERN.		GREGORY COX.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Telford pavement.....	7,240 sq. yds.	\$1 46	\$10 570 40	\$1 12	\$8,108 80	\$0 91	\$6,588 40
Dry rubble masonry.....	10 cu. "	1 00	10 00	2 00	20 00	3 00	30 00
Vetrified stone-ware pipe.....	1,000 pounds.	05	50 00	04	40 00	03	30 00
Rubble or cobble stone in gutters.	200 sq. yds.	30	60 00	40	80 00	1 00	200 00
Totals.....	.....	.....	\$10,690 40	.....	\$8,248 80	.....	\$6,848 40

For Regulating and Paving with Telford Pavement the Roadway of Mosholu Avenue, between the Main Line of the Putnam Division of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad and Jerome Avenue, in Van Cortlandt Park.

ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	JAMES FLANAGAN.		GEORGE F. DOAK.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Telford Pavement.....	9,300 square yards.	\$1 46	\$13,578 00	\$1 40	\$13,020 00
Dry rubble masonry in culverts.....	10 cubic yards.	1 00	10 00	2 00	20 00
Vitrified stoneware pipe.....	3,000 pounds.	05	150 00	05	150 00
Rubble or cobble-stone in gutters.....	300 square yards.	30	90 00	60	180 00
Totals .....	.....	...	\$13,828 00	.....	\$13,370 00

ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	PENNEL & O'HERN.		GREGORY COX.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Telford Pavement.....	9,300 square yards.	\$1 20	\$11,160 00	\$0 91	\$8,463 00
Dry rubble masonry in culverts.....	10 cubic yards.	2 00	20 00	3 00	30 00
Vitrified stoneware pipe.....	3,000 pounds.	04	120 00	03	90 00
Rubble or cobble-stone in gutters.....	300 square yards.	40	120 00	1 00	300 00
Totals .....	.....	....	\$11,420 00	....	\$8,883 00

For Fitting up the North End of the Basement of the Arsenal Building, Central Park.

	AMOUNT AS PER SPECIFICATION.	AMOUNT IF IRON IS GALVANIZED.
Patrick O'Rielly.....	\$3,773 00	\$4,135 00
Ralph Henry.....	2,990 00	3,165 00
Joseph Moore.....	3,000 00	3,095 00

For Performing the Work of Removal of the Old Stone Pivot Pier, with Foundations of the Former Macomb's Dam Bridge, on the Harlem River, at One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street.

Bidders.	Amount.
James Flanagan.....	\$3,800 00
P. Sanford Ross.....	5,634 00
Joseph Moore.....	6,000 00
Morris & Cummings Dredging Company.....	4,300 00

It was announced that all the bids received this day would be sent to the Engineer for compilation and the awards made as soon as the report of the Engineer can be obtained.

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution consenting to the substitution of asphalt for granite pavement on Fifth avenue. Filed.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$100,000, for the improvement of Mulberry Bend Park. Filed.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$65,700, for macadamizing the roads in Pelham Bay Park. Filed.

From the Civil Service Examining Board, relative to applications for promotion from the grade of Roundsman to Sergeant in the police force. Filed.

From James A. Bailey, offering to place animals on exhibition in the Central Park Menagerie during the winter. Accepted, the selections to be made by the Director of the Menagerie.

From William P. Ahnelt, commending Officer John Murphy for stopping a runaway on Riverside Park. Filed and ordered communicated to the police force.

From Park Policeman Henry J. Dwyer, requesting permission to accept medals and reward for saving a person from drowning. Granted.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that 300 additional lamps be placed in Central Park. Approved and requisition ordered made on the Gas Commission.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending payment of a bill of Carter & Collins, for work done on Madison Avenue Bridge, amounting to \$16.21.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the bill of Carter & Collins, amounting to sixteen dollars and twenty-one cents, for work done on Madison Avenue Bridge, be and the same is hereby audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending payment of a bill of Philip Markey for coal, delivered at the Arsenal and at the Sheepfold, the same amounting to \$24.50.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the bill of Philip Markey, amounting to twenty-four dollars fifty cents, for coal, delivered at the Arsenal and at the Sheepfold, be and the same is hereby audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

The President reported having given a hearing on the 16th instant to John Farrell and Charles John, veterans, upon charges made against them, and recommended that John Farrell be reinstated and that Charles John be dismissed. Approved.

On motion, it was Resolved, That Mr. George R. Read be permitted to receive five per cent. on all rental collections made by him in the New Parks, and actual expenses, as compensation.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is respectfully requested to provide by transfer from unexpended balances the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of paving and repaving asphalt walks in the City Parks south of Fifty-ninth street.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting plans, specifications and form of contract for laying water-pipe and erecting iron fountains on the parade ground in Van Cortlandt Park.

On motion, the same were approved, and the contract ordered printed and advertised when approved by the Counsel to the Corporation.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting that Messrs. Camp & Godwin, property owners on the northerly and southerly sides of Spuyten Duyvil Creek at Broadway, decline to grant permission for the construction of a temporary bridge over Spuyten Duyvil Creek at that point. Referred to Counsel to the Corporation for opinion.

From the Captain of Police, reporting favorably on the probationary service of James J. Kelly as Park Policeman, and from the Police Surgeon, reporting that the said Kelly is in good physical condition.

On motion, James J. Kelly was regularly appointed a Park Policeman.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a weekly report of accidents and injuries in the parks. Filed.

Mr. Pine, of the Columbia Boat Club, asked that arrangements be made to enable them to obtain a water supply for their club house. Referred to the President.

On motion, it was ordered that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet Monday, September 30, at 3 o'clock P. M.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the contracts for which bids have been this day received be awarded as follows :

For paving Fifth avenue, from Ninetieth to One Hundred and Tenth streets, to Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company.

For paving Mosholu avenue, between Broadway and the railroad, to Gregory Cox.

For paving Mosholu avenue, from the railroad to Jerome avenue, to Gregory Cox.

For fitting up the basement of the Arsenal Building, to Joseph Moore.

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

The matter of the Departmental Estimate for the year 1896 was taken up and considered, and the items as agreed upon were read as follows :

DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATE FOR 1896.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

Salaries—To pay entirely the salaries of the President, Secretary, and Clerical Force in the Office of the Commissioners ; the General Inspector and Clerks in his Office ; the Superintendent of Parks and Clerks in his Office ; the Engineer of Construction ; the Meteorologist ; the Entomologist, and Director of the Menagerie :

President.....	\$5,000 00
Secretary, Superintendent, Engineer, Clerks, etc.....	30,355 00

\$35,355 00

Police :

Salaries of Captains, Surgeons, Sergeants, Roundsmen, Patrolmen, Doormen, Special Keepers, and wages of all persons employed in the Police Stables.....	\$347,400 00
For Supplies and Repairs.....	15,000 00

362,400 00

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, Construction and Repairs—For General Maintenance

400,000 00

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

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

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

\$190,000 00

Maintenance and Construction of New Parks North of Harlem River, including Sur-
veying and Monumenting 75,000 00

Music—Central Park and the City Parks 27,500 00

Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance :

For General Maintenance and Repairs 40,000 00

Telephonic Service—For Maintaining Telephonic Service for the Department 4,000 00

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 and Exhibition of the Collection in the
Aquarium at Castle Garden 30,000 00

Total \$1,195,755 00

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.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the application of so much of the amount appropriated under chapter 11, Laws of 1894, for repaving Fifth avenue, from Ninetieth street to One Hundred and Tenth street plaza as may not be required for that purpose to other work of laying asphalt pavement required to be done in and about the Central Park and in the City Parks below Fifty-ninth street.

The following named bills having been examined and audited were placed before the Board, passed upon separately and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

De Witt C. Bouker, Jr., Estimate No. 3.	\$6,590 99
Andrew McMillan, Estimate No. 1.	4,462 00
Duncan D. McBean, "	8,293 88
" "	5,902 40
J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 15.	35,733 60
James D. Leary, Estimate No. 18.	6,947 68
James D. Leary, Estimate No. 19.	19,661 36

James B. Smith, payment acceptance	\$11,199 75
Blackfords, clams, etc.	36 85
T. Hugh Boorman, asphalt on walks	669 20
Jas. W. Boyle, clams, etc.	60 00
Consolidated Gas Company, gas	212 50
Dr. R. Dunphy, professional services, etc	175 25
J. W. Fiske, road roller	248 00
Hiram Hitchcock, treasurer, sundry bills	488 25
Hiram Hitchcock, treasurer, salaries and wages	6,543 39
Chas. Lanier, treasurer, salaries and wages	4,852 32
The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephone service	333 33
The N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Company, gas	39 38
Patterson Bros., spikes, etc.	19 05
W. & J. Sloane, shades	19 00

On motion, at 10.45 A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1895—ADJOURNED MEETING, 3 P. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Haven, Roosevelt and Juilliard.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of resolution approving plans for roof of the Aquarium. Filed.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of resolution authorizing asphalt work on Fifth avenue, from Fifty-ninth to Sixtieth street. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that the matter of responsibility for defective work on the Driveway appears to be a question of fact and not of law. Filed.

From the Civil Service Examining Boards, transmitting a copy of a resolution in regard to appointments from Civil Service lists. Filed.

From the Department of Docks, commending the Park Police force for efficient service at the Battery. Filed.

From Cady, Berg & See, architects, recommending the award of the contract for the enlargement of the Museum of Natural History Building to T. Cockerill & Son. Filed.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the contract for the enlargement of the American Museum of Natural History be awarded to T. Cockerill & Son, on the basis of the use of New Brunswick granite, as recommended by Cady, Berg & See, architects, for the sum of three hundred and forty-four thousand nine hundred dollars, and that upon approval of the sureties by the Comptroller the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of chapter 235, Laws of 1895, the compensation of Cady, Berg & See, architects, for the enlargement of the American Museum of Natural History, be and is hereby fixed at the rate of five per cent. upon the amount of expenditures.

From James D. Leary, contractor, relative to causes of delay on work under his contract for the first section of the Driveway. Referred to the President.

From J. H. Gratacap, forwarding a petition for lighting Crotona Park. Referred to Superintendent of Parks for report.

From George R. Read, resigning agency of the buildings in New Parks, to take effect from October 30. Accepted.

From Herman Cook, Stenographer, tendering his resignation. Accepted.

From the Steam Engineers in the Department's employ, applying for the standard rate of wages. Referred to Commissioners King and Haven.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a weekly report of accidents and injuries. Filed.

Commissioners Haven and Roosevelt submitted a report of police trials held September 18 and 30, together with their findings upon the same, which were considered and approved as follows:

George Hall, charged with neglect of duty and violation of rules, found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

Patrick Quinn, charged with being absent without leave and neglect of duty. Charge dismissed.

Michael J. Burke, charged with being late at roll-call. Charge dismissed.

John L. Brill, charged with being late for roll-call, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Owen Delaney, charged with being off post and violation of rules, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

James A. Doyle, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

James J. Cogan, charged with neglect of duty, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Charles A. Bertram, charged not properly patrolling, found guilty as charged and fined three days' pay.

Michael J. Gallagher, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Thomas Armstrong, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the proposals received on the 18th instant for performing the work of removal of the old stone pivot pier of the former Macomb's Dam Bridge be transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment with the request that funds be provided to enable this Department to award the contract to the lowest bidder by transferring the following sums from appropriations for the current year, they being in excess of the amounts required therefor, viz. :

Salaries, \$2,900 ; Telephone Service, \$900 ; in all, \$3,800.

—to the appropriation for Harlem River Bridges for the current year, with authority to expend the amount for this purpose.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the following officers be allowed to occupy the houses, or portions of houses, now used by them, free of all rent until further orders of this Board and that no back rent be exacted from them :

Bronx Park, Charles Stevens ; St. Mary's Park, John Mernagh ; Pelham Park, Charles Hodgms, Samuel Smith, Michael Moss, Joseph Donovan ; Van Cortlandt Park, Sergeant John W. England ; Claremont Park, John D. O'Brien.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. George R. Read.

From the Hudson Boat Club, applying for permission to locate and build a boat-house at foot of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, North River. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That Edward S. Stokes be notified that it is the intention of this Department to take possession of the building known as Claremont, on Riverside Drive, on October 1, and that he be required to vacate said premises on that date.

Resolved, That an advertisement be prepared for the Claremont license, said advertisement to cover all necessary repairs to put the premises in good sanitary condition.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the bill of Isaac H. Dahlman for one horse, amounting to two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$225), be and is hereby approved and audited, and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable to the appropriation for Police Supplies for the current year.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to transfer the following named sums from appropriations for the current year, which are in excess of the amounts required, viz. :

Salaries, \$500 ; Music, \$27 ; Surveys, maps and plans, \$673 ; in all \$1,200.

—to the appropriation for Police Supplies for the current year, which is insufficient.

From Howard & Cauldwell, Architects, relative to the preparation of plans for certain works. The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the action of the President in employing Howard & Cauldwell, Architects, to prepare plans, specifications and detailed drawings for the following named works, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed :

Cottage at Battery Park ; Overlook at Corlears Hook Park ; Viaduct at Ninety-sixth street and Riverside ; Shelter and Stable at Van Cortlandt Park ; Lavatories at Riverside at Seventy-second, Eighty-eighth, Ninety-sixth, One Hundred and Twenty-first and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets ; Cottage at Mulberry Bend Park.

From Howard & Cauldwell, Architects, submitting plans and specifications for a Viaduct over Riverside Drive at Ninety-sixth street. Approved.

From Howard & Cauldwell, Architects, submitting plans and specifications for a shelter and stable for the Parade Ground at Van Cortlandt Park. Approved with directions to prepare form of contract, print and advertise.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the sale at auction of four hundred barrels (more or less) of bitumen ; six hundred and thirty-three pieces of granite and one hundred and forty thousand (more or less) of paving stones, be and hereby is ordered.

From the Superintendent of the Aquarium, submitting a time statement on the contract of J. W. Fiske for iron railing on tanks at the Aquarium. Filed.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to advise, as to the question of law, which party to the contract is responsible for the failure of the crib bulkhead on the contract of James D. Leary for the Harlem River Driveway, and whether or not the said contractor can be legally held to remedy the defects under the terms of the agreement.

The following named bills having been examined and audited, were placed before the Board, passed upon separately and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Bayne's Sixty-ninth Regiment Band, music.....	\$170 00
" " "	680 00
Berlinghoff's Band, music.....	280 00
John A. Boswald, Leader, music.....	150 00
J. C. Cady & Co., professional serviees, erection East Wing, Museum of Natural History.....	279 99
J. C. Cady & Co., professional services, erection East Wing, Museum of Natural History.....	15 75
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band music.....	405 00
" " "	235 00
Felix I. Eben, music.....	850 00

Leiboldt's Twelfth Regiment Band, music.....	\$240 00
J. G. Rampone.....	420 00
Austin Corbin, American bisons.....	700 00
Anchor Post Company, anchor posts.....	353 00
John Bailey, washstands, etc.....	123 00
Crowley's Eighth Regiment Band, music.....	130 00
Colgate & Co., soap.....	6 80
Consolidated Gas Company, gas.....	2 85
Edward Callanan's Son, wheels, etc.....	120 00
Dey & Somerville, roof over tanks, Aquarium.....	3,413 34
Estey Wire Works, wire frames, etc.....	122 35
Gates, Church E. & Co., spruce plank.....	20 28
James D. Leary, rip-rap.....	243 00
McKesson & Robbins, muriatic acid.....	1 68
Manhattan Cement Company, cement.....	15 76
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, iron frames, etc.....	5 40
New York Belting & Packing Company, Limited, packing, etc.....	19 01
Neuchatel Asphalt Company, Limited, asphalt, etc.....	121 61
National Meter Company, National Pump, etc.....	250 00
Otis & Gorsline, vitrified pipe.....	73 30
W. B. Perry & Son, apples, etc.....	24 00
The Passaic Rolling Mill Company, examination Madison avenue bridge.....	200 00
W. B. Rogers, music.....	1,115 00
The Rapid Safety Filter Company, rent of filters.....	48 00
Sol Sayles, beef.....	307 80
W. & J. Sloane, shades, etc.....	17 74
Wire Fence Supply Company, wire.....	37 15
Warwick Valley Milk Association and Company, milk.....	9 30
F. H. D. Mason, petty disbursements.....	210 96
J. C. Cady & Co., professional services, completion of Addition American Museum of Natural History.....	914 09
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries and wages, American Museum of Natural His- tory.....	4,775 82
James B. Smith, Completion of Addition Museum of Natural History.....	36,563 55
Cady, Berg & See, Commission on Contract Addition of West Wing, American Mu- seum of Natural History.....	8,622 50

On motion, at 3.30 P. M. the Board adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

CHARLES De F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1895—REGULAR MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Haven, Roosevelt, Juilliard.

The meeting being open to the public and the representative of the Comptroller being present, the Board proceeded to open bids received for the following-named works :

For Regulating and Paving with Telford Pavement the Roadway of the City Island Road, between Bartow Station of the Harlem River Branch of The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and the Westerly End of the Approach to the City Island Bridge, over Pelham Bay, in Pelham Bay Park.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	THOMAS P. MCQUADE.		DEWITT C. BOUKER, JR.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Telford pavement.....	13,600 square yards.	\$0 99	\$13,464 00	\$0 98½	\$13,396 00
Dry rubble masonry in culvert.....	20 cubic yards.	2 50	50 00	2 50	50 00
Vitrified stoneware pipe.....	6,000 pounds.	2	120 00	1	60 00
Rubble or cobble-stone pavement.....	200 square yards.	50	100 00	30	60 00
Total .....	.....	.....	\$13,734 00	.....	\$13,566 00

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	BERNARD MAHON.		CHARLES W. COLLINS.		PENNELL & O'HERN.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Telford pavement.....	13,600 square yards.	\$1 20	\$16,320 00	\$0 97	\$13,192 00	\$1 15	\$15,640 00
Dry rubble masonry in culvert.....	20 cubic yards.	2 00	40 00	2 00	40 00	2 50	50 00
Vitrified stoneware pipe.....	6,000 pounds.	5	300 00	1	60 00	3	180 00
Rubble or cobble-stone pavement.....	200 square yards.	65	130 00	1 50	300 00	50	100 00
Total.....	.....	.....	\$16,790 00	.....	\$13,592 00	.....	\$15,970 00

For Regulating and Paving with Telford Pavement the Roadway of the Pelham Bridge Road, from Eastchester Bay to the Northerly Line of Pelham Bay Park, in Pelham Bay Park.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	BYRON & FLANAGAN.		PENNELL & O'HERN.		DEWITT C. BOUKER, JR.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Telford pavement.....	19,100 square yards.	\$1 24	\$23,684 00	\$1 18	\$22,538 00	\$1 03	\$19,673 00
Dry-rubble masonry in culverts	30 cubic yards.	3 50	105 00	2 50	75 00	2 50	75 00
Vitrified stoneware pipe.....	10,000 pounds.	01	100 00	03	300 00	01	100 00
Rubble or cobble-stone pavement.....	300 square yards.	30	90 00	50	150 00	30	90 00
Total.....	.....	.....	\$23,979 00	.....	\$23,053 00	.....	\$19,938 00

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	CHAS. W. COLLINS.		THOS. P. MCQUADE.		BERNARD MAHON.		THE MANHATTAN SUPPLY CO.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Telford pavement.....	19,100 square yards.	\$0 97	\$18,527 00	\$1 05	\$20,055 00	\$1 15	\$21,965 00	\$0 91	\$17,381 00
Dry rubble masonry in culverts.....	30 cubic yards.	2 00	60 00	2 50	75 00	2 00	60 00	4 00	120 00
Vitrified stoneware pipe	10,000 pounds.	01	100 00	02	200 00	05	500 00	01½	150 00
Rubble or cobble-stone pavement.....	300 square yards.	90	270 00	50	150 00	60	180 00	1 50	45 00
Total.....	.....	.....	\$18,957 00	.....	\$20,480 00	.....	\$22,705 00	.....	\$17,696 00

For Regulating and Paving with Telford Pavement the Roadway of the Eastern Boulevard, from Southerly line of Pelham Bay Park to Eastchester Bay and the Branch Road, from the Boulevard to the Baychester Station of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, in Pelham Bay Park.

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	THOS. P. MCQUADE.		GEO. F. DOAK.		THE MANHATTAN SUPPLY COMPANY.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Telford pavement.....	26,550 square yards.	\$0 99	\$26,284 50	\$1 47	\$39,028 50	\$0 91	\$24,160 50
Dry rubble masonry in culverts.....	50 cubic yards.	2 50	125 00	2 00	100 00	4 00	200 00
Vitrified stoneware pipe.....	5,000 pounds.	02	100 00	05	250 00	1½	75 00
Total.....	.....	.....	\$26,509 50	.....	\$39,378 50	.....	\$24,435 50

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	BERNARD MAHON.		PENNELL & O'HERN.		DE WITT C. BOUKER, JR.		CHAS. W. COLLINS.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Telford pavement.....	26,550 square yards.	\$1 12	\$29,736 00	\$1 09	\$28,939 50	\$0 84½	\$22,434 75	\$0 93	\$24,691 50
Dry rubble masonry in culverts.....	50 cubic yards.	2 00	100 00	2 50	125 00	2 50	125 00	2 00	100 00
Vitrified stoneware pipe.....	5,000 pounds.	05	250 00	03	150 00	01	50 00	01	50 00
Total.....	.....	.....	\$30,086 00	.....	\$29,214 50	.....	\$22,609 75	.....	\$24,841 50

For Regulating and Paving with Asphalt, on the Present Pavement, the Carriageway of Fifth Avenue, from Fifty-ninth Street to a Point North of Sixtieth Street.

BIDDERS.	QUANTITIES.		AMOUNT.
	1,850 Square Yards Asphalt Pavement.	60 Lineal Feet New Blue Stone Curb 5 Inches Thick, Furnished and Set.	
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Co.....	\$2.75	\$0 60	\$5,123 50
The Barber Asphalt Paving Co.....	2.69	49	5,005 90

Paving with Asphalt the Walk on the Easterly Side of Central Park, West, where Required, Between Fifty-ninth and One Hundredth Streets.

BIDDERS.	84,000 SQUARE FEET ASPHALT LAID ON BASE PREPARED BY DEPARTMENT.	AMOUNT.
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Co.....	\$0 09½	\$7,980 00
The Barber Asphalt Paving Co.....	10¾	9,030 00

Repairing and Repaving with Rock Asphalt the Walks in and Around the City Parks Other than Central Park.

BIDDERS.	QUANTITIES.		AMOUNT.
	13,250 Square Feet of Pavement of Rock Asphalt With Concrete Base.	12,000 Square Feet of Pavement of Rock Asphalt Without Concrete Base.	
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Co.....	\$0 20	\$0 10½	\$3,910 00
T. Hugh Boorman.....	14¾	10¾	3,244 37

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution making applicable to other asphalt work the balance of the appropriation for paving Fifth avenue, from Ninetieth to One Hundred and Tenth street, not required for that work. Filed.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing a transfer of \$1,200 to the appropriation for Police supplies. Filed.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing a transfer of \$3,800 to the appropriation for Harlem River Bridges for the removal of the pivot pier of the old Macomb's Dam Bridge. Filed.

From the Health Department, forwarding a report of Chemist E. W. Martin in regard to the condition of Harlem Meer. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks and Engineer of Construction for report.

From the Supervisor of the City Record, stating the designation of newspapers authorized to publish brief advertisements of contract work. Filed.

From the Secretary Metropolitan Museum of Art, giving notice of the semi-annual closing of the Museum for cleaning and rearrangement of collections. Approved.

From Cady, Berg & See, Architects, inclosing estimates for work and materials required at the American Museum of Natural History and recommending the issue of orders therefor as follows :

William P. Chesley, building one pair doors and transoms.....	\$200 00
William P. Chesley, walnut counters, slate work, grille work, etc.....	384 50
A. Kimbel & Sons, desk case for Mineral Hall.....	704 00
John Beattie, painting north entrance.....	65 85
B. & W. B. Smith, case for agatized wood collection.....	<u>225 00</u>

On motion, the issue of orders was authorized as recommended.

From the Superintendent of Parks, approving the petition for lighting Crotona Park. Approved and referred to the Gas Commission.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract of the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, for paving walks of Central Park. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract of James J. Jones for the removal of rock at One Hundred and Fifty-third street and Seventh avenue. Approved.

From the Captain of Police, submitting weekly reports of accidents and injuries in the parks. Filed.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to survey and monument the exterior boundaries of the parks north of the Harlem river, where the same have not already been done.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have a hedge of California privet planted on the boundary lines of the parks north of the Harlem river, and that suitable entrances be erected at such point as may be designated by the Landscape Architect, and that John G. Howard, Architect, be requested to prepare and submit designs for said entrances.

Resolved, That the Board of Parks do not approve the application of the Park Police for increased pay, as they consider that the present rates of compensation are sufficient remuneration for the services rendered.

Resolved, That the application of the Steam Engineers in the employ of the Department for increase of pay be denied, as in the opinion of the Board the rate of wages now paid is as much if not more than that paid by private parties for similar service.

Resolved, That the sale at auction of the old house and stable and a quantity of flagging at One Hundred and Sixth street and Fifth avenue be ordered.

From Joseph L. Gibbons, relative to the occupation of streets around the parks by lunch wagons. Referred to Superintendent of Parks for report.

Gregory Cox, appeared and was heard in regard to the time for the completion of work on contracts for paving Mosholu avenue.

At 10.20 A. M., the Board took a recess.

Reconvened at 10.45 A. M.

The evidence taken upon charges preferred against Officer Martin J. Crofton was considered, the accused found guilty and sentence suspended.

The resignation of Officer Martin J. Crofton as a member of the police force was accepted.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the contracts for which proposals were received this day be awarded as follows :

For Telford pavement on City Island road, Pelham Bay Park, to DeWitt C. Bouker, Jr.

For Telford pavement on Eastern Boulevard, Pelham Bay Park, to DeWitt C. Bouker, Jr.

For asphalting roadway, etc., Fifth avenue, Fifty-ninth to Sixtieth street, to the Barber Asphalt Paving Co.

For asphalt walks on Eighth avenue where required, to the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Co.

For asphalt walks on City Parks, to T. Hugh Boorman.

—they being the lowest bidders ; that the proposals be transmitted to the Comptroller for action on the sureties, and that when approved, the President be authorized to sign the contracts for and on behalf of the Department.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That all the proposals received for Telford Pavement on Pelham Bridge road, Pelham Bay Park, be rejected, and that the Secretary be directed to re-advertise the work.

The following-named bills, having been examined and audited, were placed before the board, passed upon separately and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Consolidated Gas Company, gas	\$214 00
Consolidated Gas Company, gas	3 90
J. W. Fiske, railing Aquarium	733 00

A. S. Graham, lawn sprinkler.....	\$5 00
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries and wages.....	6,209 77
James J. Jones, removal rock N. One Hundred and Fifty-third street.....	3,291 07
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills, Museum of Natural History.....	751 47
“ “ “ “	384 38
“ “ “ “	562 82
James D. Leary, Estimate No. 20, constructing first section Public Driveway.....	23,353 60
Andrew McMillen, Estimate No. 2, wall, Riverside Park, Ninety-sixth street to One Hundred and Fourth street.....	4,583 75
Duncan D. McBean, Estimate No. 2, wall, Riverside Park, One Hundred and Fourth street to One Hundred and Eleventh street.....	4,947 04
Duncan D. McBean, Estimate No. 2, wall, Riverside Park, One Hundred and Eleventh street to One Hundred and Nineteenth street.....	9,528 41
The New York Mutual Gas-light Company, gas.....	37 63
J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 16, constructing second section Public Driveway.....	28,759 20
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, paving walks with asphalt.....	8,540 94
F. H. D. Mason, petty disbursements.....	285 81

On motion, at 11.10 A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DEF. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1895—REGULAR MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Haven, Roosevelt, Juilliard.

The meeting being opened to the public, and the representative of the Comptroller being present the Board proceeded to open proposals received in accordance with an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD for the following named works :

For the Erection of a Public Overlook in Corlears Hook Park.

Bidders.	Amount.
Thomas Dwyer.....	\$38,500 00
Wood & Tolmie.....	37,750 00
John F. Johnson.....	44,400 00
James R. F. Kelly & Co.....	41,290 00
James O'Toole.....	46,600 00

For Paving Walks in the City Parks South of Fiftv-ninth Street where Required.

BIDDERS.	25,000 SQUARE FEET OF ASPHALT LAID ON BASE PREPARED BY DEPART- MENT.	AMOUNT.
The Barber Asphalt Paving Company.....	\$0 10¾	\$2,687 50
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	9½	2,375 00
The Neuchatel Asphalt Paving Company (Limited).....	9¾	2,437 50

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Commissioners of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Arch, requesting the designation of a site for the proposed arch at the entrance to Central Park.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Circle between Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets, at the southeast corner of Central Park, be designated as the location of the proposed memorial shaft.

From the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, requesting consent to the extension of a sewer through Bronx Park to connect with Webster avenue, as an outlet for the Williamsbridge sewer system. Referred to the President with power to grant consent, after report by the Engineer of Construction.

From the Civil Service Examining Boards, stating that the application of Roundsman Tyson for promotion had been rejected. Filed.

From the Managers of the New York Botanical Garden, approving the action of the Board of Scientific Directors in accepting the allotment of grounds in Bronx Park under the restrictions prescribed by the Park Board. Filed.

From the Managers of the New York Botanical Garden, transmitting a copy of a resolutions respecting the construction of roads and driveways in Bronx Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks to confer and report.

From the Managers of the New York Botanical Garden, transmitting a copy of a resolution requesting that application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the appropriation authorized by law. Filed, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the Comptroller of the City to issue bonds to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars in the manner provided by section 1 of chapter 103, Laws of 1894, amending section 5 of chapter 285, Laws of 1891, for the construction and equipment of the buildings, etc., required for the purposes of the Botanical Museum, Herbarium, etc., described in the law cited, to be established on the grounds allotted in Bronx Park.

From SooySmith & Co., submitting a report of an examination of existing causeway at Pelham Bridge. Filed, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That SooySmith & Co. be employed, under the direction of the President to prepare plans and specifications for building a causeway north of Pelham Bridge, and that the President be authorized to fix the compensation for such service.

From the National Horse Show Association, requesting that the mounted park police be permitted to participate in their annual exhibition.

On motion, the action of the President, granting the permission asked for, was approved.

From Man & Man, requesting action upon the proposition of Hugh Stevenson to cede lands for the laying out of a new road at High Bridge Park. Referred to the Landscape Architect for report at the next meeting.

From W. J. O'Brien, representing the Granite Cutters' Union, complaining of an alleged violation of law by Contractor McBean on the retaining wall at Riverside. Referred to the President to confer with the contractor, and obtain advice from Counsel to the Corporation as to the powers of the Department in the matter.

From the Secretary, submitting reports of auction sales of condemned materials. Filed.

From the Superintendent of the Aquarium, submitting a time statement on the contract of Dey & Somerville for building new roof at the Aquarium. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon an application of Hudson Boat Club to build a boat-house at One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street and North river. Referred to the President for conference with the club officials.

From the Captain of Police, submitting weekly reports of accidents and injuries in the parks. Filed.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That plans and specifications be prepared for constructing a green-house in Central Park, in the vicinity of One Hundred and Third street and Fifth avenue.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the contract for removing the stone pivot pier of the Old Macomb's Dam Bridge be awarded to James Flanagan, for the sum of three thousand eight hundred dollars, he being the lowest bidder ; that his proposal be transmitted to the Comptroller for action upon the sureties, and that when so approved the President be and is authorized to execute the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the action of the President and Vice-President, in directing discharges and appointments in the Department force be and is hereby approved and confirmed as the action of the Board.

The following resolution was adopted :

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

For overlook at Corlears Hook Park, to Wood & Tolmie, for \$37,750 ; for asphalt walks in parks below Fifty-ninth street, to the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, for \$2,375, they being the lowest bidders ; that the proposals be transmitted to the Comptroller for action upon the sureties, and that, when approved, the President be authorized to sign the contracts for and on behalf of the Department.

J. H. Seymour was heard in relation to urinals and conveniences in the parks, and was requested to submit his proposition in writing.

On motion, the Vice-President was authorized to call a meeting of the Police Committee upon the receipt of an eligible list from the Civil Service Examining Boards for the position of Sergeant, action taken thereon to be reported to the Board.

A hearing was given W. F. McCabe, laborer, detailed at Battery sub-station, upon charges preferred against him by Sergeant Fitzpatrick; the accused was found guilty and his discharge ordered.

The following named bills having been examined and audited were placed before the Board, passed upon separately and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

Abeel Brothers, steel	\$21 15
Brown & Fleming, gravel.....	911 60
James S. Barron & Co., rattan shavings.....	5 85
" baskets.....	75
A. F. Brombacher & Co., butts, etc.....	19 30
DeWitt C. Bouker, Jr., improvement Corlears Hook Park.	10,272 50
Colwell Lead Company, lead pipe, etc.	17 20
R. F. Downing & Co., duties, etc.....	73 01
C. C. Ellis, bread.....	63 87
Excelsior Machine Works, sweeping machines.....	510 00
J. W. Fiske, railings, etc.....	54 25
" settees, etc.....	168 75
T. J. Fitzpatrick, horseshoeing.....	45 00
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, sundry bills.....	453 11
International Rubber Clothing and General Supplies Company, coats.....	145 60
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, sundry bills	527 59
The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephonic service	333 33
J. M. C. Martin's Sons, brushes.....	16 10
Charles B. Morris & Co., oil meal, etc.....	32 58
" forage.....	4,557 95
John V. McMahon, alterations to Pools.....	85 00
Peter Manee, flag-pole.....	245 00
Patterson Brothers, brackets, etc.....	21 05
Pennell & O'Hern, improvement and maintenance of Parks in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	2,485 00
The Rapid Safety Filter Company, rent of filter.....	18 00
F. L. Scheller, park benches.....	63 00
John Ward, horseshoeing	25 00
Whitman Saddle Company, shaverack.....	10 00
William Young, sod.....	360 00
T. Hugh Boorman, laying asphalt walks.....	2,144 70
Dey & Somerville, roof over tanks, Aquarium.....	2,739 10
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, laying asphalt walks.....	1,955 30

The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, laying asphalt walks.....	\$1,439 96
“ “ “ “	1,031 47
The Barber Asphalt Paving Company, asphalt walks.....	8,383 10
Blackfords, clams, etc.....	41 85
A. F. Brombacher & Co., brushes.....	22 50
Colwell Lead Company, hoppers, etc.....	7 16
Crane Company, pipe, etc.....	30 50
Thomas C. Dunham, lead, etc.....	154 39
Charles C. Ellis, bread, etc.....	46 63
Leonard L. Greather, plans for tanks.....	60 00
J. Gallagher, gravel.....	361 18
Keuffel & Esser Co., tape, etc.....	3 89
Marshall Lefferts & Co., agents, iron.....	12 00
Murray & Co., gravel.....	125 79
Otis & Gorsline, vitrified pipe.....	11 91
Poulsen & Eger, couplings.....	19 75
William J. Peck, lime.....	2 50
Patterson Brothers, copper wire.....	3 20
William Patchell, sawdust.....	40 00
John Stanley, soft soap, etc.....	46 78
T. G. Sellew, repairs to chairs, etc.....	12 00
Tuttle & Bailey Manufacturing Company, ventilating plates.....	3 84
Warwick Valley Milk Association & Company, milk.....	9 00
J. S. Woodhouse, coal barrows, etc.....	11 85
John T. Whitehead, electric batteries.....	6 75
Duncan D. McBean, retaining-wall, etc., Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, etc.....	6,224 86
Duncan D. McBean, Estimate No. 3, retaining-wall, Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Nineteenth streets, etc.....	21,978 69
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, paving with asphalt walks east side Central Park, between Fifty-ninth and One Hundredth streets.....	6,020 85
Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company, Estimate No. 1, regulating, etc., cari- riageway Fifth avenue, from Ninetieth to One Hundred and Tenth street plaza..	29,095 50
F. H. D. Mason, petty cash.....	338 08

On motion, at 10.30 A. M., the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DEF. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1895—ADJOURNED MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Haven, Roosevelt, Juilliard.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$25,000 for preliminary work in connection with the New York Botanical Garden. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising as to the formality of the proposal of James Flanagan for removing the old pivot pier of the former Macomb's Dam Bridge over Harlem river. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Boards, transmitting a statement respecting Roundsman Tyson, of the Park Police. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Boards, forwarding an eligible list for the position of Sergeant ; and

From Commissioners Haven and Roosevelt, recommending the promotion of Roundsman James McGlynn.

On motion, Roundsman James McGlynn was promoted to the grade and pay of Sergeant.

From the President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, submitting plans for the extension of the east side of the present Museum building, as provided by chapter 347, Laws of 1895 ; and

From the Landscape Architect and the Superintendent of Parks, reporting in relation to said plans.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the plans received from the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art for the extension of the east side of the present Museum building, as amended by the Landscape Architect and Superintendent of Parks by Plan No. 578, be and hereby are approved, and that the same be forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for concurrence, as required by chapter 347 of the Laws of 1895.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize and direct the Comptroller to issue bonds to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), as provided by chapter 347 of the Laws of 1895, for work on the east extension of the building occupied by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in accordance with the plans submitted by the Trustees of said Museum and approved by the Board, the said sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) being the amount authorized to be issued for the current year by the provisions of the act above cited.

From Howard & Cauldwell, Architects, submitting working drawings and specifications for a new bridge across the pond in Central Park.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the plans and specifications submitted by Howard & Cauldwell, Architects, for rebuilding the bridge across the pond in Central Park, known as the Gapstow Bridge, be and are approved ; that a form of contract be prepared, 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.

From A. P. Boller, Consulting Engineer, submitting a plan showing the proposed location of a temporary bridge over the Harlem river at One Hundred and Forty-seventh and One Hundred and Fiftieth streets.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the plan submitted by A. P. Boller, Consulting Engineer, showing a crossing over the Harlem river at One Hundred and Forty-seventh and One Hundred and Fiftieth streets, as a location for the temporary bridge provided by chapter 986 of the Laws of 1895, be approved and transmitted to the Secretary of War for his action thereon.

From the National Horse Show Association, requesting that the Mounted Squad of the Park Police be permitted to show skill in the catching of runaway horses at the Horse Show. Filed.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the money prizes given the Central Park Police at the Annual Horse Show be used to purchase a pair of uniform riding boots for each Mounted Officer, this being the almost unanimous desire of the Mounted Policemen.

From Pennell & O'Hern, applying for an extension of time to November 15, in which to complete their contract for constructing Gun Hill road in Van Cortlandt Park.

On motion, the action of the President in granting the extension as applied for was approved.

From General J. S. Wadsworth Post, G. A. R., tendering thanks for the employment of veterans in the Department. Filed.

From J. F. Staunton, commending Mounted Officers Green and McNulty for stopping a runaway. Ordered communicated to the force and entered upon the records.

From J. B. Ricketts, requesting that bicycle riders be permitted to use the circle opposite One Hundred and Fifth street, in Central Park, for fast riding. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract for constructing an entrance to Central Park at West Ninetieth street, recommending that all penalties for over-time be remitted on account of delays not the fault of the contractor.

From the Captain of Police, submitting weekly reports of accidents and injuries in the parks. Filed.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit to the Board a map, in duplicate, showing the lands between Tenth avenue and the Harlem river to be acquired for public use, as provided by chapter 876 of the Laws of 1895.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the bill of John F. Erdmann, amounting to fifty-one dollars, for professional services in attending members of the Park Police Force in the absence of the Police Surgeon, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable to the appropriation for "Police Supplies," 1895.

The Board then considered the matter of charges against members of the Police Force, together with the evidence taken and the findings thereon, which were approved, as follows :

Joseph Harris, charged with being off post, charge dismissed.

Francis M. Campbell, charged with being absent without leave, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

George Schaffner, charged with being late for roll-call, cautioned.

John Kennedy, charged with being late for roll-call, found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

William B. Stone, charged with being late for roll-call, cautioned.

Thomas H. Armstrong, charged with being absent without leave, found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

James A. Farrell, charged with being absent without leave, found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

Martin D. Corbett, charged with being late for roll-call, cautioned.

John J. Mitchell, charged with not properly patrolling, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Owen Donnelly, charged with conduct unbecoming an officer, charge dismissed.

From J. L. de la Mar, commending members of the Police Force (Officers Haney and T. J. Smith) for stopping a runaway on Riverside Drive. Ordered communicated to the Police Force and entered on the records.

From the Captain and the Surgeon of Police, reporting the death on the 6th instant of Officer Charles Grimm. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, recommending the sale of two condemned Police horses. On motion, the same were ordered disposed of at auction sale.

On motion, it was Resolved, That from and after December 1 next the Department Ambulance Service be dispensed with and the Police directed to call upon the Regular Hospital Ambulance for any service that may be required.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the compensation of Howard & Cauldwell, Architects, for the preparation of plans, specifications and detailed drawings be fixed at the rate of three and one-half per cent. upon the amount of contracts for the several works.

On motion, it was Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for license of "Claremont," on Riverside Drive, upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by the President.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the sale of the following buildings in new parks be ordered :
Bronx Park—Two frame buildings on Boston road, near Bronx River Bridge.

St. Mary's Park—One frame barn, the ruins of an old conservatory.

Pelham Park—One frame building east of Boulevard, near Pelham Bridge; one frame building, Prospect Hill road.

Van Cortlandt Park—Ruins of old saw-mill, adjoining grist-mill.

The following-named bills, having been examined and audited, were placed before the Board, passed upon separately and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment :

Abeel Brothers, steel, etc.....	\$46 04
The Bradley & Currier Company (Limited), tables.....	155 00
James S. Barron & Co., sapolio, etc.....	40 25
R. G. Barter, fish.....	30 50
Blackfords, clams, etc.....	46 38
T. E. Crimmins, mould.....	617 89
Thomas C. Dunham, tennis white.....	81 55
Estey Wire Works Company, pipes, etc.....	9 80
J. M. Gunst Disinfecting Company, disinfectants.....	53 00
J. Henry Haggerty, oil.....	68 41
Keuffel & Esser Company, field books.....	8 00
Manhattan Cement Company, cement.....	98 50
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, manhole covers, etc.....	48 36

Thornton N. Motley & Co., taps, etc.	\$5 14
McKesson & Robbins, carbolic acid, etc.	37 29
New York Belting and Packing Company (Limited), tubing.....	19 44
W. B. Perry, apples, etc.	25 00
William J. Peck, brick.....	26 00
Page, Dennis & Co., spraying cart.....	60 00
Thomas Smith, Jr., oil.....	29 20
W. & J. Sloane, linoleum, etc.	127 56
William Scott, ice.....	11 57
Sol. Sayles, beef.....	285 00
J. M. Thorburn & Co., hempseed.....	4 00
T. & W. Thorn & Co., hay, etc.....	135 26
Whitman Saddle Company, leather, etc.....	30 38
J. S. Woodhouse, harrow, etc.....	41 50
Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, copying ribbons.....	9 15
Henry R. Worthington, valves, etc.....	17 04
John Hobart Warren, Southdown ram.....	180 00
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, amount retained, paving roadway, Washington Square.....	144 05
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, amount retained, paving roadway, Washington Square.....	144 05
Yellow Pine Company, pine, etc.....	43 10
F. E. Brandis' Sons & Co., taps, City transit, etc.....	506 56
Andrew McMillan, Estimate No. 3, retaining wall, Riverside Park, between 96th and 104th streets.....	6,142 64
A. F. Brombacher & Co., bolts, etc.....	83 25
Colwell Lead Company, lead pipe, etc.....	53 51
The Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, rents.....	1,625 00
Church E. Gates & Co., shingles, etc.....	48 05
J. Henry Haggerty, oil.....	15 76
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries and wages.....	6,339 79
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries and wages.....	4,976 83
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, galvanized pipe, etc.....	50 24
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, water-closet appliances, etc.....	95 61
J. M. C. Martin's Sons, duster, etc.....	6 52
Cornelius S. Mitchell, welding pound.....	1 40
New York Belting and Packing Company (Limited).....	40 62
Otis & Gorsline, vitrified pipe.....	58 70
Page, Dennis & Co., wheelbarrows.....	33 00
J. C. Rodgers, piles, etc.....	409 50
William Scott, ice.....	171 50
Olin J. Stephens, coal.....	28 50
T. & W. Thorn & Co., nails, etc.....	141 38

Whitman Saddle Company, bridles, bits, etc.....	\$145 14
Yellow Pine Company, white pine, etc.....	104 65
The American District Telegraph Company, messenger service.....	6 80
James D. Leary, Estimate No. 21, Public Driveway, construction of.....	9,001 84
P. J. Moran, constructing roadway, walks, etc., entrance West 90th street.....	5,874 08
J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 17, Public Driveway, construction of.....	36,813 80
Howard & Cauldwell, professional services, Corlears Hook Park.....	<u>1,321 25</u>

On motion, at 10.40 A. M. the Board adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1895—REGULAR MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners King (President), Juilliard.

A quorum not being present, the opening of proposals was postponed to Thursday, 14th instant, at 9.30 A. M.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1895—SPECIAL MEETING, 11.30 A. M.

Messrs. S. V. R. Cruger, Samuel McMillan, William A. Stiles and Smith Ely, having been appointed Commissioners of Parks, appeared and presented their certificates of appointment, 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 Commissioner of Public Parks in the City of New York in the place and stead and for the unexpired term of David H. King, Jr., resigned.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office, this 13th day of November, A. D. 1895.

[SEAL.]

W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

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 Samuel McMillan a Commissioner of Public Parks in the City of New York, in the place and stead and for the unexpired term of George G. Haven, resigned.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 13th day of November, A. D. 1895.

[SEAL.]

W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

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 William A. Stiles a Commissioner of Public Parks in the City of New York for the term of five years, beginning May 1, 1895, in the place and stead of Augustus D. Juilliard, resigned.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 13th day of November, A. D. 1895.

[SEAL.]

W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

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 Smith Ely a Commissioner of Public Parks in the City of New York, in the place and stead and for the unexpired term of James A. Roosevelt, resigned.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 13th day of November, A. D. 1895.

[SEAL.]

W. L. STRONG, Mayor.

The roll being called,

Present--Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles and Ely.

On motion, Commissioner Ely took the chair.

A ballot being ordered and taken for President of the Board, to serve until May 1, 1896, Commissioner Cruger was unanimously elected.

A ballot being ordered and taken for Vice-President, to serve until May 1, 1896, Commissioner McMillan was unanimously elected.

The President then took the chair.

On motion, at 11.55 P. M., the Board adjourned to meet Thursday, 14th instant, at 9.30 A. M.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1895—ADJOURNED MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

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

The representative of the Comptroller being present, and the meeting open to the public, the Board proceeded to open proposals received on 13th instant for the following-named works :

For Laying Water-pipe and Erection of Drinking-fountains and Urinals on the Parade Ground in Van Cortlandt Park.

BIDDERS.	AMOUNT.
James Reid.....	\$5,396 00
Martin Lipps.....	3,300 00
F. V. Smith.....	4,100 00
J. W. Fiske.....	3,593 00
C. O'Grady.....	4,395 00
Terrence A. Smith.....	5,400 00

For Paving with Asphalt the Walks on the Westerly Side of Fifth Avenue, where required, between Seventy-ninth and Eighty-fifth Streets.

BIDDERS.		AMOUNT.
16,100 square feet of pavement of asphalt laid on base prepared by the Department.		
The Barber Asphalt Paving Company.....	10¾ cents.	\$1,730 75
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	8½ cents.	1,368 50
T. Hugh Boorman.....	9¾ cents.	1,509 38

For the Construction and Improvement of the Riverside Park, between Seventy-ninth and Ninety-sixth Streets.

No.	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	DE WITT C. BOUKER, JR.		P. J. MORAN.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation.....	4,000 cubic yards.	\$0 50	\$2,000 00	\$0 25	\$1,000 00
2	Rock excavation.....	200 "	2 50	500 00	2 00	400 00
3	Filling in place.....	19,000 "	01	190 00	08	1,520 00
4	Mould or top soil in place.....	28,000 "	1 85	51,800 00	1 75	49,000 00
5	Blue-stone steps.....	5,500 lineal feet.	90	4,950 00	1 25	6,875 00
6	Blue-stone cheek pieces.....	1,200 "	65	780 00	50	600 00
7	Walk basins.....	118	35 00	4,130 00	35 00	4,130 00
8	Surface basins.....	16	40 00	640 00	50 00	800 00
9	Six-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	3,460 lineal feet.	33½	1,159 10	40	1,384 00
10	Eight-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	2,710 "	39	1,056 90	80	2,168 00
11	Twelve-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	3,160 "	75	2,370 00	1 50	4,740 00
12	Rubble-stone masonry in cement mortar.....	750 cubic yards.	3 75	2,812 50	4 50	3,375 00
13	Concrete in place.....	20 "	4 50	90 00	8 00	160 00
14	Sod to furnish and lay.....	310,000 square feet.	04	12,400 00	05	15,500 00
15	Ground to be finished and seeded.....	10 acres.	100 00	1,000 00	150 00	1,500 00
16	Walk pavement of asphalt with concrete base in existing foundation.....	91,800 square feet.	23	21,114 00	25	22,950 00
17	Walk pavement of asphalt with concrete base on existing foundation.....	59,700 "	19	11,343 00	20	11,940 00
	Totals.....	.....	.....	\$118,335 50	.....	\$128,042 00

For the Construction and Improvement of the Riverside Park, between Seventy-ninth and Ninety-sixth Streets—(Continued).

No.	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	WM. F. NORTON & CO.		PATRICK J. TRAVIS.		THE WARREN-SCHARF ASPHALT PAVING CO.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
			1	Earth excavation.....	4,000 cubic yards.	\$0 40	\$1,600 00	\$0 40	$1,600 00	$0 44	$1,760 00
2	Rock excavation.....	200 "	1 50	300 00	250 00	500 00	2 20	440 00
3	Filling in place.....	19,000 "	10	1,900 00	15	2,850 00	11	2,090 00
4	Mould or top soil in place.....	28,000 "	2 25	63,000 00	1 40	39,200 00	1 23 ⁸ / ₁₆	34,692 00
5	Blue-stone steps.....	5,500 lineal feet.	1 00	5,500 00	92	5,060 00	94 ¹ / ₂	5,197 50
6	Blue-stone cheek pieces.....	1,200 "	1 00	1,200 00	92	1,104 00	1 10 ¹ / ₄	1,323 00
7	Walk basins.....	118	30 00	3,540 00	62 35	7,357 30	22 00	2,596 00
8	Surface basins.....	16	40 00	640 00	81 40	1,302 40	27 50	440 00
9	Six-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	3,460 lineal feet.	30	1,038 00	65	2,249 00	55	1,903 00
10	Eight-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	2,710 "	35	948 50	70	1,897 00	88	2,384 80
11	Twelve-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	3,160 "	50	1,580 00	1 00	3,160 00	1 10	3,476 00
12	Rubble-stone masonry in cement mortar.....	750 cubic yards.	4 00	3,000 00	7 00	5,250 00	4 40	3,300 00
13	Concrete in place.....	20 "	5 50	110 00	5 00	100 00	5 50	110 00
14	Sod to furnish and lay.....	310,000 square feet.	05	15,500 00	06	18,600 00	05 ¹ / ₂	17,050 00
15	Ground to be finished and seeded.....	10 acres.	100 00	1,000 00	100 00	1,000 00	22 00	220 00
16	Walk pavement of asphalt with concrete base in } existing foundation.....	91,800 square feet.	15	13,770 00	26 ¹ / ₂	24,327 00	23 ¹ / ₂	21,573 00
17	Walk pavement of asphalt with concrete base on } existing foundation.....	59,700 "	15	8,955 00	20 ¹ / ₂	12,238 50	16	9,552 00
	Totals.....	.....	.....	\$123,581 50	.....	\$127,795 20	.....	\$108,107 30

For the Construction and Improvement of the Riverside Park, between Seventy-ninth and Ninety-sixth Streets.

No.	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	FLYNN & SULLIVAN.		CHARLES W. COLLINS.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation.....	4,000 cubic yards.	\$0 35	\$1,400 00	\$0 50	\$2,000 00
2	Rock excavation.....	200 "	2 00	400 00	2 00	400 00
3	Filling in place.....	19,000 "	10	1,900 00	.....	.....
4	Mould or top soil in place.....	28,000 "	2 25	63,000 00	1 50	42,000 00
5	Bule-stone steps.....	5,500 lineal feet.	75	4,125 00	75	4,125 00
6	Bule-stone cheek pieces.....	1,200 "	60	720 00	75	900 00
7	Walk basins.....	118	30 00	3,540 00	60 00	7,080 00
8	Surface basins.....	16	40 00	640 00	75 00	1,200 00
9	Six-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	3,460 lineal feet.	60	2,076 00	75	2,595 00
10	Eight-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	2,710 "	75	2,032 50	1 00	2,710 00
11	Twelve-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	3,160 "	1 00	3,160 00	1 50	4,740 00
12	Rubble-stone masonry in cement mortar.....	750 cubic yards.	3 00	2,250 00	3 00	2,250 00
13	Concrete in place.....	20 "	5 00	100 00	5 00	100 00
14	Sod to furnish and lay.....	310,000 square feet.	03½	10,850 00	03	9,300 00
15	Ground to be finished and seeded.....	10 acres.	50 00	500 00	100 00	1,000 00
16	Walk pavement of asphalt with concrete base on existing foundation.....	91,800 square feet.	24	22,032 00	23	21,114 00
17	Walk pavement of asphalt with concrete base on existing foundation.....	59,700 "	20	11,940 00	18	10,746 00
	Totals.....	.....	.....	\$130,665 50	.....	\$112,260 00

For the Construction and Improvement of the Riverside Park, between Seventy-ninth and Ninety-sixth Streets—(Continued).

No	ITEMS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	WILLIAM G. LEESON.		THOMAS P. MCQUADE.		T. A. SMITH.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation	4,000 cubic yards.	\$0 25	\$1,000 00	\$1 50	\$6,000 00	\$0 40	\$1,600 00
2	Rock excavation.....	200 "	1 25	250 00	2 00	400 00	1 00	200 00
3	Filling in place.....	19,000 "	01	190 00	10	1,900 00	40	7,600 00
4	Mould or top soil in place.....	28,000 "	1 85	51,800 00	1 40	39,200 00	1 90	53,200 00
5	Blue-stone steps.....	5,500 lineal feet.	75	4,125 00	1 00	5,500 00	75	4,125 00
6	Blue-stone check pieces.....	1,200 "	60	720 00	1 00	1,200 00	75	900 00
7	Walk basins.....	118	60 00	7,080 00	26 00	3,068 00	30 00	3,540 00
8	Surface basins.....	16	100 00	1,600 00	40 00	640 00	30 00	480 00
9	Six-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	3,460 lineal feet.	50	1,730 00	36	1,245 60	30	1,038 00
10	Eight-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	2,710 "	60	1,626 00	45	1,219 50	40	1,084 00
11	Twelve-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	3,160 "	1 00	3,160 00	75	2,370 00	70	2,212 00
12	Rubble-stone masonry in cement mortar.....	750 cubic yards.	2 30	1,725 00	8 00	6,000 00	4 00	3,000 00
13	Concrete in place.....	20 "	3 00	60 00	8 00	160 00	5 00	100 00
14	Sod to furnish and lay.....	310,000 square feet.	15	46,500 00	04	12,400 00	03	9,300 00
15	Ground to be finished and seeded.....	10 acres.	50 00	500 00	170 00	1,700 00	100 00	1,000 00
16	Walk pavement of asphalt with concrete base on } existing foundation.....	91,800 square feet.	23	21,114 00	19	17,442 00	25	22,950 00
17	Walk pavement of asphalt with concrete base on } existing foundation.....	59,700 "	18	10,746 00	19	11,342 00	24	14,328 00
	Totals.....	.....	.....	\$153,976 00	.....	\$111,788 10	.....	\$126,657 00

For Paving with Asphalt, where required, the Walks on the Southerly Sides of Transverse Roads Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Crossing Central Park.

BIDDERS. 30,000 square feet of pavement of asphalt laid on base prepared by the Department.		AMOUNT.
The Barber Asphalt Paving Company	10¾ cents.	\$3,225 00
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.....	10½ cents.	3,150 00

Charles B. Riker presented a petition requesting reconsideration of the action of the Board of June 19 last, by which permission was granted the Military Society of the War of 1812 to raise the National flag at the Battery on certain days in each year, and asking that such privilege be continued to Christopher R. Forbes.

Col. Asa Bird Gardiner, representing said society, appeared and was heard in opposition to the request of Mr. Riker.

The following resolution was adopted :

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

For paving walks of Transverse roads Nos. 1, 2 and 3, to the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company.

For paving westerly walk of Fifth avenue, between Seventy-ninth and Eighty-fifth streets, to the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Co., they being the lowest bidders ; that their proposals be transmitted to the Comptroller for action on the sureties, and, upon approval thereof, that the President be authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

On motion, it was ordered that, until further notice, regular meetings of the Board be held Monday of each week, at 2 o'clock P. M.

On motion, at 11.30 A. M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1895—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

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

The minutes of the meetings of November 13 and 14 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Gas Commission, in relation to the application of this Department for additional lamps in Central Park. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas-light Company, offering to place lights in the Central Park for a test. Approved and referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From Charles H. Marshall, President of the Society for First Aid to the Injured, requesting reconsideration of the action of the Board in abolishing the Park Ambulance Service. Referred to Commissioner Ely for report.

From J. C. Cady & Co., architects, recommending the issue of orders for work at the American Museum of Natural History as follows :

Tiedt & Markthaler, for 700 storage drawers	\$767 50
William P. Chesley, for sample mahogany case	291 00
A. Kimbel & Sons, for desk case	546 00
A. Kimbel & Sons, for blackboard partition	220 00
	220 00

On motion, the recommendation of the architects was approved and the issue of the orders authorized.

From Alexander Doyle, urging the Board to change the rule under which statuary offered to the City, is referred to the National Sculpture Society for report as to artistic merit, and to appoint a committee of non-professional connoisseurs to pass upon such works of art intended for the parks. Referred to Commissioner Stiles for report.

From the National Sculpture Society, reporting adversely upon the artistic merits of the proposed Heine Memorial Fountain. Filed.

From W. J. O'Brien, representing the Granite Cutters' Union, withdrawing the complaint of alleged violation of the labor law made against Duncan D. McBean, contractor for the Riverside retaining-wall. Filed.

From Appleton Morgan, President of New York Shakespeare Society, submitting a proposition for locating the Poe Cottage in Bronx Park. Referred to the Landscape Architect for report.

From E. J. Tinsdale, Chairman of the Cyclists' Federation, requesting additional privileges for bicycle riders in Central Park and on Riverside Drive. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From Julius H. Seymour, relative to an application for permission to erect kiosques in the public parks. Referred to the Landscape Architect for report.

From William H. Schott and others, petitioning for the erection of a pavilion for the accommodation of skaters in Crotona Park. Referred to the Landscape Architect and Superintendent of Parks for report.

From David S. Brown, applying for a modification of the consent granted on 26th of December last for the erection of projections on a building at the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and One Hundred and Second street. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From Henry F. Kilburn, architect, requesting consent to the erection of projections on a proposed building for Durland's Riding Academy at the northwest corner of Sixty-sixth street and Central Park, West. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From J. T. & J. A. Farley, requesting consent to the erection of projections on a building at the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and Eighty-fifth street. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From William A. Cable, Architect, requesting consent to the erection of projections on a building for the N. Y. Athletic Club at Fifty-ninth street and Sixth avenue. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From the Superintendent of the Aquarium, submitting plans for rebuilding tanks, etc., and recommending that authority be obtained for doing the work without public letting. Disapproved.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a weekly report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks. Filed.

From the Assistant Secretary, reporting relative to an auction sale of condemned horses. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending the issue of an order to cover certain asphalt work done in connection with a contract of the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company in order to comply with a requirement of the Comptroller. Referred to the President with power.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending that the westerly approach of the temporary Macomb's Dam Bridge be removed. On motion, the same was ordered sold at auction.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising in relation to an error in the proposal for laying water pipes, etc., on the Parade Ground in Van Cortlandt Park. Filed.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the contract for laying water pipes, etc., in Parade Ground, in Van Cortlandt Park, for which proposals were received on 14th instant, be and is awarded to Martin Lipps, he being the lowest bidder ; that his proposal be sent to the Comptroller for action on the sureties, and that when approved the President be authorized to execute the contract for and on behalf of the Department.

On motion, the proposals received on 14th instant for the improvement of Riverside Park, between Seventy-ninth and Ninety-sixth streets, were referred to Commissioner McMillan.

Dr. E. Reichart, Secretary of the Heine Memorial Committee, was heard, and requested favorable action by the Board in the matter of the acceptance of the proposed Heine fountain.

The President announced the appointment of the following Committees : Police—Commissioners Cruger and McMillan. Audit—Commissioners Stiles and Ely. Driveway—Commissioners McMillan and Stiles. Parks below Fifty-ninth Street—Commissioners Ely and Stiles. Parks above Harlem River—Commissioners McMillan and Stiles.

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

Brown & Fleming, gravel.....	\$629 75
" " 	889 68
Boorman, T. Hugh, asphalt walks.....	995 54
" " 	904 19
Barron, James S. & Co., brooms.....	21 00
Baker, Smith & Co., coil, etc.....	31 00
Crimmins, J. D. & T. E., mould.....	350 00
Callanan's, Edward, Son, steel tires.....	3 75
Dunn, Thomas J., blue stone.....	437 50
Dunham, Thomas C.....	78 10
Ellwanger & Barry, plants.....	9 00
" " 	27 20
Fitzpatrick, John, horseshoeing.....	32 50
Fink, John, filing saws.....	11 50
Graether, Leonard F., plans, tanks.....	40 00
Hoyt, Henry E., photos.....	131 50
Haggerty, J. Henry, grease.....	5 00
Initial Towel Supply Co., towels.....	19 75
Keuffel & Esser Co., paper, etc.....	23 72

Lanier, Charles, Treasurer, bills, American Museum of Natural History	\$789 10
Manhattan Cement Co., cement	492 50
“ “	394 00
“ “	985 00
McLaughlin, James, sand	112 50
Meehan, Thomas & Sons, plants, etc.	30 77
McKesson & Robbins, glycerine	40 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, The, pipe, etc.	60 16
N. Y. Belting and Packing Co. (Limited), tubing	50
N. Y. Calcium-light Co., calcium-light, Museum.	505 00
O'Donnell, N., coal	84 00
Patterson Bros., files, etc.	30 82
Park & Tilford, flour	16 00
Roche & Gordon, repairs, feed-water, etc., Aquarium	112 00
Sicilian Asphalt Paving Co., The, asphalt walks	806 87
“ “ “ “	739 38
Scott, William, ice	56 17
Thorburn, J. M. & Co., plants and seeds	66 70
Tone, Theo. F., coal	17 00
Thorn, T. & W. & Co., coal, etc.	180 31
W. & S. Hydraulic Machinery Works, The, hydraulic pipes, etc.	10 60
Williamson, M. D., coal	252 00
Whitman Saddle Co., leather, etc.	25 24
Young, William, sod	119 45

On motion, at 3.30 P. M., the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1895—REGULAR MEETING 2 P. M.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution transferring the sum of \$2,551.46 to the appropriation made under chapter 11, Laws of 1894, for resurfacing walks in parks south of Fifty-ninth street. Filed.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution transferring the sum of \$2,000 to the appropriation for the Improvement and Maintenance of Parks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. Filed.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of resolutions in relation to transfers among the appropriations for Riverside Park work. Filed.

From the Department of Docks, suggesting that the bulkhead between Jackson and Corlears streets, East river, be acquired for park purposes. Referred to the Committee on Down-town Parks.

From Soosmith & Co., reporting in relation to the foundation for the proposed viaduct at Riverside Drive and Ninety-sixth street. Referred to the Engineer of Construction.

From Soosmith & Co., requesting instructions in the matter of the preparation of plans for rebuilding the causeway at Pelham Bridge. Referred to the Committee on Parks above Harlem river.

From P. Leckler, protesting against the acceptance of the Heine fountain. Filed.

From Man & Man, attorneys for Hugh Stevenson, submitting a proposition for constructing a new road at High Bridge Park ; and

From the Landscape Architect and Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the proposition of Mr. Stevenson.

Mr. Man was heard and requested early action in the matter. Which was referred to Commissioner Stiles for report.

From the Captain of Police and the Police Surgeon, reporting the death of Officer Thomas H. Armstong. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, submitting weekly reports of accidents and injuries in the Parks. Filed.

From the Police Surgeon, recommending an examination of Officer John J. Dwyer as to his ability to perform police duty. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Superintendent of the Aquarium, reporting a probable deficiency in the appropriation for the Aquarium for the current year. Referred to the Committee on Down-town Parks.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending an exchange of pheasants. Approved and the exchange authorized as recommended.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract of the Barber Asphalt Paving Company for paving Fifth avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets. Approved.

From Max Froelich, applying for a renewal of the privilege of selling refreshments at Crotona Park during the skating season. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river.

From P. H. McCann, applying for a license to conduct the Claremont restaurant. Filed.

From J. H. Keller, applying for the privilege of cutting ice on the Bronx river. Referred to the Committee on Parks above Harlem river.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting in relation to the erection of a building for the accommodation of skaters in Crotona Park. Referred to the Committee on Parks above Harlem river.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting that the work of paving the approach to the New Macomb's Bridge is not being prosecuted by the contractor in a satisfactory manner.

On motion, the Engineer was instructed to direct the Contractor to proceed at once to complete the work and notify him that in case of default the work will be finished by the Department in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Commissioner McMillan, to whom was referred, on 18th instant, several applications for the consent of the Department to the erection of projections on proposed buildings, made a verbal report and recommended as follows :

(1) That the application of W. A. Cable, architect, for projections on a building for the New York Athletic Club, at Fifty-ninth street and Sixth avenue, be granted upon the payment of five dollars per square foot for the proposed projections, estimated at 111 square feet.

(2) That the applications of J. T. & J. A. Farley, for projections on building at the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and Eighty-fifth street be granted upon the payment of five dollars per square foot for the proposed projections, estimated at 17¼ square feet.

(3) That the application of H. F. Kilburn, architect, for projections to the extent of five feet on a building for Durland's Riding Academy, at Sixty-sixth street and Central Park, West, be denied. On motion, the said recommendations were adopted.

Commissioner Stiles made a verbal report upon the communication referred to him on the 18th instant from Alexander Doyle, with reference to the rule for referring statues intended for the parks to the National Sculpture Society, and recommended that the same be placed on file, which was so ordered.

Commissioner Ely reported verbally in the matter of the proposed discontinuance of the Park Ambulance Service and recommended that, pending further action, the Service be continued until January 1 next, which was approved.

From Charles De F. Burns, resigning his position as Secretary of the Board, to take effect January 1, 1896. Accepted.

The President announced the death of Calvert Vaux, Landscape Architect, on the 19th inst.

On motion, Commissioner Stiles was requested to prepare suitable resolutions and submit them to the Board.

Furlong & White, attorneys, submitted a protest against the discontinuance of the Park Ambulance Service, and were heard relative thereto. Referred to Commissioner Ely.

On motion, the discharge of W. J. Elliot, Bridgetender at Pelham Bridge, was ordered.

On motion, William Leary was appointed Secretary of the Board, to take effect January 1, 1896.

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

Baker, Smith & Co.....	\$349 00
" alterations heating apparatus	989 00
Boorman, T. Hugh, asphalt.....	32 69
Beckwith-Chandler Co., varnish.....	21 37
Buckingham, John T., door springs, etc.....	15 00
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., galvanized wire.....	2 88
Colgate & Co., soap.....	1 00
Colwell Lead Co., The, hopper, etc	41 00

Dunham, Thomas C., oil, etc.....	\$102 06
East River Mill and Lumber Co., The, stakes.....	95 00
Grieme, D., coal.....	379 42
Keuffel & Esser Co., paper, etc.....	33 44
Lanier, Charles, Treasurer, coal.....	1,312 50
Moffatt, David & Co., leather.....	31 50
Moore, Joseph, Estimate No. 1.....	2,000 00
Manhattan Cement Co., cement.....	295 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, The, galvanized pipe, etc.....	80 07
“ “ Russia pipe, etc.....	5 03
Manhattan Supply Co., The, horseshoes, etc.....	206 99
Parsons & Sons Co., Limited, plants.....	43 25
Patterson Brothers, spikes.....	5 60
Tone, Theo. F., coal, etc.....	16 25
Weeber & Don, grass seed, etc.....	36 65
Whitman Saddle Co., blankets, etc.....	9 30
Yellow Pine Company, pine.....	183 74
Consolidated Gas Co., gas.....	279 25
“ “ “.....	4 04
Hitchcock, Hiram, Treasurer.....	1,552 78
“ “ “.....	1,517 12
Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co., The, telephonic service.....	333 33
New York Mutual Gas-light Co., The, gas.....	64 13

On motion, at 3.30 P. M., the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1895.—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 Civil Service Commissioners, transmitting a copy of a resolution respecting promotions and transfers in the Labor Service. Filed.

From Fordham Morris, suggesting that a stone tablet be removed from the old pivot pier of the former Macomb's Dam Bridge for preservation. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

From Charles Anderson and others, petitioning for a continuance of the stand for public truckmen at Madison Square. Referred to the Committee on Downtown Parks.

From the Heine Monument Committee, requesting further examination as to the artistic merits of the Heine Memorial Fountain. Laid over.

From C. S. Hartmann, commending the Heine Fountain and advocating its acceptance. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting adversely upon the proposition of the N. Y. Shakespeare Society to have the Poe Cottage removed to Bronx Park. Approved and filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, inclosing a bill for carriage service during the months of September, October and November.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the bill of Robert Hall, for carriage service, amounting to \$77.25, be and hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract of T. Hugh Boorman, for asphalt work in the City Parks. Filed.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the contract, for which proposals were received on the 14th ultimo, for improving Riverside Park, between Seventy-ninth and Ninety-sixth streets, be awarded to the Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company, the lowest bidder ; that their proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his 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.

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

The Committee on Police submitted the evidence taken on 30th ultimo in the trials of Park Policemen, together with their findings thereon, which were approved, as follows :

Joseph O'Brien, charged with being absent without leave and conduct unbecoming an officer, found guilty as charged and fined twenty days' pay.

Henry H. Andereya, charged with being late for roll-call, found guilty as charged and fined three days' pay.

Michael Moss, charged with conduct unbecoming an officer, charge dismissed.

William A. Casey, charged with being absent without leave, found guilty and fined twelve days' pay.

William J. Warren, charged with being absent without leave, cautioned.

Andrew J. McNulty, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

S. T. Terwilliger, charged with being off post, found guilty as charged and reprimanded.

James Coughlin, charged with being off post, cautioned.

George Steers, Jr., charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, cautioned.

Edmund Tobin, charged with not properly patrolling, cautioned.

George Hampshire, charged with being late for roll-call, cautioned.

Christopher McMahan, charged with not properly patrolling, found guilty as charged and fined one day's pay.

Joseph Verity, charged with being absent without leave, cautioned.

John Flaherty, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

John T. McGee, charged with not properly patrolling, found guilty as charged and fined five days' pay.

John P. Keenan, charged with being off post, charge dismissed.

Peter Connolly, charged with being absent without leave, cautioned.

Michael E. Kelly, charged with being absent without leave and conduct unbecoming an officer, found guilty as charged and fined twenty days' pay.

John J. O'Leary, charged with intoxication, found guilty as charged and fined twenty days' pay.

From the Ducker Portable House Company, proposing to furnish and erect, at Crotona Park, a portable skate building for the sum of \$988. Approved.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, When the present Commissioners took office on the 13th day of November, 1895, the work and improvement known as the Harlem River Driveway, which had been under construction for some period of time, was still unfinished.

And Whereas, Said Harlem River Driveway was one of the most important works left uncompleted by former Boards.

And Whereas, Certain grave defects in construction are alleged to exist on said work.

And Whereas, The present Commissioners, accompanied by the Superintendent, the Engineers and the Contractors, made on the 22d of November a personal examination of said work.

And Whereas, It clearly appeared to the Commissioners that very grave defects in said work did and do exist.

And Whereas, There is a very serious difference of opinion, which this Board is unable to determine, as to where the responsibility for such defect should be placed.

And Whereas, A work of such magnitude and importance should be prosecuted to completion with vigor.

Now, therefore, in order that this Board may receive the technical information and advice which it requires before it can determine as to the matters hereinbefore alluded to ; be it

Resolved, That a Committee of Experts, to consist of three Engineers, eminent in their profession and of special experience in regard to works of the character of the Harlem River Driveway, be appointed, as hereinafter provided, and directed to report, in writing, their opinion on or before December 31, 1895, as to the following matters :

First—Whether the subway on section 1 of said work has been built in strict accordance with the specifications of the contract and the work thereon faithfully performed.

Second—Whether the foundations provided for in the contract and specifications were sufficient to carry the load placed thereon.

Third—Whether the crib-work on section 1 of said driveway has been built in strict accordance with the specifications of the contract and the work thereon faithfully performed.

Fourth—Whether the crib-work on said section, if constructed in strict accordance with the contract and specifications and faithfully built, ought to have remained in position. Whether the defects therein are due to inadequate and defective specifications or improper or defective work.

Fifth—What defects now exist in said work, and what work, in their opinion, is necessary to be done to remedy the same.

Sixth—If, in their opinion, they should determine that defective crib-work does exist which will have to be rebuilt, whether it is possible, at a reasonable expense, with a statement of their estimate of such expense, if they so decide to build a stone wall from High Bridge south so far as may be necessary by reason of said defective crib-work.

Seventh—Their opinion as to whether the roadway on section 2 of said driveway is likely to be permanently affected by the rise and fall of the tide or other cause, and, if so, what should be done to provide therefor.

And be it further Resolved, That said Committee of Experts be appointed as follows: One Engineer to be appointed by this Board upon its own nomination, one upon the nomination of the Comptroller of the City of New York, and one upon the nomination of the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to report to this Board what suits, if any, brought by ex-Park Policemen against the City are now pending on appeal and what is the present condition of such suits.

On motion, it was Ordered, That a sketch be prepared showing the existing roads at the entrance to Central Park, at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, and also a proposed revision by which the existing grass plot may be located one hundred feet north of its present location.

William Durland submitted a petition for a carriage entrance to Central Park, between West Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, and was heard relative thereto.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Superintendent of Parks for examination and report.

Commissioner Stiles submitted a memorial on the death of Calvert Vaux, late Landscape Architect, which was ordered spread upon the minutes, as follows:

For more than a third of a century Calvert Vaux, who was accidentally drowned on the 19th day of November, was a controlling force in the development of the recreation grounds of this city. In the year 1848 he came to this country, at the invitation of Andrew Jackson Downing, and the two artists were associated in works of landscape architecture until the untimely death of Downing, who was drowned while trying to save the lives of others in 1852. Mr. Vaux was a trained architect, with a gift for landscape painting and love of natural scenery which enabled him to bring his constructions into harmonious relation with their surroundings, and he soon became an authority on rural art in this country. He had already assisted at Washington in the most important landscape work which yet had been undertaken in America, when, in 1858, the design prepared jointly by him and Mr. Frederick Law Olmstead for the proposed Central Park was adopted. It has been a positive and permanent gain to the city and the country that the artists selected for an undertaking

for which there was no precedent were so thoroughly equipped, by study and experience, that their task was at once so manly and catholic that it was united with sturdy practical sense. The straightforward way in which the exacting demands of the City were met, the skill with which difficulties were converted into opportunities, the noble simplicity of their plan, have all been felt in later park enterprises throughout the continent, and this influence is stronger to-day than ever since nearly forty years of constant use have so completely justified the forecast of the designers. After the creation of this first great work Mr. Vaux, either alone or in association with Mr. Olmstead, gave proof of his talent in Morningside and Riverside and various parks in this city; in Prospect Park in Brooklyn, and in parks in Albany, Chicago, San Francisco, Ottawa, and other cities. He achieved distinction, too, in architecture pure and simple, but the best work of his life was done in this city as Landscape Architect of the Park Board. To his conservative counsel, more than to any other one influence, is due the fact that our parks have suffered so little from offensive intrusion that they have been planned and maintained with uniform good taste, and that throughout all their development they have been treated primarily and essentially as works of art. The City has reason to congratulate itself that such a responsible position was held so long by a man of stainless integrity, of wide learning, of absolute devotion to his duty and loyalty to his art. Unfortunately the present Board has had no opportunity to meet him officially and profit by his advice, but most of us have known him personally for years, and we feel impelled to bear this testimony to his sterling qualities as a man and his rare usefulness as a public officer. Our parks, which are objects of our noblest civic pride, are the most fitting memorial of his life, and as their beauty ripens they will more and more bear witness to the purity of his taste and to the breadth and sincerity of his art.

On motion, Commissioner Stiles was continued as a Committee, with power to have the same suitably engrossed and sent to the family of the deceased.

On motion, the action of the President, in ordering the discharge of the following working force in the parks north of the Harlem river, was approved and confirmed :

Double Teams.

Thomas Gunn, James Trainor, Bernard Bowe, George Hudson.

Carpenter.

William Lloyd.

Laborers, \$2.00 per day.

John Kelly, Marshall Hunt.

Laborers.

James Darcey, Michael Rice, Michael Connell, Paul Duden, Harry Bronson, James Powers, Charles Mahoney, William Hodgins, William Burke, Peter Mong, Patrick Clark, Martin Klein, Patrick Kenear, Richard Dunn, Patrick Moran, George Doyle, William Duffy, Martin Farrell.

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

Baker, Voorhis & Co., Laws 1895.....	\$7 50
James S. Barron & Co., sponges, etc.	26 47

Brown & Fleming, screenings.....	\$223 35
" gravel	911 60
T. Hugh Boorman, asphalt on walks.....	643 50
A. F. Brombacher & Co., springs, etc.....	41 94
Blackfords, clams, etc.....	56 31
Dey & Somerville, repairing tanks, etc.....	244 99
Charles C. Ellis, bread	63 94
Excelsior Machine Works, sweeping machine.....	127 50
J. W. Fiske, castings, etc.....	24 12
Leonard F. Graether, architect, measurement tanks.....	60 00
J. Gallagher, gravel	534 07
" "	112 86
Jenkins Bros., valves, etc	6 05
Manhattan Cement Company, cement	197 00
J. Nolan, fish	15 50
N. O'Donnell, coal	123 25
Patterson Bros., padlocks, etc.....	11 00
The W. B. Perry Company, carrots.....	6 60
Dennis Page & Co., settees.....	615 00
Parsons & Sons Company (Limited), bacahavis halmefolio.....	72 50
" " amelanchico Japonica, etc.....	107 50
Louis Ruhe, bird food	9 00
Theo. F. Tone, coal	25 50
J. M. Thornburn & Co., canary seed, etc.....	5 00
Warwick Valley Milk Association & Co., milk.....	11 16
Thomas W. Weathered's Sons (Incorporated), testing boilers, etc.....	125 00
The W. & S. Hydraulic Machinery Works, pipe, etc.....	24 46
B. C. Murray, broken stone	884 36
The Barber Asphalt Paving Company, asphaltting.....	4,250 25

On motion, at 3.20 P.M. the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1895—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 Counsel to the Corporation, giving a list of certiorari proceedings taken by ex-Park Policemen, now pending, with a statement of their present condition. Filed.

From Winfield Poillon, requesting permission to erect a storm inclosure on apartment-houses at Sixty-first street and Central Park, West. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From Alice Maddock, Chairman of Committee Ladies' Health Protective Association, calling attention to the necessity for additional closets for women and children in Central Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From Case & Meyer, requesting that a portable house for skaters be provided at the Harlem Meer. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From August Braun, applying for a renewal of the privilege of hiring skates at the Central Park Lake. Referred to the President, with power.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting adversely upon a communication from E. J. Tindale, requesting additional privileges for bicycle riders. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting adversely upon an application of J. B. Ricketts, that the circle on the west side of Central Park, near One Hundred and Fourth street, be set apart for the speeding of bicycles. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a weekly report of accidents and injuries in the parks. Filed.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting upon the physical condition of Park Policeman John J. Dwyer, with a view to his retirement from active duty.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, It appears by the records of this Department that John J. Dwyer is a member of the Park Police Force of the City of New York, assigned to do duty as Patrolman ; that he has performed Police duty as a member of said Police Force for a period of ten years, and that after examination of the said John J. Dwyer, the Police Surgeon has certified that he is permanently disabled so as to be unfit for Police duty ; therefore

Resolved, That in pursuance of section 4, chapter 142 of the Laws of 1893, Park Policeman John J. Dwyer be and he is hereby retired and honorably dismissed from membership in the said Park Police Force, placed upon the Park Police Pension Roll, and awarded and granted a pension from the Park Police Pension Fund of the annual sum of three hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, to take effect from and after January 1, 1896.

From James Bradley, applying for permission to place a tool-house in West Seventy-second street, north side, 180 feet west of the Boulevard. Granted.

From the Heine Monument Committee, requesting the Board not to accept as final the recommendation of the National Sculpture Society as to the disposition of the Heine Memorial Fountain.

Hon. Carl Schurz and Russell Sturgis appeared and were heard relative to the acceptance of the fountain.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of eight hundred dollars from the following named appropriations for the current year, which are not required for the purposes thereof, viz.: Salaries, four hundred and ninety dollars ; Music, ten dollars ; Surveys, Maps and Plans, three hundred dollars, to the appropriation for "Aquarium, Maintenance of," for the current year, which is insufficient.

From Rose Armstrong, widow of Officer Thomas H. Armstrong, applying for a pension. Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Man, representing Hugh Stevenson, appeared and was heard relative to Mr. Stevenson's proposition to cede land for a road at High Bridge Park.

On motion, the report and recommendation of the Landscape Architect and Superintendent of Parks in disapproving the proposition made by Mr. Stevenson were approved.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Superintendent, Heads of Departments, Foremen, Assistant Foremen and all other employees in the Department of Public Parks having in their charge any property owned by said Department make a return of same and the condition in which same exists and where located, and what their duties are to the same, to this Board on or before the first day of January, 1896.

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

T. Hugh Boorman, rock asphalt	\$329 98
" laying asphalt.....	714 49
De Witt C. Bouker, Jr., vitrified stoneware pipe	443 90
A. F. Brombacher & Co., lamp.....	2 50
Consolidated Gas Company, gas	301 00
Connolly, A. J., pipe, etc.....	225 00
Thomas C. Dunham, Atlantic white lead, etc.....	51 40
J. W. Fiske, iron railings.....	35 50
S. A. French, Sergeant's shield.....	1 50
John Gallagher, gravel.....	271 78
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, Metropolitan Museum of Art, salaries and wages.....	6,423 49
H. W. Johns Manufacturing Company, asbestos on pipes	303 08
Iron Clad Manufacturing Company, ash can.....	3 00
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries and wages.....	5,718 13
McKesson & Robbins, acid	73
James McLaughlin, sand.....	112 50
The Manhattan Supply Company, wheels, etc.....	279 50
Manhattan Cement Company, cement.....	147 75
The New York Mutual Gas-light Company, gas (November).....	68 38
James Prentice & Son, repairing level.....	18 00
John Slattery, tree holes, etc.....	950 00
Olin J. Stephens, coal.....	98 75
T. & W. Thorn & Co., coal.....	27 00
Tefft, Weller & Co., towelling.....	8 70
Yellow Pine Company, spruce plank.....	49 06
J. C. Cady & Co., professional services.....	84 83
A. Kimbel & Sons, desk case, etc.....	704 00
James D. Leary, Estimate No. 22, Public Driveway.....	706 64
F. H. D. Mason, petty cash.....	289 48
J. C. Rodgers, Estimate No. 18., Public Driveway.....	39,197 00
B. & W. B. Smith, one case	225 00
Tiedt & Markthaler, drawers	767 50

On motion, at 3.40 P. M. the Board went into executive session.

The President submitted a list of employees of the Department discharged upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, with his approval, and the same was confirmed.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the President be requested to appear before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Monday the 16th instant to make such recommendations with reference to the appropriations for the year 1896 as he might deem for the best interests of the Department.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the President be authorized to appoint Charles P. Hallock as the agent of this Department of the buildings in Pelham Bay Park, Bronx Park and Crotona Park, upon such terms as he may deem for the best interests of the Department.

On motion, it was Resolved, That Messrs. Howard & Cauldwell, architects for the new building in Corlears Hook Park, be paid one and one-half per cent. commission on the cost of the building, for the supervision over its construction, in addition to the three and one-half per cent. heretofore agreed to be paid, for preparing the plans, they to be held responsible for the proper execution of the plans and specifications.

On motion, at 5.20 P. M. the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1895—REGULAR MEETING, 3 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 George Leviness and other residents of City Island, complaining of the condition of the City Island road. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

From H. D. Dickinson, offering his services as a Sanitary Expert. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract of the Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Company for paving the roadway of Fifth avenue, from Ninetieth street to One Hundred and Tenth street plaza, and recommending that all penalty for overtime (five days) be remitted. Approved.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract of John Slatery for regulating, grading, etc., Riverside avenue, from Claremont place to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, and recommending that no charge be made against the contractor for overtime. Approved.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract of Pennell & O'Hern, for regulating and paving with Telford pavement the road between Broadway and Van Cortlandt station and the Gun Hill road from said station to Jerome avenue in Van Cortlandt Park, and recommending that no penalty for overtime be charged against the contractors. Approved.

From August Braun, applying for a renewal of his license for boat service on the lake in Central Park. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the week ending December 8, 1895. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the erection of a skating-house at the Harlem Meer, Central Park.

On motion, the matter was referred back to the Superintendent of Parks for an additional report as to the advisability of erecting a permanent structure at the point indicated.

From the Engineer of Construction, relative to certain requirements of the Finance Department as to the manner of preparing the final estimate under the contract with the Barber Asphalt Paving Company for laying asphalt walks in Central Park, and recommending that the same be complied with. Approved.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon a plan submitted by the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, showing proposed approaches to the Municipal Building being erected in Crotona Park. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem River.

From the Engineer of Construction, forwarding a communication from Andrew MacMillan, contractor, asking that the Department of Public Works be requested to permit him to use water from the hydrants on Riverside Park, in connection with the work under his contract for erecting retaining wall, etc. Laid over.

From the Heine Monument Committee, withdrawing their offer to present to the City Professor Herter's Monumental Fountain.

On motion, the same was ordered filed and consent to the withdrawal of the offer was granted.

Cyrus Clark appeared and was heard in relation to the lighting of Riverside Drive.

J. V. D. Card, representing the West End Association, appeared and advocated the removal of the elevated railway columns on the line of West Seventy-second street, requesting the co-operation of the Department in obtaining the necessary legislation therefor. Mr. Card also asked that Manhattan Square be inclosed; that an entrance for pedestrians be provided on the west side of Central Park, between Sixty-fourth and Seventy-second streets, and that an underground passage for business purposes be constructed at West Seventy-ninth street. Mr. Card was requested to submit his views in writing.

Charles W. Collins, contractor, asked that the work under his contract for improving the north-west corner of Central Park be accepted, the Department retaining an amount sufficient to complete the work at such time as the weather will permit. Mr. Collins was requested to make his application in writing.

On motion, the applications of J. H. Keller and Richard Webb to cut and store ice on the Bronx river were referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river, with power to act.

From N. L. Britton, Secretary of the New York Botanical Garden, requesting that an appropriation be obtained for the construction of roads through the grounds in Bronx Park allotted to the said garden.

On motion of Commissioner Stiles, the President was authorized to apply to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for an appropriation of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to construct the main road shown on a plan submitted by Mr. Britton.

The President reported that the Comptroller had nominated Mr. William H. Burr, and that the Counsel to the Corporation had nominated Mr. Theodore Cooper to serve on the Committee of Experts to report on the defects in the work of constructing the Harlem River Driveway.

On motion of Commissioner Ely, it was Resolved, That Mr. J. J. R. Croes is hereby nominated by this Board, and that the President notify Messrs. Croes, Cooper and Burr of their appointment as the committee of three, provided for by Board resolution of December 2, 1895, and to arrange with them for a prompt report.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was Resolved, That all soundings, surveys, plans, etc., in connection with the Harlem River Driveway be placed at the disposal of the Committee of Engineers, and that an office be provided for their use at the Arsenal, Central Park, and that the services of all employees be placed at their disposal in matters touching the subject of their report.

On motion, at 4 o'clock P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The President reported the following discharges made by him on account of insufficiency of the appropriation and lack of work :

On Harlem River Driveway—Frank J. Weeks, Assistant ; George L. Richards, Assistant ; George C. Hillman, Assistant ; Daniel J. Williams, Axeman ; John Fisher, Axeman ; Patrick O'Keefe, Axeman (detailed Messenger) ; Thomas W. Gibbons, Inspector, Regulating and Grading ; John Willoughby, Inspector, Regulating and Grading ; Bernard Farley, Inspector, Pier Building ; William H. Ellis, Inspector, Pier Building.

Transverse Road No. 4—Frank McCoy, Inspector of Paving.

One Hundred and Tenth Street and Eighth Avenue—Robert Montgomery, Inspector of Masonry.

On maintenance—Michael Lee, Driver ; John Murphy, Laborer ; Pierce Powers, Gardener ; Thomas Bowe, Laborer ; Patrick O'Shaughnessey, Laborer ; Bernard Flannigan, Driver ; John Beck, Laborer ; John Brady, Laborer ; Louis Rush, Laborer ; Sylvester Ryan, Rockman ; Edward Burke, Driver ; Patrick O'Keefe, Laborer ; Daniel Barry, Driver ; Thomas Murphy, Driver ; John McKenna, Driver ; Horace F. Blake, Gardener ; Bart. Noonan, Laborer ; William Willan, Laborer ; Michael Bowman, Laborer ; Thomas Dwyer, Laborer ; Henry Oppel, Laborer ; Samuel McKinnie, Laborer ; Patrick Quinn, Laborer ; Albert Ketterer, Gardener ; John Vock, Gardener ; Frederick Weicke, Gardener ; Ad. Von Schade, Gardener ; Francis McLarney, Painter ; Michael Riordan, Painter ; John Duane, Laborer ; Peter Long, Wheelwright ; S. Weydart, Wheelwright ; William Walker, Wheelwright ; Andrew Doolin, Double Team ; Thomas Curtin, Double Team ; Thomas Gaffney, Double Team ; A. Kelly, Double Team ; John Madden, Double Team ; John

J. Coleman, Double Team ; C. Cunningham, Double Team ; Michael King, Horse and Cart ; John Grinnon, Horse and Cart. On motion, the action of the President was approved.

From the Civil Service Examining Board, submitting an eligible list for appointment as Park Policeman, as follows :

Michael Prosel, Thomas McCarthy, Hugh F. Maguire, Bernard McByrne, Joseph B. Conway, Joseph J. McLaughlin, Thomas F. Hoey, Augustus H. Murphy.

On motion, the following-named men were appointed Park Policemen on probation for thirty (30) days from January 1, 1895 :

Michael Prosel, Thomas McCarthy, Hugh F. Maguire, Bernard McByrne, Thomas F. Hoey, Augustus H. Murphy.

From the Civil Service Examining Board, submitting an eligible list for the position of Cottage Attendant, as follows :

Kate Murphy, Bertha Buggler, Annie Renner, Kady C. Brownell.

On motion, Bertha Buggler and Kady C. Brownell were appointed Cottage Attendants.

From the Civil Service Examining Board, reporting Thomas Lewis as eligible for appointment as Stableman. On motion, Thomas Lewis was appointed Stableman on probation for thirty (30) days.

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

J. D. & T. E. Crimmins, stone, etc.	\$911 00
Consolidated Gas Company, gas.	4 37
Thomas C. Dunham, varnish, etc.	9 55
Joseph Edwards & Company, smokestack.	25 00
Edwin Ferris & Co., salt.	7 50
J. Henry Haggerty, oil.	22 66
Keene & Foulk, American elms.	80 00
“ “ etc.	246 25
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, American Museum of Natural History, sundry bills.	492 80
Keuffel & Esser Company, helio paper.	5 10
W. S. Lawson, apples.	47 50
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, grate, etc.	52 19
The W. H. Moon Co., American elms, etc.	680 00
“ plants, etc.	25 00
T. N. Motley & Co., cotton waste.	191 27
The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephone service.	333 33
Patterson Brothers, screws.	75

William Scott, ice.....	\$8 58
Cady, Berg & See, professional services.....	665 43
T. Cockerill & Son, Estimate No. 1, American Museum of Natural History.....	26,617 24
Andrew McMillan, Estimate No. 4, Riverside Park and Drive—Completion of.....	4,810 68
Duncan D. McBean, Estimate No. 4, Riverside Park and Drive—Completion of Construction.....	15,060 29
Pennell & O'Hern, payment acceptance, road, Van Cortlandt Park.....	8,704 70
John Slattery, payment acceptance, grading Riverside Drive.....	2,804 18
Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Co., payment acceptance, paving Fifth avenue.....	12,407 75

On motion, at 4.30 P. M. the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1895—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 Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of a resolution transferring the sum of eight hundred dollars to the appropriation for the Aquarium. Filed.

From the Board of Aldermen, forwarding a copy of a resolution requesting that electric lights be placed in Crotona, Claremont, Bronx and Van Cortlandt Parks. Referred to the Committee on Uptown Parks.

From F. V. Smith, requesting an extension of time on his contract for improving Cathedral Parkway, between Seventh and Columbus avenues. Referred to the Engineer of Construction.

From Appleton Morgan, President Shakespeare Society of New York, relative to the proposition to place the "Poe Cottage" in Bronx Park and giving reasons therefor.

On motion, the same was ordered placed on file and the Secretary was directed to inform the Society that a hearing will be afforded its representative when desired.

From Joseph F. Murphy, requesting permission to stand a lunch wagon on the east side of Union Square, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets. Referred to the Committee on Downtown Parks.

From the President of Columbia College, favoring the proposed removal of the Claremont Hotel to some other locality. Filed, with directions to the Secretary to acknowledge the same.

From James McCauley, Auctioneer, submitting statements of auction sales held October 8 and 22 and November 12. Referred to the Auditing Committee.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending the exchange of one male aondad for one female puma. On motion the exchange of animals was authorized as recommended.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks, for the week ending December 15. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Buildings, in relation to the unsafe condition of the building used as an ice-house on the west bank of the Bronx river, near Pelham avenue. Réferred to the Committee on Uptown Parks.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract of the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, for paving walks in the City parks south of Fifty-ninth street. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract of D. C. Bouker, Jr., for improving Corlears Hook Park, and recommending that all penalty for the over-time (one month and nine days) be remitted.

On motion, the Engineer's recommendation was approved and adopted.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon a complaint made by residents of City Island regarding the condition of the City Island road, from Bartow Station to the City Island Bridge. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon an application of Charles W. Collins for a payment on his contract for improving the northwest corner of Central Park. Approved and filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon a communication from Fordham Morris, requesting the preservation of the stone tablet in the old pivot pier of the former Macomb's Dam Bridge and stating that the tablet had been carefully taken down and preserved. Filed.

From H. W. Glover, applying for promotion from the grade of Axeman to that of Assistant. Filed.

From Viola E. Decker, resigning her position of Typewriter and Stenographer, to take effect on the 31st instant. Accepted.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Board, advising that the position of "Private Secretary to the President" had been included in Subdivision II. of Class I. of the classification of positions in this Department.

The President stated that he had selected Frederick W. Craig for the position and had employed him at a salary of \$1,500 per annum from the 21st instant.

On motion, the action of the President was approved and made the action of the Board.

From the Society of Colonial Dames of New York, desiring to be given the care and custody of the old Van Cortlandt House, in Van Cortlandt Park, and proposing to restore and maintain

the building for its historic interest without expense to the Department. Ordered acknowledged and referred to the Committee on Uptown Parks.

Commissioner Ely, to whom was referred the matter of the Park Ambulance Service, made a verbal report and recommended that the Service be continued until May 1 next.

On motion, the recommendation of Commissioner Ely was approved and the Ambulance Service ordered continued in accordance therewith.

Furlong & White, representing the Society for First Aid to the Injured and others, appeared and presented a petition for the continuance of the Park Ambulance Service.

E. J. Tinsdale also appeared, and was heard in opposition to the abolition of the Park Ambulance.

Mr. Tinsdale was also heard on behalf of the Cyclists' Federation of New York City, in relation to providing accommodations for wheelmen in the vicinity of Claremont on Riverside Park. He was informed that the subject would receive consideration in connection with the matter of Claremont.

Cyrus Clark appeared and was heard with reference to the lighting of Riverside Drive.

On motion, it was ordered that the Gas Commission be requested to provide for placing ninety-seven globe gas-lamps similar to those in use in Central Park along the Riverside Drive at points to be designated by the Superintendent of Parks.

F. Thilemann, Jr., on behalf of F. V. Smith, contractor, appeared and asked that a payment be made on account of work done on the contract for paving the approach to the New Macomb's Dam Bridge. He was asked to put his request in writing and confer with the Engineer of Construction.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the bill of J. D. & T. E. Crimmins, amounting to \$419.25, for removing 559 loads of refuse material from Washington and Tompkins Squares, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department, for payment, chargeable against the appropriation made under chapter 11, Laws of 1894, for "Resurfacing Walks in Parks south of Fifty-ninth Street, etc."

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

Applications for the privilege of conducting the Claremont restaurant, on Riverside Park, were considered, with other matters connected therewith. Action was deferred.

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

De Witt C. Bouker, Jr, payment acceptance, Corlears Hook Park, etc.....	\$22,772 59
Brown & Fleming, gravel.....	770 47
T. Hugh Boorman, asphalt walks	859 32

Charles W. Collins, Estimate No. 3, entrance One Hundred and Tenth street and Eighth avenue.	\$4,627 00
Edward Callanan's Son.....	12 50
Fruin-Bambrick Construction Company, asphalt walks.	524 57
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, Metropolitan Museum of Art, sundry bills.	1,077 29
H. L. Herbert & Co., coal.....	75 75
The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, telephone service.....	14 60
Smith, F. V., Estimate No. 1, Cathedral Parkway.....	3,932 60
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, payment acceptance, resurfacing walks, etc.	2,523 44
John Slattery, tree holes, etc.....	228 00
Thomas J. Smith, oil.....	29 42
Theodore F. Tone, coal.....	17 00
T. & W. Thorn & Co., oats, etc.....	14 50
Williams & Grant, sod.....	53 28

On motion, at 4.30 P. M. the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

CLINTON H. SMITH, Assistant Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1895—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 Superintendent of Lamps and Gas, stating that the Gas Commission had made provision for three hundred additional naphtha lamps for lighting Central Park. Filed and referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From the Secretary of the Harlem Wheelmen, suggesting changes in the curb-lines at the southeast corner of Mount Morris avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street and the northeast corner of said avenue and One Hundred and Twentieth street. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From Max Hart, commending Officer George Schaffner for stopping a runaway horse in Central Park on the 17th instant. Ordered placed on the Police records and communicated to the force.

From Katherine L. Kernochan, requesting that a portion of a sum deposited in connection with a vault permit be refunded. Referred to the Engineer of Construction.

From J. C. Rogers, applying for an extension of time on his contract for constructing the second section of the Harlem River Driveway, between High Bridge and Dyckman street. Referred to the Committee on the Driveway for report.

From Alfred Scott & Co., applying for a renewal of the privilege of printing and distributing programmes at park concerts. Referred to the President, with power.

From French & Bryant, offering their services as civil engineers and surveyors. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, inclosing a bill of the Central Park Carriage Service, amounting to \$14, for the use of stages by the Commissioners in making inspections of the new parks and the Harlem River Driveway. Referred to the Auditing Committee for report.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting as to the advisability of a permanent skate-house at the Harlem Meer, and stating that, in his opinion, a portable structure would be more desirable. On motion, the recommendation of the Superintendent was approved.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a report of the accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the week ending December 22, 1895. Filed.

From Kate Carroll, applying for employment as a Cottage Attendant. Referred to the President, with power.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract with D. D. McBean for constructing retaining-wall on the westerly side of Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Nineteenth streets, and recommending that the time for the completion of said work be extended to December 20, 1895, the date on which it was completed.

On motion, the recommendation of the Engineer was approved.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract with J. R. F. Kelly, for building a tunnel and drain under the driveway and elevator tower west of the driveway at High Bridge, and recommending that the damages for non-completion of the work within the time specified in the contract be remitted, the contractor not being responsible for the delay.

On motion, the Engineer's recommendation was approved.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting adversely upon an application of F. V. Smith for a payment on account of work done under his contract for paving the approach to the New Macomb's Dam Bridge. Filed.

From J. H. Keller, in relation to the cutting of ice on the Bronx river and the use of certain buildings in connection therewith and asking to be heard by counsel in the matter.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to advise Mr. Keller that any statement he may desire to submit in writing will be placed before the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

On motion of Commissioner Stiles, it was Resolved, That Edward D. Lindsey, be and he hereby is appointed as Consulting Architect, to furnish plans and specifications and supervise the work of completing the Aquarium, and that he be paid a compensation equal to five per cent. (5%) of the cost of the work designed and superintended by him.

On motion of the President, it was Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to transfer the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) from the appropriation for "Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.," for the current year, for the purposes of which the said sum will not be required, to the appropriation for "Police Supplies," 1895, which is insufficient.

F. Thilemann, Jr., representing the contractor for paving the approach to the New Macomb's Dam Bridge, appeared and renewed his request for a payment on account of the work done under said contract.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, the Engineer of Construction was directed to prepare and submit an estimate for a payment of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) on account of said contract.

A representative of the Hudson Boat Club appeared and was heard with reference to the Club's application to locate its new boat-house in the vicinity of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, opposite Riverside Park.

On motion, the matter was referred to the President.

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

Albert Behning, coal.....	\$8 50
Dey & Somerville, skylights, etc	103 80
Thomas J. Dunn, blue stone	68 40
Ted Hansom, clipping horses.....	9 00
Keuffel & Esser Company, repairs to tape.....	3 65
N. O'Donnell, coal.....	156 75
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, laying asphalt.....	48 20
William Scott, ice.....	5 91
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, laying asphalt, west side Fifth avenue, from Seventy-ninth to Eighty-fifth street.....	1,099 92
J. M. Thorburn & Co., canary seed, etc.....	5 00
M. D. Williamson, coal.....	132 00
Yellow Pine Company, spruce, etc.....	185 69

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

A communication was received from the Civil Service Examining Board, submitting the following eligible list for the position of Park Policemen :

Joseph B. Conway, William J. Lynch, Thomas F. Russett, Robert Strong, James F. Carey, James W. Cooney, Joseph J. McLaughlin, James Walsh, Peter P. Byrnes, Michael Forrester, Patrick Durkin and William J. Flynn. Filed.

On motion, the following named men were appointed Park Policemen on approbation for thirty (30) days from January 1, 1896 :

Joseph B. Conway, James Walsh, James F. Carey, Thomas E. Henry, William J. Lynch, Joseph J. McLaughlin, Peter P. Byrnes, James W. Cooney, William J. Flynn and Patrick Durkin,

The action of the President in ordering the discharge of Martha Powell, Cottage Attendant, was approved.

On motion, the services of Charles H. McCusker and James F. Marion, axemen, were ordered dispensed with upon the expiration of the period for which they were employed (31st inst.).

On motion, the appointment of the following named employees was extended until January 31, 1896:

Daniel Ulrich, Assistant Engineer, Thomas J. Kane, Leveller, John T. Lonagan, Axeman, N. A. Brown, Axeman, Frank Berbert, Axeman, and Phillip J. McKenna, Axeman.

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

CLINTON H. SMITH, Assistant Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, Stiles, and 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, in the presence of the representative of the Comptroller and such of the parties making proposals as were present, publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received in accordance with an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD for the following works :

For Regulating and Grading Mulberry Bend Park, bounded by Mulberry, Bayard, Baxter and Park Streets, in the Sixth Ward.

BIDDERS.	11,000 CUBIC YARDS EXCAVATION OF ALL KINDS.	9,500 CUBIC YARDS EARTH FILLING TO BE FURNISHED IN PLACE.	AMOUNT.
Nicholas Ryan.....	\$1 45	\$2 00	\$34,950 00
Thomas P. McQuade.....	1 00	2 00	30,000 00
De Witt C. Bouker, Jr.....	80	1 20	20,200 00
John Slattery.....	1 34	1	14,835 00
Patrick J. Travis.....	1 35	90	23,400 00
Terence A. Smith.....	1 00	1 20	22,400 00
Thilemann & Smith.....	1 50	1 50	30,750 00
Barth. Dunn.....	1 10	2 25	33,475 00

For Building a Frame Stable in Van Cortlandt Park.

BIDDERS.	AMOUNT.	BIDDERS.	AMOUNT.
Thomas P. McQuade.....	\$22,700 00	Patrick Brennen & Co.....	\$19,500 00
John F. Johnson.....	18,875 00	Macbeth & Hamilton.....	25,279 00
Thomas Dwyer.....	18,200 00		

For Building a Frame Shelter in Van Cortlandt Park.

BIDDERS.		AMOUNT.	BIDDERS.		AMOUNT.
Thomas P. McQuade.....		\$9,200 00	Thomas Dwyer.....		\$8,200 00
John F. Johnson.....		7,619 00	Macbeth & Hamilton.....		9,039 00

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

ITEMS.	QUANTITIES.	THEO. P. HUFFMAN.		HORACE INGERSOLL.		CHAS. B. MORRIS.		WILLIAM RATHBUN.	
		Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
Hay	375,000 pounds.	\$0 90	\$3,375 00	\$0 95	\$3,562 50	\$1 10	\$4,125 00	\$0 95	\$3,562 50
Straw.....	60,000 "	80	480 00	85	510 00	95	570 00	85	510 00
Oats.....	9,000 bushels.	29½	2,655 00	29	2,610 00	32	2,880 00	28½	2,565 00
Corn.....	40,000 pounds.	80	320 00	75	300 00	75	300 00	85	340 00
Bran.....	18,000 "	75	135 00	75	135 00	80	144 00	95	171 00
Totals.....	.....	....	\$6,965 00	....	\$7,117 50	....	\$8,019 00	....	\$7,148 50

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transferring the sum of \$350 from the appropriation for the year 1895, entitled "Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.," to the appropriation entitled "Police—For Supplies and Repairs." Filed.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transferring the sum of \$43.67 from the appropriation entitled "Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc.," to the appropriation entitled "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—Salaries." Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department in relation to chapter 876, Laws of 1895. Filed.

From Edward D. Lindsey, accepting appointment as Architect of the Aquarium at Battery Park. Filed.

From P. Leckler, relative to the improvement of Crotona Parkway. The Secretary was directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Leckler's communication and to inform him that the Board now has the matter under advisement.

From Martin Klein, desiring to furnish dwarf trees to the Department. Referred to Commissioner Stiles.

From Solomon Marcus, applying for a license to sell refreshments in East River Park. Referred to the President, with power.

From Louis Levy, auctioneer, inclosing statement and return of auction sale of buildings, etc., January 6, 1896. Filed.

From the Assistant Secretary, inclosing report of auction sale of buildings, etc. Filed.

From Mrs. E. D. Schneyer, applying for appointment as Cottage Attendant. The Secretary was directed to acknowledge the receipt of this communication, and to inform Mrs. Schneyer that it will be necessary for her to pass the examination required of all applicants for this position before the Civil Service Examining Board.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting on unserviceable horses owned by the Department, and recommending that the same be disposed of. Recommendation adopted, and horses ordered to be sold at public auction.

From the Captain of Police, reporting accidents, injuries, etc., for the week ending December 29, 1895. Filed.

From David McCarthy, applying for full pay for time lost on account of injuries received while on duty. Referred to Police Committee.

From Rudolph Eichler, applying for full pay for time lost on account of injuries sustained while on duty. Referred to the Police Committee.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting an estimate for a payment of \$4,000 on contract of F. V. Smith for paving approach to Macomb's Dam Bridge.

On motion, said estimate was approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

From Charles W. Collins, asking for a payment on contract for improving the northwest corner of Central Park. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

From John H. Keller, respecting the ownership of ice-houses in Bronx Park. Referred to Counsel to the Corporation for opinion.

From John Fagan, applying for retirement from active Police duty. Referred to the Police Committee.

From the Superintendent of Parks and the Engineer of Construction, reporting on complaint as to unsanitary condition of ponds. Recommendation adopted and ordered to be communicated to Department of Public Works.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting on the application of F. V. Smith for extension of time on his contract.

On motion, time for completion of contract was extended to June 1, 1896.

From Edward D. Lindsey, reporting on condition of Aquarium at Battery Park. Recommendations adopted.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be respectfully requested to pass an ordinance authorizing this Department to proceed without public letting to complete the work of building the Aquarium in Castle Garden building, Battery Park, at a cost not to exceed \$42,800.67.

On motion of Commissioner Ely, Commissioner William A. Stiles was elected Treasurer of the Board.

The President reported verbally on the accident to the sea-wall at Battery Park.

A representative of the persons holding permits for trucks to stand at the south end of Madison Square appeared before the Board and asked permission for a renewal of the privilege. On motion, he was requested to file a written application with the Secretary for this privilege before the next meeting of the Board.

On motion, at 3.45 P. M. the Board went into executive session.

On motion, it was Resolved, That contracts for the proposals that have been this day received be awarded as follows: For the improvement of Mulberry Bend Park, to John Slattery; for furnishing and delivering forage, to Theodore P. Huffman—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.

On motion, it was Resolved, That all the bids or proposals this day received for erecting a frame stable and also a frame shelter in Van Cortlandt Park be and the same are hereby rejected.

On motion, the action of the President in employing C. C. O'Rourke as Inspector of Masonry, to take effect December 30, 1895, and J. J. Quigley as Foreman of Laborers, to take effect January 6, 1896, was approved.

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

Barber Asphalt Paving Company, laying asphalt	\$411 49
“ “ “	7,971 61
James A. Gearty, paving Transverse road No. 4	3,348 90
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, Metropolitan Museum of Art, salaries and wages, December	6,425 03
James R. F. Kelly, building tunnel, etc	5,651 76
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, American Museum of Natural History, salaries and wages, December	5,676 05
Martin Lipps, water-pipe, drinking-fountain, etc	1,188 00
D. D. McBean, retaining-wall west side Riverside Park, between One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Nineteenth streets	23,295 92

On motion, at 5 P. M. the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

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

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, authorizing the issue of bonds for enlarging the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Filed.

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting a copy of final estimate for the year 1896, as follows :

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

Salaries—To pay entirely the salaries of the President, Secretary and Clerical Force in the Office of the Commissioners ; the Superintendent of Parks and Clerks in his Office ; the Engineer of Construction ; the Meteorologist ; the Entomologist, and Director of Menagerie :

President.....	\$5,000 00	
Secretary, Superintendent, Engineer, Clerks, etc.....	30,355 00	
	\$35,355 00	

Police :

Salaries of Captain, Surgeons, Sergeants, Roundsmen, Patrolmen, Special Keepers, and wages of all persons employed in the Police Stables.....	\$357,400 00	
For Supplies and Repairs.....	15,000 00	
	372,400 00	

Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, Water Supply for Irrigation, Construction and Repairs—For General Maintenance of all the Park System, exclusive of Parks north of the Harlem river 400,000 00

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

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

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

————— \$1,027,755 00

Maintenance and Construction of New Parks north of Harlem river, including
 Surveying and Monumenting..... 90,000 00
 Music—Central Park and the City Parks..... 27,500 00
 Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance—General Maintenance and Repairs..... 39,500 00
 Telephonic Service—For Maintaining Telephonic Service for the Department.... 4,000 00
 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 Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment..... 500 00
 Aquarium—For 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..... 30,000 00

————— \$1,219,255 00

Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, relative to suit of James McGann, to recover ten thousand dollars for injuries claimed to have been received by him on November 19, 1895, in falling into an unguarded excavation in Corlear's Hook Park. Filed.

From the Harlem River and Port Chester Railroad Company, relative to railroad embankment, Pelham Bay Park. Referred to Commissioner McMillan, for report.

From H. D. Carey, relative to sewer outlet, Pelham Bay Park. The communication was ordered filed, and the Secretary directed to notify Mr. Carey that the Board would hear petitioners at its next regular meeting.

From S. L. Swett, relative to terms of occupancy of house at Pelham Bay Park. Referred to Charles P. Hallock, agent.

From Dr. J. A. Leighton, Veterinary Surgeon, reporting on condition of police horses. Referred to Committee on Police.

From the Director of the Menagerie, transmitting report for December, 1895. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, transmitting weekly report of accidents, injuries, etc. Filed.

From the Captain of Police, relative to meritorious act of Police Officer Mooney. Referred to Committee on Police.

From Edward Nugent and others, making application for permission to allow trucks to stand at Madison Square. Laid over.

From B. B. McManus, making application for permission to stand wagon at Union Square. Laid over.

From Charles Thompson, making application to stand van at Thirty-third street and Broadway. Laid over.

From Engineer of Construction, reporting on proposed bridge over Harlem river at One Hundred and Forty-fifth street. Laid over.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting on application of C. W. Collins, contractor, for a payment on contract for improving the northwest corner of Central Park.

On motion, the Engineer of Construction was directed to prepare and submit an estimate for a payment of \$2,500 on account of work done under said contract.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting on the suggestion of the Harlem Wheelmen as to certain changes in the curb-lines of Mount Morris avenue, at One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets. Referred to the Department of Public Works.

From the Superintendent of Parks, transmitting final estimate on contract (dated April 10, 1894) of Brown & Fleming, for furnishing and delivering broken trap-rock stone for parks inside Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. Referred to the President.

From Judson Kilpatrick Post No. 143, G. A. R., asking that a flag-pole be erected at Morning-side Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the American Swan Boat Company, applying for the privilege of renting skates, etc., at the pond in Central Park. Referred to the President, with power.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the New York and Harlem Railroad Company be and hereby is requested to construct a bridge over and across their tracks on a line with the centre line of Mosholu Parkway, as provided for in the agreement entered into between this Department and said company on the 11th day of January, 1888, under authority of chapter 721 of the Laws of 1887.

From Edward D. Lindsey, Architect of the Aquarium at Battery Park, reporting on the progress of the work. Filed.

George T. Reeves, a Doorman of the Department, appeared before the Board, on behalf of himself and his associates, and requested that their salaries be increased. Referred to the Committee on Police.

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

On motion, the President was authorized to give notice that all persons using sleighs in the Park are requested to provide themselves with at least one lamp on each sleigh, and that the Police require every sleigh to have either a light or bells.

The application of Edward Nugent and others to stand public trucks on the south side of Madison Square was granted, said trucks not to exceed six in number. Similar privileges were granted to B. B. McManus to stand a wagon on the north side of Union Square, and to Charles Thompson to stand a van at Thirty-third street and Broadway.

The plans submitted by J. G. Howard, Architect, for a shelter at Mulberry Bend Park, were approved, and he was directed to have full plans and specifications completed at as early a date as practicable so that the advertising for bids for the work could be ordered.

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

American District Telegraph Co., The, messenger service.....	\$2 81
Boller, Alfred P., professional services.....	160 00
Behning, Albert, coal.....	212 50
Barber Asphalt Paving Co., The, laying asphalt.....	310 96
Clark & Wilkins, oak wood, etc.....	416 50
“ “	35 00
Initial Towel Supply Co.....	19 50
Kelly, James R. F., broken stone, etc.....	46 40
Lovett Co., The, plants.....	64 50
“ “	158 00
McConnell, J., charcoal.....	3 00
Rodgers, J. C., Estimate No. 19, public driveway.....	18,672 40
Smith, F. V., paving approach to Macomb's Dam Bridge.....	4,000 00
Sicilian Asphalt Paving Co., The, laying asphalt walks.....	7,796 59
“ “ “	744 35
Leary, James D., Estimate No. 23, public driveway.....	133 60
Lanier, Charles, Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum of Natural History....	136 26

The President reported the appointment of John Reedy as a Painter, from the 7th inst.

On motion, the President's action was approved.

On motion, at 4.30 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 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 Secretary of the New York Botanical Garden, requesting a hearing for their Committee on plans relative to the proposed Bronx Valley sewer. Filed.

Henry D. Carey, John O. Fordham and John M. Bell appeared and were heard in opposition to the proposed course of the Bronx Valley sewer.

Professor Britton, of the New York Botanical Garden, was also heard in relation to said sewer.

Further consideration of the subject was deferred until the 27th instant.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of a resolution requesting that the small parks on Forty-second street, between First and Second avenues, be put in condition for public use. Referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth Street.

From the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, approving of the proposed changes in the curb-lines at the corners of Mount Morris avenue and One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets, provided the work is done by this Department. Filed.

From the Brotherhood of the Kingdom, suggesting that sand hills be provided in the parks for the use of small children. Filed.

From Mary L. Browne, in relation to the proposed bridge over Harlem River at One Hundred and Forty-fifth street. Filed.

From Cornelius O'Reilly, submitting a proposition for the removal of the Claremont Hotel and sheds connected therewith, and the erection of a new building. Referred to the President.

From Charles E. Schaffner and others, asking that no fence be erected around the plot at One Hundred and Twenty-third street and St. Nicholas avenue, known as Hancock Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From the Oak Point Yacht Club, desiring to occupy the building known as the "Hall House," and grounds, in Pelham Bay Park. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem River.

From G. F. Gminder, applying for the privilege of checking coats and selling refreshments in the new skate building at Crotona Park. Filed.

From Louis Levy, auctioneer, submitting a statement and return of an auction sale of condemned animals and materials and lost property on 17th instant. Filed.

From the Assistant Secretary, reporting upon the auction sale held on 17th instant, showing the sum of \$418.30 to have been received therefrom. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, inclosing bills, amounting to \$339.90, for repairing the boiler at the Arsenal building.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bills of Gillis & Geoghegan, amounting to \$14.90, and Baker, Smith & Co., amounting to \$325, for retubing and repairing the boiler in the Arsenal building, be and the same hereby are audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for Labor, Maintenance, Supplies, etc., 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

From the Superintendent of Parks, inclosing a bill of The Watson & Stillman Hydraulic Machinery Works, for repairing, the hydraulic rams at the Macomb's Dam Bridge.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of The Watson & Stillman Hydraulic Machinery Works, amounting to \$86.90, for repairing the hydraulic rams on Macomb's Dam Bridge, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment from the appropriation for "Harlem River Bridges," 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting an estimate for a payment of \$2,500, on account of work done under contract with C. W. Collins, for improving the northwest corner of Central Park.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Whereas, The Contractor for improving the northwest corner of Central Park has applied for an advance payment on account of the amount retained under his contract ; and

Whereas, The work under said contract has been completed, excepting the finishing of the Driveway, furnishing a small quantity of filling and the top soil for the surface ; and

Whereas, A payment of two thousand five hundred dollars on account of the amount retained by the terms of said contract, viz., four thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars, would leave a balance ample to secure the completion of the work ; and, although no provision is made in said contract for such payment, this Board is of opinion that in justice to the Contractor such payment should be made ; therefore

Resolved, That the estimate for a partial payment of two thousand five hundred dollars on account of the amount retained under said contract be and the same hereby is approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department with a request for its payment.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

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

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract for laying water-pipes and erecting drinking fountains and urinals on the Parade Grounds in Van Cortlandt Park, and recommending that the time for the completion of the work be extended to January 15, 1896, to cover the overtime which was not due to fault on the part of the contractor.

Approved.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting upon the physical condition of Park Policeman John Fagan, with a view to his retirement.

Referred to the Committee on Police with power.

From the Captain of Police, reporting upon the probationary service of Thomas Lewis, Stableman.

On motion, Thomas Lewis was appointed a Stableman, his probationary service having been satisfactory, by the following vote :

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

From Park Policeman John H. Kelly, applying for full pay for time lost on account of an injury received while on duty. Referred to the Committee on Police with power.

From the Superintendent of Parks, submitting a list of emergency men employed under direction of the President for cleaning snow from the walks in the city parks.

On motion, the action of the President in authorizing the temporary appointment of the following-named laborers, as reported by the Superintendent, was approved :

John Phelan's Gang, Union Square, Laborers, at 22 cents per hour.

Appointed January 8, 1896—Benedetta Retonde, William Martin, Thomas Reardon, Frank Brown, — McGarry, William Schaffer, Michael Jinks, Lebrote Retonde, Nicholas Ryder, Samuel P. Gross, Antonio Lasbrogeto, John Donovan, Thomas Montague, Edward Kelly, John McHale, Theo. Schroder, John Witt, Edward E. Smith, James Patterson, Lyman O. Weeks, Leopold Brardth.

Appointed January 10, 1896—James Bennet, Patrick Cavanagh, Thomas Farley, Arthur O'Keefe, Timothy Keefe, Francis Morris, Thomas Rafter, John O'Reilly, Edward J. Mallon, George O'Mally, Michael Lee, James McNamee, John O'Neil, John Reilly.

Patrick Coyle's Gang, City Hall Park, etc., Laborers, at 22 Cents Per Hour.

Appointed January 8, 1896—Isaac Gilbert, Dimenes Roesva, Meyer Schmovis, Michael J. Law, John Kehoe, James Maloney, John McKenna, Joseph Smith, George Huppmeir, John Madden, James Brennan, David Walsh, Walter Dunn, Gevanie Martirau, John McCarthy, Thomas Moran, John Regan, Ambruger Arapaleo, Owen Byrnes, John Clark, Gershen Permuter, John Driscoll, John Barmon, John Beck, Patrick Sullivan, John McNamara, Andrea Iglío, Thomas Burns, James Boyle, John Reardon, Guisippe Deldrugo, Ludwig Witzel, John Keelsner, John Haley, Patrick Eagan, Francisco Tocci, John McArdle, Casper Ott, Frederick Staat, William Dilon.

Appointed January 10, 1896—Gothard Hagendorff, Thomas Sweeney, John Rieper, John Carroll, M'l Donohue, Lugi Peralto, John Donovan, Edward Harrison, Patrick Ahearn, GavaniMarino, Benjamin Cavanagh, James McMahan, Stephen McGrath, David Telfer, John Skelly, Peter Mayville, Richard Turley, John Deegan, Frank Lane.

Appointed January 9, 1896—Dennis Donovan, Angelo De Bello, Patrick McCann, R. W. Ferris.

Appointed January 10, 1896—John Murphy, Samuel Spinella, George Hodgins, Thomas Lytle, Thomas Hussey, Cornelius Crane, Charles Willett, Patrick Walsh, Thomas Kearney, Gevanis Martian, Patrick Cronigan.

Michael Conlon's Gang, Washington Square, etc., Laborers, at 22 Cents Per Hour.

Appointed January 8, 1896—Richard Flynn, Pat Quigley, Thomas Taylor, Owen Lanahan, James Talart, Matthew J. Tobin, August Svey, Nicholas Kalch, Matthew Smith, Jeremiah Fitzpatrick, John T. Lambrecht, Frank McLoughlin, William Davis, Daniel Tierney, James Ryan, Rene Sullivan, James Corrigan, Adam Walter, Gregory Ashe, Thomas Hughes.

Appointed January 10, 1896—John McClure, James Tray, James Casey, Thomas Green, Henry Aaron.

Daniel M. Callander's Gang, Tompkins Park, etc., Laborers, at 22 Cents Per Hour.

Appointed January 8, 1896—John Brady, Frank A. Anderson, Thomas Stack, John Simon, James J. Barry, Max Freerenge, Thomas McKenna, Michael O'Brien, Francis Mallon, Peter McBride, Thomas Dwyer.

Appointed January 10, 1896—Bernard Murphy, Edward Beecher, Charles Hagens, James Mullins, Philip Krass, James Connolly, John Donnelly, Daniel Donohue, John Butch, Matthew Johns, Jeremiah Noonin.

M. J. Mangin's Gang, Laborer, at 22 Cents Per Hour.

Appointed January 14, 1896—Charles Miller.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a map in duplicate, showing certain lands lying between Amsterdam avenue and the Harlem river to be acquired for public use under chapter 876 of the Laws of 1895.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the map this day submitted by the Engineer of Construction showing all the land the acquisition of which has not heretofore been authorized by law, lying between the northerly boundary line of the land authorized to be acquired by chapter 249 of the Laws of 1890 and the westerly line of the road or public drive and the southerly side of Dyckman street as the same are now laid out on the maps of the said city and the Harlem river, which map has been prepared for filing under authority of chapter 876, Laws of 1895, amending chapter 749, Laws of 1894, and is dated December 7, 1895, be and the same hereby is approved, and when certified by the Commissioners, or a majority of them, that the same be filed in the manner required by chapter 876, Laws of 1895.

Comissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, Limited, of London, amounting to five hundred dollars, for premiums of insurance of the buildings, etc., of the Aquarium in Battery Park, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for the Aquarium for the year 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

The Committee on Police, to whom were referred applications of Officers David McCarthy and Rudolph Eichler for full pay for time lost on account of injuries sustained while on duty, made a verbal report and recommended that full pay be allowed the applicants as follows: David McCarthy, from November 16 to December 15, 1895; Rudolph Eichler, from November 29 to December 26, 1895. Adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was Resolved, That the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessments, in the proceeding for acquiring title to Colonial Park be notified that there is a large quantity of earth being dumped and trees are being cut down on the lands to be taken for said park, and that they be requested to take such steps as may be taken at this time to prevent the further spoliation of these park lands.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was Resolved, That the Superintendent be directed to push with all possible haste the completion of the portable houses at the Harlem Meer and Crotona Park, the same being greatly needed for immediate use.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit plans showing grades to be established on the Bronx and Pelham Parkway, from Bronx Park to Pelham Bay Park, with an approximate estimate of the cost.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a bill for introduction in the Legislature, transferring the care, control and maintenance of the following-named streets, or parts of streets, to the Department of Public Parks in addition to the streets placed under its jurisdiction by chapter 179, Laws of 1887 :

1. West Ninety-sixth street, from the west side of West End avenue to the Hudson river.
2. West One Hundred and Twenty-third street, from the east side of Amsterdam avenue to its westerly terminus.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the report of the Captain of Police relative to a meritorious act of Officer John F. Mooney, in saving life at Van Cortlandt Lake on the 5th instant, made a verbal report and offered the following :

Resolved, That honorable mention is hereby made of the meritorious conduct of Officer John F. Mooney in rescuing George H. Martin from drowning in Van Cortlandt Park Lake on the 5th instant. Adopted.

Thomas Cody, a Laborer in charge of the lavatory at the Battery, was called before the Board and commended for his honesty in caring for and promptly turning over to the Police a large quantity of valuable jewelry found on said park on the 17th instant.

On motion, the pay of Thomas Cody was fixed at \$2 per day, and he was ordered assigned to duty at the Battery Park Police Sub-station, by the following vote :

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

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

Abeel Brothers, steel, etc.....	\$69 50
Brown & Fleming, gravel.....	932 80
“ “	592 22
Blackfords, clams, etc.....	72 71

Peter Backus & Son, heating coils, etc.....	\$205 00
James S. Barron & Co., brooms, etc.....	133 00
Dey & Somerville, removing rafters, etc.....	448 00
Thomas C. Dunham, raw umber, etc.....	87 80
The Deane Steam Pump Company, steam pumps.....	319 00
Doty & Carroll, hay, etc.....	21 13
The East River Mill and Lumber Company, white pine.....	36 09
Charles C. Ellis, bread.....	157 44
J. W. Fiske, iron rail, etc.....	840 88
" lamps.....	54 00
Thomas J. Fitzgerald, shoeing horses.....	45 00
Ralph Henry, storm door.....	145 00
J. Henry Haggerty, oil.....	13 22
Keuffel & Esser Company, tracing cloth.....	24 00
William S. Lawson, apples.....	25 00
Martin Lipps, payment acceptance.....	2,112 00
Manhattan Cement Company, cement.....	197 00
The Mitchell Vance Company, gas-cocks, etc.....	14 09
Thornton N. Motley & Co., pinions, etc.....	14 57
The Mahattan Supply Company, snow shovels, etc.....	126 25
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, scorcher, etc.....	152 53
Joseph Moore, payment acceptance.....	1,095 00
The W. B. Perry Company, cabbage, etc.....	11 25
William Porter's Sons, lantern.....	49 60
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, laying asphalt.....	653 56
William Scott, ice.....	37 28
William Stern, fish.....	30 50
Sol. Sayles, beef.....	627 60
Theo. F. Tone, coal.....	29 75
" ".....	8 50
T. & W. Thorn & Co., hay, etc.....	117 38
Trow Directory Printing and Bookbinding Company, City Directory.....	10 50
Willson, Adams & Co., oak.....	135 81
John Ward, shoeing horses.....	30 00
Warwick Valley Milk Association and Company, milk.....	21 96
Whitman Saddle Company, saddle ornaments, e.c.....	12 60
The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co., telephonic service.....	333 33
McKesson & Robbins, glycerine.....	103 50
F. H. D. Mason, petty cash, December, 1895.....	288 41

On motion, at 4 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The President stated that owing to the accident to the boiler at the Arsenal, Central Park, on December 31, 1895, which he believed was the result of incompetency on the part of one or all the

engineers, he had asked for their resignations. William J. Brennan had tendered his resignation, and the same, on motion, was accepted. The other two engineers, Thomas Rooney and James Connell, having declined to resign, the President was authorized, in his discretion, to discharge them by the following vote :

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

The Superintendent of the Aquarium having pointed out that James Murphy and Roger Harrison, two of the engineers employed at the Aquarium, were peculiarly inefficient, the President was authorized, in his discretion, to discharge them.

The President reported that he had called upon the Civil Service Commission for the names of five steam engineers, and none being received he recommended the appointment of the following on probation until they had passed the required examination of the Civil Service Examining Board : George S. Krum, Michael Gallegher, Benjamin Richards, for duty at the Arsenal, and John Sullivan and Charles McAllister, for duty at the Aquarium.

On motion, the President's recommendation was approved by the following vote :

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

On the recommendation of the Engineer of Construction, the following men employed on the Public Driveway were granted leave of absence, without pay, until such time as work would be resumed and their services again required, to take effect January 20, 1896 :

Ernest A. Lewald, Draughtsman ; James McManus, Axeman ; Patrick McNamee, Axeman ; William J. Daly, Inspector of Masonry ; Edward J. O'Connor, Inspector of Masonry ; George Ryan, Inspector of Pier Building ; Frederick Douglass, Inspector of Pier Building.

The President reported the reinstatement on the 15th inst. of William H. Ellis as an Inspector of Pier Building on the Driveway, and the appointment on the 13th inst. of Patrick Carroll a Laborer, on the parks.

On motion, the President's action was approved by the following vote :

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

On motion, at 5 P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

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

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Chairman of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, in the matter of acquiring title to Colonial Park, replying to the request contained in the resolution adopted by this Board on 20th inst. respecting the spoliation of lands to be taken for said park.

On motion, the communication was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

From the Island Improvement Company, of Salt Lake City, offering a buffalo bull for sale. Referred to the Director of the Menagerie.

From William H. Booth and others, protesting against the cutting of ice in Bronx Park. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, reporting G. E. Fisher as eligible for reinstatement as a Park Policeman. Filed.

From George E. Fisher, applying for reappointment on the Park Police force. Referred to the Committee on Police, with power.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting, upon the request of Judson Kilpatrick Post, G. A. R., that a flag-pole be erected on Morningside Park.

On motion, the Superintendent was directed to procure estimates for erecting a flag-pole on said park and submit them to the Board.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the leaking condition of the drip-pans under the tracks of the Elevated Railroad in Battery Park.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to call the attention of the Manhattan Railway Company to the matter, requesting that it receive immediate attention.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the week ending January 19. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a time statement on the contract for the Riverside Park retaining-wall between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, and recommending that the time for the completion of the work be extended to January 21, 1896, the date of its completion.

On motion, the report of the Engineer was approved and the time on said contract extended as recommended.

From the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, requesting permission to lay car tracks near the Columbus Statue, on the "Circle," for the purpose of connecting the Fifty-ninth street tracks with the tracks on Eighth avenue. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

From the Assistant Secretary, reporting in relation to the renewal of the contract for telephonic service.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to enter into a contract with the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, after the same shall have been approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, for telephonic service for the year 1896 at a cost not to exceed the sum of four thousand dollars.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

On motion of Commissioner Stiles, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be and he is hereby directed to prepare and submit a plan for the improvement of the gore of land lying between Seventh avenue and Macomb's Dam road, north of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, acquired for use in connection with the approaches to the New Macomb's Dam Bridge.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, it was

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he hereby is requested to initiate proceedings for acquiring title to the lands shown on the map filed by this Department under authority of chapter 876 of the Laws of 1895, amending chapter 749, Laws of 1894, being certain lands lying between the northerly boundary-line of the land authorized to be acquired by chapter 249, Laws of 1890, and the westerly line of the road or public drive and the southerly side of Dyckman street, as now laid out, and the Harlem river.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the application of John H. Kelly, Park Policeman, for full pay for time lost on account of an injury received while on duty, made a verbal

report and recommended that full pay be allowed Officer Kelly, as applied for, viz. : from December 12, 1895, to January 6, 1896.

On motion, full pay was allowed as recommended by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles and Ely—3.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the report of the Police Surgeon on the physical condition of John Fagan, a Park Policeman, with a view to his retirement from the force, made a verbal report and offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, It appears by the records of this Department that John Fagan is a member of the Park Police Force of the City of New York, assigned to do duty as Patrolman ; that he has performed Police duty as a member of the said Police force for a period of twenty years, and that after examination of the said John Fagan, the Police Surgeon has certified that he is permanently disabled so as to be unfit for Police duty ; therefore

Resolved, That in pursuance of section 4, chapter 142 of the Laws of 1893, Park Policeman John Fagan be and hereby is retired and honorably discharged from membership in the said Park Police force, placed upon the Park Police pension-roll, and awarded and granted a pension from the Park Police Pension Fund of the annual sum of five hundred and fifty dollars, to take effect from and after February 1, 1896.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

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

Henry D. Carey, John O. Fordham, John M. Bell, and others, appeared and were heard in the matter of the proposed Bronx Valley sewer.

Fordham Morris, President of the Bronx Valley Sewer Commission, also appeared and was heard relative to the proposed sewer, stating that his Commission had requested him to ask if the Board of Park Commissioners would have their Engineer confer with the Engineer of the Sewer Commission, so that in drafting the Act to be presented, such apposite and proper language might be used that the rights and duties of the Park Commission would be preserved, and, at the same time, that they might make this legal and rather necessary invasion upon the premises that the Park Commissioners are charged to protect.

On motion, the Engineer of Construction was directed to confer with the Engineer of the Bronx Valley Sewer Commission in reference to the matter.

N. L. Britton, Secretary of the New York Botanical Garden, appeared and presented a report in relation to the proposed drainage of marsh lands on Bronx Park and the effect of changing the dam near the Lorillard Mansion, which was referred to the Engineer of Construction for report.

The Committee on Police submitted a report, with findings, on the evidence taken at the trials of members of the Police force held on 25th inst., as follows :

James F. McIntyre, charged with violation of rules and conduct unbecoming an officer. Found guilty and reprimanded.

David Sheehan, charged with being absent from duty without leave. Cautioned.

James J. Kelly, charged with being late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.

James Higgins, charged with being off post and neglect of duty. Found guilty and fined one day's pay.

Edward L. Collins, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty. Cautioned.

John A. Cogan, charged with being absent without leave and neglect of duty. Cautioned.

William C. Bergen, charged with not properly patrolling. Cautioned.

Thomas J. Smith, charged with being off post. Found guilty and fined five days' pay.

Andrew J. McNulty, charged with being off post and neglect of duty. Found guilty and fined one day's pay.

William Cavanagh, charged with being off post and neglect of duty. Found guilty and fined one day's pay.

James Gorman, charged with being off post and neglect of duty. Found guilty and fined one day's pay.

David McCarthy, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty. Found guilty and reprimanded.

Jackson E. Glynn, charged with being absent from duty without leave (1). Found guilty and reprimanded.

Jackson E. Glynn, charged with being absent from duty without leave (2). Found guilty and reprimanded.

Jackson E. Glynn, charged with being absent from duty without leave and neglect of duty. Found guilty and reprimanded.

John T. McGee, charged with not properly patrolling (1). Found guilty and reprimanded.

John T. McGee, charged with not properly patrolling (2). Found guilty and reprimanded.

Patrick McNeaney, charged with not properly patrolling. Found guilty and fined one day's pay and cautioned.

Patrick Meehan, charged with not properly patrolling. Found guilty and reprimanded.

Nicholas O'Neil, charged with being late for roll-call. Charge dismissed.

Albert Gick, charged with being late for roll-call. Found guilty and reprimanded.

Hugh J. Gribben, charged with being off post. Found guilty and fined one day's and cautioned.

Hugh J. Gribben, charged with being off post, violation of rules and neglect of duty. Found guilty and fined five days' pay and cautioned.

Edward A. McNamara, charged with being late for roll call. Cautioned.

John Wolf, Jr., charged with conduct unbecoming an officer. Found guilty and reprimanded.

John J. McDonald, charged with absent from duty without leave. Cautioned.

William C. Zwisler, charged with violation of rules. Found guilty and reprimanded.

Bartholomew Walsh (Doorman), charged with being late for duty. Cautioned.

On motion the report, findings and sentences recommended by the Committee on Police were approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles and Ely—3.

The President reported the following appointments, removals, etc., made by him :

Appointed.

John J. Wilbig, Janitor, from 21st instant ; Peter J. Connelly, Bridge tender, from 22d instant ; Andrew B. Burnett, Blacksmith, from 22d instant ; James Finland, Steam Engineer, 25th instant ; Dennis Coleman, Blacksmith's helper, from 27th instant.

Discharged.

Thomas Rooney, Steam Engineer, 20th instant.

Pay Increase.

Michael Harrington, \$1.76 to \$2 per day ; Patrick Carroll, \$1.76 to \$2 per day.

Given Leave of Absence Without Pay for Sixty Days.

DOUBLE TEAMS.

Martin Gulvin, Patrick Moriarty, Thomas Morley, Samuel Cochrane.

LABORERS AT \$2.00.

James Fitzpatrick, William J. Rice, Patrick Frawley, William Kennedy.

LABORERS AT \$1.76.

Alexander Jackson, Cornelius Boyle, James Baird, John Corbett, Michael Lane, John Jayden, Patrick Kencar, Thomas Gravey, Thomas Cassidy, Daniel Ryan, James Murphy, Thomas Malone, Dennis Connell, Michael McCullough, Jacob Freeman.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles and Ely—3.

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

Barron, James S. & Co., brooms, etc.	\$120 00
Brown & Fleming, gravel	899 20
Beattie, John, painting entrance	65 85
Cady, J. C. & Co., professional services, American Museum of Natural History.....	3 29
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Chesley, William P., walnut counters, etc.....	584 50
Consolidated Gas Company, gas	4 65
“ “	373 12
Kimbel, A. & Sons, desk case, etc.....	766 00
Markey, Philip, agent, coal	106 25
McMillan, Andrew, Estimate No. 5, retaining-wall westerly side Riverside Park....	3,493 35
McBean, Duncan D., payment, acceptance of retaining-wall Riverside Park	22,517 19
N. Y. Mutual Gas-light Company, The, gas.....	68 50

On motion, at 4.45 P. M. the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1896.

Special meeting 1.30 P. M., at No. 187 Fulton street, pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
 January 28, 1896. }

WILLIAM LEARY, Esq., *Secretary* :

SIR—Will you please call a special meeting of the Board of Parks, to be held at my office (No. 187 Fulton street), on Thursday, January 30, 1896, at 1.30, for the consideration of such business as may be presented.

Yours truly,

S. V. R. CRUGER, President.

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

The following communications were received :

From Seth Low, President of Columbia College, requesting that additional lights be provided on Morningside avenue. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report as to the number of lamps required.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department as to ownership of the buildings used for the storage of ice on Bronx Park by John H. Keller.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Keller to remove said buildings from the park prior to May 1, 1896.

From the Comptroller, stating that a complaint had been made to him in relation to the employment by this Department of five steam engineers, with a request that their pay be withheld, and asking to be advised in the matter.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to reply to the Comptroller giving the facts in the case.

From A. F. Fournier, resigning his position as Foreman, to take effect March 1, 1896.
Accepted.

The President placed before the Board the report of the Committee of Experts appointed to examine and report on the defective work on the Harlem River Driveway.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, said report was received and ordered printed as a document of the Board.

(See Document No. 136.)

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was ordered that an inquiry be made as to the spoliation of property on the City Island road in Pelham Bay Park.

On motion, the President was authorized to remove the offices on the third floor of the Arsenal Building to the second floor.

On motion, the Captain of Police was directed to report the names of all persons selling liquor in the parks north of Harlem river.

On motion, George R. Burns was discharged from the position of Foreman, to take effect February 1, 1896.

On motion, at 2.30 P. M., the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DOCUMENT NO. 136.



BOARD

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

JANUARY 30, 1896.



A report was received from the Committee of Experts, consisting of J. J. R. Croes, Theodore Cooper and William H. Burr, relative to defective work in the construction of the Harlem River Driveway.

On motion, said report was ordered printed as a document of the Board.

WILLIAM LEARY,
Secretary.

HARLEM RIVER DRIVEWAY,

JANUARY 27, 1896.

To the Honorable the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks :

The undersigned, the Committee of Experts appointed in pursuance of the resolutions adopted by your Board on December 2, 1895, have the honor to report their opinion as to the matters relating to the Harlem River Driveway, specified in your letter of instructions dated December 18, 1895, as follows :

First—Whether the subway on Section One of said work has been built in strict accordance with the specifications of the contract and the work thereon faithfully performed.

Second—Whether the foundations provided for in the contract and specifications were sufficient to carry the load placed thereon.

Third—Whether the crib-work on Section One of said Driveway has been built in strict conformance with the specifications of the contract and the work thereon faithfully performed.

Fourth—Whether the crib-work on said section, if constructed in strict accordance with the contract and specifications, and faithfully built, ought to have remained in position. Whether the defects therein are due to inadequate and defective specifications or improper or defective work.

Fifth—What defects now exist in said work, and what work, in their opinion is necessary to be done to remedy the same.

Sixth—If, in their opinion, they should determine that defective work does exist, which will have to be rebuilt, whether it is possible at a reasonable expense, with a statement of their estimate of such expense if they so decide, to build a stone wall from High Bridge south so far as may be necessary by reason of said defective crib-work.

Seventh—Their opinion as to whether the roadway on Section Two of said Driveway is likely to be permanently affected by the rise and fall of the tide or other causes, and if so, what should be done to provide therefor.

During our examination of the matters submitted to us for report, your Board has placed at our service all papers, records, plans, contracts, specifications and reports in its possession ; the Engineers of your Department and Mr. Charles H. Graham, formerly Engineer in charge of the Driveway, have given us all information bearing upon the subjects under investigation with perfect frankness.

We have personally examined the work, studied the plans, contracts and specifications as originally prepared and as modified during the progress of the work, and have given hearings to

the several Engineers who, from time to time, have had charge or supervision of the whole or portions of the work, and to the contractors for the two sections.

Desiring to make our examinations independently and to reach our conclusions without any previous bias, we only read the reports and communications addressed to your Board after we had completed our own examinations and had formulated our general conclusions.

Believing that your Board desires to have a full expression of our opinion as to the causes which have produced the defects and created the delays, we think it proper to enter more fully into this matter than would be necessary if we confined our report solely to replying to your specific interrogatories.

Your first and second questions relate to the subway on Section One, and will be considered together.

I.—*Subway on Section One.*

This subway is an arched passageway, 15 feet wide and 9 feet high, under the Driveway, at 2,189 feet from One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street. The arch of cut granite is segmental, with a radius of 10.35 feet and with a span of 15 feet; its rise is 3 feet and the height of the soffit at the crown is about 9 feet above the finished floor. At the easterly opening of the arch is a platform or landing 24 feet long and for the greater part of its length 12 feet wide. From each end of this platform a flight of granite steps rises to the grade of the sidewalk. At the west end of the arch there is a similar but shorter landing, with a flight of steps on the north end only. The existence of the landings and stairways make necessary a mass of masonry rectangular in plan, about 112 feet long and 12 feet wide, outside of and adjacent to the retaining wall at the east end of the subway, and a similar mass about 57 feet long and 12 feet wide at the west end. The floor of the subway is supported on a brick segmental arch of 14 feet 6 inches span and about 2 feet 9 inches rise. The side walls of the empty space underneath the subway floor are of concrete, and are about 8 feet 6 inches high, and extend down to the concrete around the tops of the supporting piles. The empty space is closed at each end by masses of stair landings or platform masonry already described, and its side walls have no bond at either end with these masses. In other words, the platform and retaining wall masonry simply abutted when constructed against the subway foundation masonry, and thus made at each end a vertical joint without bond, from the floor level of the subway down to the concrete around the tops of the piles, a vertical distance of about 12 feet.

The retaining walls in the vicinity of the subway, the entire subway masonry, the platform and stairway masonry, are all supported upon piles driven $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 feet between centres, reinforced under the west platform masonry only by bags of concrete deposited among them. After the piles were driven and cut off at mean low-water level, the vacant spaces among them were filled with small cobble stones up to 2 feet below their tops, from which level to 1 foot 6 inches above their tops under the retaining walls and 2 feet 6 inches under the platform and stairway masonry, concrete was deposited.

The original plans contemplated a timber grillage or platform on the tops of the piles under the side walls of the archway, between the retaining walls, but no platform of that character was provided under other portions of the subway.

The bed-rock under the Driveway at this point is but a few feet below low water at the westerly edge of the west landing platform, and slopes steeply downward toward the east. The original plans contemplated two rows of sloping brace piles to be driven along the east face of the work, three feet between centres, to prevent an eastward movement of the subway and adjacent masonry.

On September 12, 1894, the Board of Park Commissioners, on the recommendation of the Engineer, authorized the omission of the timber grillage under the side walls of the subway and the substitution therefor of a mass of concrete around and over the piles similar to that under the exterior wall.

During the progress of the work the Engineer in charge, under the authority vested in him by the contract, authorized the omission of the seventy-eight sloping brace piles along the easterly face of the east platform masonry.

The filling on each side of the subway is earth, extending from the subgrade of the roadway down to the soft mud of the original river bottom. The height of the retaining walls in the vicinity of the subway varies in consequence of the grade of the roadway, but at the subway that height may be taken at 25 feet. The outward pressure of the filling tending to force apart the retaining walls at their bases will be at least 900 pounds per square foot, and if the distance to the soft mud be 6 feet further, that outward pressure against the tops of the piles will be about 1,100 pounds per square foot. The total outward pressure against the east retaining wall from its top to its bottom tending to move it eastward will be nearly 11,300 pounds per linear foot of its length, or if the surface of the soft mud be at 6 feet below the bottom of the retaining wall, that total outward thrust or pressure will be over 17,000 pounds per linear foot. In addition to exerting this horizontal outward pressure, the filling also presses downward on the soft mud with a weight of over 3,000 pounds per square foot, and under such a heavy load the mud will exert a high lateral pressure in its effort to flow in a horizontal or inclined direction. The sloping rock will prevent its motion to the west, but will aid its motion to the east; and inasmuch as the piles under the east platform and retaining walls are driven through this mud to a depth of 60 to 70 feet, the effort of the mud to flow will push them eastward with a force whose magnitude must be very considerable, although it cannot be closely computed. The only resistances opposed to these outward forces by the work as constructed are the aggregate stiffness of the single piles as long beams and such hold as the cobble stones may gain by sinking into the stiffer mud below. These resistances are both relatively small and quite inadequate to prevent movement of the foundation under the east end of the subway. The existence of a continuous grillage over the tops of all the piles under the subway and adjoining retaining wall and stair landing masonry would have bound together as a unit their entire foundation; this would have been a safeguard against the separation of parts leading to the cracks now existing in the masonry. The vertical joints without bond, 12 feet in height, near each end of the subway flow, seriously aggravate the effect of the omission of the grillage. Two well-bonded joints, each 12 feet high, and with an average width $8\frac{5}{8}$ feet, giving 204 square feet of masonry to be torn through at each end of the subway before any separation of the retaining walls could be effected, would have been an efficient aid in preventing the movement of the east wall. This movement has resulted in opening the transverse cracks from one to two inches, beginning at the points where this vertical joint without bond cuts the water table. The

78 brace piles originally contemplated would have supplied precisely the kind of support necessary to prevent the horizontal outward or eastward movement which has taken place at the east end of the subway, and caused the opening of the transverse cracks just mentioned. The total horizontal pressure of the earth filling against the 26 feet height of the retaining wall at the east end of the subway, amounting to about 11,300 pounds per foot, would bring upon each of these brace piles, 60 to 70 feet long, a load of $16\frac{1}{2}$ tons, which would be reasonable and safe upon such piles.

The transverse cracks in the floor of the subway and in the water-tables show about 2 inches of actual movement eastward in a horizontal direction. Just above the water-tables these cracks bifurcate, so that at the crown of the arch the two transverse openings, several feet distant from each other, but in the same longitudinal crown joints, show an actual eastward movement of about 1 to $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch. These cracks in the soffit of the subway, as well as those which appear in the eastern faces of the retaining wall and of the stairway masonry, exhibit a formation and character perfectly consistent with the yielding of the fractured parts by a heavy horizontal thrust due to the earth filling and the mud flow underneath it. The intensities of these outward pressures are greatest at the bottom of the retaining wall, or at the tops of the piles, and gradually decrease to nothing at the top of the retaining wall. The retaining wall at the end of the subway being continuous and thoroughly bounded with the walls north and south of this point, where brace piles were used in the foundations, would act as a continuous beam resisting horizontal displacements at its top, but would become distorted at the bottom by the great horizontal pressure acting at that point. That it so acts is confirmed by the cracks produced, which are widest open at the bottom and gradually disappear higher up.

The vertical settlement of the floor of the east end of the subway does not appear to have exceeded $\frac{1}{8}$ inch. This is not more than frequently occurs in good pile foundation work, and has done no harm. The vertical load does not exceed 12 tons per pile under any portion of the masonry considered, which is well within the limits of good practice.

In the opinion of your Committee, the failure of this part of the work is due to the omission of the brace piles and to the existence of the unbonded joint, for neither of which can the contractor be held responsible. It is, further, the opinion of your Committee that, in addition to the brace piles, a properly-designed grillage, consisting of layers of timbers crossing each other without notching, should have been placed over the entire foundation of this part of the work, and that the same construction should be employed where pile foundations may be used under similar conditions.

The small hair crack running along the crown joint or joints of the subway arch, from its west end to the transverse cracks in its eastern portion may readily be accounted for by the slight settlement resulting from the removal of the timber centres before the earth filling was placed upon the arch ring. The centres should not have been removed until the earth filling had been carried well above the top of the arch ring and a reasonable time allowed for its settling into a compact mass. These longitudinal fine cracks possess no other significance than that stated and need cause no apprehension. The joint showing cracks should be scraped out to a depth of $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches and carefully repointed.

Similar observations may be made with regard of the fine cracks appearing in the west face of the west retaining wall at and in the vicinity of the western opening of the subway. They are

doubtless due to unequal settlement, which is likely to take place in such foundations as that on which this masonry rests. The joints showing these fine cracks should also be thoroughly scraped out and repointed.

So far as can be judged from an inspection of the work in its present condition, the masonry appears to have been well executed in the main, and its failure must be attributed solely to defective design.

A large mass of rip-rap having been deposited outside of the face of this masonry in the mud, and the movement of the wall having nearly or quite ceased, very little danger appears to exist of a further settlement which would cause damage; but, in order to make the work secure and its appearance creditable, it will be necessary to take down the side walls and arch of the subway as far back as the cracks extended and to rebuild same.

Further movement of the masonry at the eastern end of the subway may be prevented by running two anchor rods of moderate size through the empty space beneath the subway floor and anchoring them into the platform masonry at each end of the subway.

The final destruction of these rods by oxidation need not be considered as of any importance, for long before they are destroyed the mud pressure will have been equalized in and about the piles, so that no further movement can be expected.

II.—Crib-work; Section One.

In reply to your third question, we do not find the crib-work on Section One built in strict accordance with the specifications, nor the work thereon faithfully performed. The specifications require that "At their bearings upon the longitudinal logs the transverse round logs or cross ties will be neatly cut out to a good bearing over the top of the under log to form a shoulder." Those parts of the crib-work exposed to view, extending in places from low water to the top of the work as finished, show that little attention seems to have been paid to this requirement. A large proportion of the cross ties are not only not notched down on the longitudinal logs, but do not even touch them in many places, the spaces between them being filled with shims, through which the spikes are driven into the lower logs.

It is further specified that "the crib-work will be filled in from the level of the flooring to within two feet of grade with suitable sound stone, no piece of stone to be larger than sixteen inches in its largest dimension and with small stone to fill the spaces." There are in the filling now visible a great many stones of "larger dimension," far in excess of sixteen inches, and reasonable care has not been taken in placing the stone filling, as far as it can be examined, to make it fairly good work of its kind. Beside this, there is practically no indication of any real effort to introduce small stone filling in the spaces or voids of the larger stones.

Your Committee is of the opinion that this crib filling must be classed as work "defective in its construction or deficient in any of the requirements of these specifications," and which "the contractor will be required to correct * * * whenever discovered, before the final acceptance of the work."

The only way to remedy this deficiency, at this stage of the work, is to remove the crib filling and to replace it in accordance with the requirements of the specifications.

Of the 2,300 feet of crib-work a section of 300 feet, from Stations 41 to 44, the first placed in position, has failed to support the filling behind it and has slid out into the river, from three to eight feet at the top, and apparently much farther at the bottom.

The adjacent sections have also moved out to a less, though objectionable, extent. The cribs are distorted, but not broken above low water.

Prior to the beginning of construction no borings had been made to discover the nature of the material beneath the bottom of the Harlem river and along the line of the proposed crib-work. It was only known that there was soft mud at the crib site, and that the ship channel to be constructed was to be 15 feet deep at low water. In making up the preliminary estimate of quantities of work to be done, it was assumed that the bottom of the crib bulkhead would be three feet lower, or at 18 feet below low water, and the proportions of the crib were fixed on this assumption. When construction was begun, it was found that the soft mud extended to a depth of 27 to 30 feet below low water, at which depth an apparently hard stratum was discovered by dredging, and by sounding with a light iron rod from a rowboat; hence it was determined to place the crib on this bottom. Accordingly, the cribs were built of the dimensions required to fit the bottom, as indicated by the rod soundings, were put in position and sunk by being filled with stone.

The grade of the driveway being on this section from 8 to 12 feet above high water, these cribs when completed were from 40 to 48 feet high, and 33 feet wide at the base.

Immediately in the rear of the cribs, rock, excavated from the cuts along the driveway, was dumped in as it came from the quarry and allowed to take its natural slope, and back of that, quarried rock and earth were dumped in on the mud to form an embankment for the roadway. The fact that the correct alignment of this crib-work is essential to an agreeable appearance of the driveway after its completion, and the necessity of keeping it within the bulkhead line as established by the United States Government, make it imperative that the crib should be constructed of ample dimensions for such stability as can reasonably be secured in this class of work. The design of crib-work is not readily brought within the scope of exact computations, but the horizontal pressure per linear foot exerted by the filling against the back of the crib-work under consideration cannot but be very great, in addition to which there exists the tendency of the mud on which it rests to flow eastward, in consequence of the heavy load of the rock fill above it. At this locality and under these conditions, the width of this crib-work at its base should not have been less than its total height, and 20 per cent. greater than that would not have been too much in view of the great desirability of maintaining an unchanged alignment and preventing encroachment on the Harlem Ship Canal. Some cribs of less width of base have been placed, and retained in place, on this work, but others have moved, showing that their dimensions do not furnish excess of stability for this particular class of construction.

Your Committee does not find that the contractor proceeded in this case in violation of the provisions of the contract, or of the specifications, except as to the details already indicated, which manifestly did not influence the movement of the crib.

Your Committee, therefore, is of the opinion that the contractor cannot be held responsible for the failure of this crib-work to hold its place.

The specifications for crib-work are very full and complete, and the work of design and construction, with the exceptions before noted, appears to have been fairly well done.

It is the opinion of your Committee that so much of this section of crib-work as has slid out beyond the established bulkhead line should be removed to a depth of about 18 feet below low water. The bottom thus formed should then be examined and carefully prepared by leveling with broken stone, if necessary, for founding a new crib on correct lines.

Your instructions, however, further inquire of your Committee :

“Sixth—Whether it is possible at a reasonable expense, with a statement of their estimate of such expense, if they so decide, to build a stone wall from Highbridge south so far as may be necessary by reason of said defective crib-work.”

No estimate can be made even approximately exact of the cost of constructing this wall in the absence of a thorough examination of its site by a considerable number of borings. Probably seven hundred to eight hundred linear feet of additional wall would be required under this inquiry.

Inasmuch as the difficulties in founding this wall would be much greater than those encountered near High bridge, the cost per linear foot would necessarily be far higher than the corresponding cost of that wall, which was \$315. Your Committee, therefore, is of the opinion that it is not “possible at a reasonable expense” to substitute a masonry wall for crib construction on this portion of the work.

III.—Roadway.

“Seventh—Their opinion as to whether the roadway on Section Two of said driveway is likely to be permanently affected by the rise and fall of the tide or other causes, and if so what should be done to provide therefor.”

In answering this inquiry, it is desirable to include also the consideration of the condition of the roadway on Section One. In making the embankments below subgrade of the driveway on both sections, the specifications have not been complied with in an important particular. The specifications require that “in using rock for filling, sufficient earth and small stones shall be deposited with it to fill all voids and interstices.” This has not been done. Much of the rock has apparently been dumped in just as it came from the quarries, and little care taken to fill up the large interstices with smaller stones and earth. Over a considerable portion of these rocks fills, earth and cinders have been loosely dumped and carted over. The result of these operations has been that much of the filling back of the cribs and nearly up to the subgrade of the roadway has large void spaces in it. The rising and falling of the tide in these spaces, combined with the percolation of rain water from above, has gradually washed out the earth which was filled in over the rock-dump and carried it down to the bottom of the voids. This action of the water is perceptible in places over almost the entire embankment on both sections, and is particularly noticeable on the second section, north of Washington Bridge, where the original bottom is reported to be sandy, with little or no mud to be displaced by the rock-fill and forced up between and around the stones.

The use of this roadway for its intended purposes demands that the roadbed be absolutely secure against the treacherous tendency which it now has to form pitfalls, dangerous to man and beast, and which would involve the city in serious financial damages.

The remedy for this condition of the work will be to strip the top of the present fill down to the rock filling, thoroughly fill all the lower voids with gravel and small stones, above which the spaces should be filled with stone fragments, gradually decreasing in size. Finally, this filling should be covered with a layer of gravel or gravelly earth, well compacted and from twelve to eighteen inches in thickness.

No tentative method of filling from the top only will give any reasonable expectation of success.

IV.—Retaining Walls, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street.

At the south end of the Driveway, where it connects with the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street viaduct, the stone masonry retaining wall on the westerly side of the Driveway was founded for about fifty feet on an embankment of miscellaneous material, which has been deposited there several years previous to the building of the Driveway.

The retaining wall of the viaduct was also founded on that material. Since the construction of the driveway the owner of the adjacent property has excavated some of the outer slopes of the old embankment to a depth of 5 or 6 feet below the foundation of the retaining wall. This portion of the wall should not be left in its present condition. It should be underpinned to a depth sufficient to protect it against future contingencies.

This wall was built according to the plans, and the contractor is not responsible for its present condition.

The time allowed your Committee has been principally employed in investigating those special points upon which you have asked their opinion.

But, in connection with this examination, they have noted, in answer to the closing paragraph of your letter, the following :

1st. The general plans show that where the footwalks are elevated above the roadway in rock cut, the face of the rock supporting the footwalks is to be cut down vertically and left without a protecting wall. There is no rock along the driveway, which should be left vertical. All the vertical faces of such footwalks should be protected by a properly constructed wall.

2d. Along the slopes on the west of the driveway there are places where more rock must be removed, or it ultimately will come down into the limits of the driveway.

3d. "The three longitudinal round log timbers" required to be placed at the top of the crib "against the back of the face timbers" serve no useful purpose. As they are irregular in form and cannot be made to lie closely together, they do not act sufficiently as braces, and from their ready liability to decay they injuriously affect the permanent character of the sidewalk. They should therefore be omitted.

The face timbers can be more effectually braced, if necessary, by blocks spiked to transverse logs and face timbers.

4th. The sewer which discharges through the displaced crib between stations 41 and 44 is broken. It should be carefully examined and restored to proper condition. There is no evidence that the cause of failure was other than the movement of the crib and the filling behind it.

5th. A crack has appeared in the east retaining wall, south of the subway, at the point where the foundation changes from piles to rock. This crack is small at the bottom of the wall and disappears toward the top. It is due simply to change in the character of the foundations, and is unimportant. It is only necessary to scrape out and repoint the joints in which the crack appears.

In the course of their investigations into the defects of this work, your Committee have been so impressed with the main causes of the trouble, that they feel they would fail in doing their full duty did they not plainly indicate them, namely, the undue haste and want of proper preparation in its inception.

There were no borings made along the line of the bulkhead below High Bridge to determine the character of the material and the probable depths for the foundations of the walls and cribs. Mr. Graham, former Engineer in charge, says in his report: "The work on these soundings (above Highbridge) was necessarily slow, and in view of the great anxiety on the part of the authorities to hurry the work and get it under construction, it was decided not to use this method south of Highbridge, but in place thereof to take rod soundings to supplement information obtained from records of the Dock Department, borings taken some time before." These rod soundings were afterward found to be untrustworthy and misleading.

The neglect to make borings and obtain other essential data relating to the foundations for the work on Section One rendered it impossible to prepare proper plans and correct estimates and has led to most of the difficulties and delays which have occurred.

The incomplete preparations for a work of this kind, and especially in the vital matter of founding a long line of bulkhead upon the soft river mud, must be considered an important factor in the failures that have occurred.

That no time is saved in completing any engineering work by hastening the work of preparation unduly, or commencing the work before all the conditions are known and provided for, is well recognized by those having experience in conducting such projects.

As the estimated quantities of the several classes of work under the contract were based upon imperfect data, the authority given the Engineer to vary the dimensions of the crib and to modify the plans to suit the changing condition of the work, was restricted by other requirements of the contract and specifications, viz., the last paragraph on page 8, which states that "the whole amount of the several classes of work in this contract enumerated, or such or any one of them, may at the option of the parties of the first part be increased or decreased by an amount not exceeding twenty-five per centum of the amounts hereinbefore mentioned." A clause of this character, limiting the total cost of any piece of work, may be a proper precaution in protecting the city's interests, where all the elements entering into the cost are reasonably well known; but for a work like the one under consideration, where due examination and careful study of the conditions had not been made, such a clause could only be a block and hindrance in attaining

ood and safe construction, especially when worked to apply to the separate items of the estimate.

It appears to your Committee, after their examinations, that this clause hampered the Engineer in charge in providing for new conditions in accordance with his best judgment.

Chapter 8 of the Laws of 1894, approved by the Governor January 26, 1894, one day after the awarding of the contract for the first section of the Driveway, rendered a modification of this original contract necessary.

In the modified contract for Section One, executed July 25, 1894, the specifications were changed, not only to suit the requirements of the amended act, but also to allow the dredging to be done, "as directed in each case, by the Engineer," to reduce the amount of rock fill back of the cribs, and to remove the limitation of the size of stone forming this fill. The modified contract also contains the following clause: "The borrowed material for filling necessitated by changes in plans is hereby fixed and agreed upon as 110,000 cubic yards in amount, which said amount is not to vary, and is agreed upon for the purpose of computation," the price being 36 cents per cubic yard.

As all the filling upon this section was also to be paid for at the rate of twenty-four cents per cubic yard, the above "borrowed fill," amounting to \$39,600, was an extra cost to the city, which resulted from haste in the execution of the first contract. To this must be added the cost of repairs of such work as has proved defective in consequence of plans and specifications based upon imperfect data.

Very respectfully submitted,

THEODORE COOPER.

J. J. R. CROES.

W. H. BURR.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

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

The minutes of the meetings of January 27 and 30 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the General Counsel of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, replying to the request of this Department for the construction of a bridge over and across the tracks of the New York and Harlem Railroad at Mosholu Parkway, and stating that, in his opinion, the agreement between the Department and the railroad company does not provide for such bridge.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

From Eldridge T. Gerry, President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, favoring the suggestion for sand-hills in the parks for the use of children. Filed.

From C. Loring Brace, Secretary of the Children's Aid Society, asking that sand-hills be provided for children's playgrounds in the Parks. Filed.

From P. Leckler, protesting against the location of a school-house fronting on Mosholu Parkway. Referred to the President.

From C. Bowyer Vaux, acknowledging receipt of resolution passed upon the death of his father, the late Calvert Vaux, Landscape Architect of the Department. Filed.

From Charles O. Long and others, commending the conduct of Officer Patrick Linehan in saving life at Battery Park, on the 8th ult. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From J. A. Van Buskirk, offering elk for sale. Referred to the Director of the Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting adversely upon a communication of the Island Improvement Company, offering a buffalo bull for sale. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon an application of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company for permission to lay car tracks on the circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue. Referred to the President.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending that a frame boat-house, bath-houses, floats, etc., at the northeast corner of Eighty-ninth street and Avenue B, on grounds acquired for the extension of East River Park, be disposed of and removed in order that the necessary surveys for a sea-wall at that point may be obtained. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Submitting a plan for a drive system through the grounds allotted to the use of the New York Botanical Garden in Bronx Park. Referred to the Committee on Parks north of Harlem river.

2d. Submitting a plan showing the number of lamps required for the proper lighting of Morningside avenue, West.

On motion, said plan was ordered forwarded to the Gas Commission, with the request that thirty-nine lamps be provided similar to those used in Central Park.

3d. Reporting upon a communication from C. E. Schaffner and others, relative to the erection of a fence on the plot of ground at Columbus avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street. Filed.

4th. Relative to the disfigurement of park lawns by persons crossing them in the early morning hours. Referred to the Captain of Police.

From the Captain of Police, submitting a list of the persons holding licenses for the sale of liquor in parks north of the Harlem river. Filed.

From the Captain of Police and the Police Surgeon, reporting favorably upon the probationary service and the physical condition of the following-named men employed as Park Policemen :

Peter Byrnes, James W. Cooney, Thomas E. Hoey, Bernard McByrne, Hugh F. McGuire, James F. Carey, Patrick Durkin, Thomas McCarthy, Augustus H. Murphy, Joseph B. Conway, William J. Flynn, William J. Lynch, Joseph J. McLaughlin, Michael Prosel, James Walsh, Thomas E. Henry.

The President reported that the probationary service of the above-named men having been satisfactory, he had directed that they be sworn in as Park Policemen.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote :

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

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting relative to a proposed change of the road crossing at the Bartow station of the Harlem River branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad in Pelham Bay Park. Referred to the Committee on Parks north of the Harlem river.

From John H. Keller, requesting the Board to reconsider its action upon his application for the privilege of cutting ice on the Bronx river in Bronx Park.

On motion, the matter was referred to the President with power to extend the time for the removal of Mr. Keller's buildings from Bronx Park to July 1 next, if he should deem such extension necessary and proper.

Commissioner McMillan moved that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to furnish an opinion as to how much, if anything, John H. Keller is indebted for rent since Bronx Park was acquired by the City.

Which was lost by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stiles, Ely—2.

Commissioner Ely moved to amend the by-laws by the insertion of the following clause in Article VI. :

A resolution offered or motion made by a Commissioner shall not be required to be seconded.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

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

Appleton Morgan, of the Shakespeare Society, appeared before the Board in relation to the removal of the Poe cottage to Bronx Park, and requested, in the event of such removal, permission to place in front of the cottage a bronze statue of Poe, a photograph of which he submitted. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred with power the application of George E. Fisher, for reappointment on the Park Police force, reported that said Fisher had been reinstated as a Park Policeman on probation, to take effect on the first of February.

On motion, the action of the Committee was approved by the following vote :

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

The Committee on Police submitted the evidence taken in the trial of Park Policeman John J. Doolady, upon the charge of being late for roll-call and insubordination, together with their finding thereon, which were considered.

On motion, Officer Doolady was found guilty as charged, and fined five days' pay by the following vote :

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

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

On motion, Richard W. Humphreys and Robert De Witt, Inspectors of Masonry, were granted leave of absence, without pay, until such time as their services are again required.

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

Crane Company, pipe, etc	\$34 72
Dr. R. Dunphy, professional services, etc.....	53 55
The E. R. Mill and Lumber Company, sawdust.....	40 00
Joseph Edwards & Co., repairing centring device.....	45 00
Edwin Ferris & Co., salt.....	3 75
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, salaries and wages, Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	6,344 24
H. L. Herbert & Co., coal.....	531 25
“ “	484 00
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, salaries and wages, American Museum of Natural History.....	6,061 99
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, grate.....	24
Thornton N. Motley & Co., pump.....	4 05
N. O'Donnell, coal.....	122 75
W. & J. Sloane, shades.....	7 40
William Scott, ice.....	5 26
T. & W. Thorn & Co., coal.....	45 00
M. D. Williamson, coal	132 00
Willson, Adams & Co., pine ceiling, etc.....	265 31
The W. & S. Hydraulic Machinery Works, repairing hydraulic rams.....	161 50

The President reported that the period for which the following-named men were employed having expired, and their services still being required, he had extended their employment to February 29, 1896 :

Daniel Ulrich, Assistant Engineer ; Thomas H. Kane, Leveler ; John T. Lonegan, Axeman ; N. D. Brown, Axeman ; Frank Berbet, Axeman ; Philip J. McKenna, Axeman.

The President also reported that James Finland, Steam Engineer, employed on probation at the Arsenal, had been discharged, he having failed to obtain a certificate of qualification from the Police Department.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote :

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

The subject of the Claremont restaurant on Riverside Park was taken up and considered, where-upon, on motion, a license was ordered granted Ralph A. Gushee, for one year from April 1, next, upon his agreeing to pay the monthly sum of \$525 for the privilege and to make, at his own expense, all repairs necessary to place and maintain the building in proper condition by the following vote :

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

On motion, at 4.15 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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 Aldermen, transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing the Department to proceed with the work of completing the Aquarium without public letting at an expense not to exceed \$42,800.67. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, replying to a communication from this Department in relation to the spoliation of certain lands and property included in the proceeding for acquiring Colonial Park. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department as to its jurisdiction over the water-front of Riverside Park. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising of the acquisition, on the 18th ultimo, of the lands taken for an addition to the Harlem River Driveway, on its westerly side between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and High Bridge, under the provisions of chapter 894 of the Laws of 1895, and requesting to be furnished with a damage map showing said lands. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for compliance.

From the Building Committee of the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, recommending the appointment of Richard H. Hunt and McKim, Mead and White, as Architects for the erection of the proposed east wing to the Museum buildings in accordance with the plans made by the late R. M. Hunt and duly approved. Laid over.

From C. N. Bovee, Jr., asking the Board to disapprove of proposed legislation amending chapter 870, Laws of 1895, prohibiting railroads on any cross street west of Central Park, between Fifty-ninth and One Hundred and Tenth street streets, which has opposite to it a driveway entrance to Central Park.

Mr. Bovee also appeared and was heard in relation to the subject of his communication.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, it was

Resolved, That the Park Commissioners of the City of New York are in favor of the principle embodied in chapter 870 of the Laws of 1895, prohibiting railroads on any cross streets in the City of New York, west of Central Park, and north of Fifty-ninth street and south of One Hundred and Tenth street, which have opposite to such streets on Central Park, West, driveway entrances for carriages into Central Park.

Resolved, That we are opposed to any legislative action which will permit a railroad on Ninety-sixth street, between Central Park, West, and Columbus avenue.

From Samuel Steinfeld, in relation to the destruction of shrubs and plants on the small parks on Fourth avenue. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From James Macnaughton, President of the New York Wool Warehouse Company, requesting that plants and shrubs be planted on the small park at Beach street and West Broadway. Referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street.

From Alderman Frederick A. Ware, renewing his request on behalf of the residents of the vicinity of Bryant Park for concerts in said park during the coming season. Filed.

From Kurzman & Frankenheimer, requesting that the resolution of this Board of 22d of May, 1895, granting William Broadbelt permission to maintain projections on ten residences on the west side of Avenue St. Nicholas, between One Hundred and Forty-eighth and One Hundred and Forty-ninth streets, be so modified as to permit the several purchasers of the houses to pay their pro rata portion of the sum charged (and not yet paid) for the entire number. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From Josephine Shaw Lowell, favoring sand-hills for children in small parks. Filed.

From E. Langerfeld, respecting unsightly structures along the water-front of Riverside Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting upon the offer of J. A. Van Buskirk to sell elk to the Department. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, submitting a plan for the improvement of the plot of ground between Seventh avenue and Macomb's Dam road, north of One Hundred and Fifty-third street. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river.

From the Captain of Police, submitting weekly reports of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, inclosing applications of N. D. Brown and Charles W. McCusker, Axemen, for pay allowance for time lost by them on account of illness in October and November last. Referred to the President with power.

From H. A. E. Fisher, Manager of Huber's Hotel, complaining of the damage from the Jerome avenue approach of the New Macomb's Dam Bridge. Referred to the Engineer of Construction.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of I. H. Dahlman, amounting to nine hundred dollars (\$900), for four horses selected for the use of the Park Police and purchased by the Department be and the same hereby is audited and approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable to the appropriation for " Police Supplies and Repairs," 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was

Resolved, That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Police, the minimum height of all persons hereafter appointed on the Police force as Park Policemen shall be five feet eight inches.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was

Resolved, That this Board request the contractors on the Speedway (Messrs. James D. Leary and J. C. Rodgers) to forward to this Board in writing a statement of any and all grievances and reasons that now exist and prevent the completion of the work other than those reported in the report of the Committee of Experts, Messrs. Theodore Cooper, J. J. R. Croes and William H. Burr, dated January 27, 1896 ; and to communicate to this Board any needed plans or specifications not now in their possession that are required for the completion of their contracts and said Speedway.

Commissioner McMillan, to whom was referred the application of the Harlem River and Portchester Railroad Company for permission to use two strips of land in Pelham Bay Park (51,400 square feet) for the purpose of maintaining the embankment used for the support of their tracks, presented a report recommending that the application be granted upon the company's agreeing to pay the sum of \$100 per annum for the privilege.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

The Committee on Police reported in relation to mounting Park Policemen on bicycles, and recommended that the President be authorized to purchase not more than four bicycles for such use on Riverside Drive.

On motion, the recommendation of the Committee was approved and the purchase of the bicycles authorized by the following vote :

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

On motion, at 4.10 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, Annie Renner was appointed a Cottage Attendant by the following vote :

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

An application of the Church Temperance Society for permission to place a kiosk in the roadway in front of Union Square was denied.

On motion, permission was granted the said society to place one of their lunch wagons in Union Square at such point as may be designated by the Superintendent of Parks.

On motion of Commissioner Stiles, it was

Resolved, That the plans for the completion of the Aquarium, submitted by Edward D. Lindsey, Consulting Architect, be and they hereby are approved and that Mr. Lindsey be directed to submit estimates for the various branches of the work.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction and Assistant Engineer Lockwood be directed to furnish all the data of the soundings taken on the Driveway where the defective crib-work exists.

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

Anthony, E. & H. T. & Co., camera, etc	\$99 00
Cady, J. C. & Co., professional services, American Museum Natural History.....	14 55
Chesley, William P., mahogany case.....	291 00
Consolidated Gas Co., gas	403 62
“ “ “	4 33
Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, rents, 1895	1,083 33
Fitzpatrick, John, shoeing horses	22 50
Flanagan, James, payment on acceptance, removal of old stone pivot, Macomb's Dam Bridge.	3,800 00
Herbert, H. L. & Co., coal.....	51 00
Lanier, Charles, Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum Natural History.....	1,041 90
“ “ coal, American Museum Natural History	1,239 00
Motley, Thornton N., & Co., barrows	13 20
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas.....	80 75
Rodgers, J. C., Estimate No. 20, public driveway.....	5,876 00
Warren-Ehret Company, roofing felt	29 50

On motion, at 5.30 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Cruger (President), McMillan, 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 on questions relative to the defective work in the construction of the Harlem River Driveway. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating, in answer to the request of this Department for his opinion, that under the terms of the agreement between this Department and the New York and Harlem Railroad Company the said company cannot be required to build a bridge over their tracks at Mosholu Parkway. Filed.

From J. C. Rodgers, in relation to the causes of delay on the work under his contract for constructing the second section of the Harlem River Driveway. Filed.

From W. W. Niles, Jr., in relation to the improvement of the Mosholu Parkway between Van Cortlandt and Webster avenues. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem River.

From Clinton & Russell, architects, applying for permission to erect bay windows on the building at Broadway, Fifth avenue and Twenty-sixth street, as shown on an accompanying plan. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From the Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, inclosing a report of the Inspector of the Museum buildings relative to the defective condition of the Museum sewer. Filed.

From Howard & Cauldwell, architects, submitting specifications for the erection of a shelter or overlook in Mulberry Bend Park. Laid over.

From the Hudson Boat Club, applying for permission to locate and maintain their boat-house, etc., at One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street and Hudson river. Referred to the President.

From Joseph L. Gibbons, complaining of the lunch wagon standing near his restaurant at No. 1326 Broadway as being detrimental to his business. Referred to the Secretary to confer with the Church Temperance Society.

From the Superintendent of Buildings, in relation to jurisdiction in the matter of erecting buildings within park limits. Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion in the matter.

From John Flaherty, Park Policeman, asking to be allowed 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, submitting reports of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the two weeks ending February 16. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a plan showing all the soundings taken on the public driveway where the defective cribwork exists, together with soundings procured from the Department of Docks. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1. Reporting in relation to the boat-house, bath-houses, floats, etc., on East River Park, and recommending the removal of the same.

On motion, such of the structures referred to by the Superintendent as belonging to the City were ordered disposed of at public auction and the others removed forthwith, by the following vote :

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

2. Reporting in relation to structures along the water front of Riverside Park.

On motion, the Captain of Police was directed to notify all persons owning or occupying houses or other structures along the Riverside water front to immediately apply to this Department for permits if they desire to remain.

3. Reporting in relation to the destruction of shrubs and plants on the Fourth avenue parks, and suggesting as a deterrent measure the placing of a cresting of sharp points on the upper portion of the railings surrounding these small parks.

On motion, the Superintendent was directed to prepare and submit an estimate for the cresting referred to in his report.

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

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 January, 1896 :

Deposited in the City Treasury.

January 2. Daniel F. Sullivan, Van Cortlandt Park, November, 1895.	\$3 21
“ 2. Otto Abrams, Battery Park, January, 1896.	10 00
“ 4. Case & Co., McGown’s Pass Tavern, December, 1895.	107 77
“ 4. Isaac & Sexton, Casino, December, 1895.	258 28

January 4. I. Isaac, Carrousei, December, 1895.....	\$27 17
“ 11. Otto Schwenk, Bronx Park, November, 1895.....	4 26
“ 11. Otto Schwenk, Bronx Park, December, 1895.....	3 94
“ 15. Charles Schwartz, High Bridge Park, December, 1895.....	15 03
“ 17. Oscar H. Riker, swings, Central Park, December, 1895.....	4 84
“ 28. Daniel F. Sullivan, Van Cortlandt Park, December, 1895.....	16 05
	\$450 55

Deposited to the Credit of Police Pension Fund.

January 3. Louis Levy, auctioneer, condemned property.....	\$55 35
“ 10. C. H. Smith, Assistant Secretary, care animals and vehicles.....	15 00
“ 18. C. H. Smith, Assistant Secretary, contents pocketbooks.....	5 24
“ 18. Louis Levy, auctioneer, condemned property, etc.....	376 47
	\$452 06

NEW YORK, February 15, 1896.

W. A. STILES, Treasurer.

Commissioner McMillan, to whom was referred the communication of Kurzman & Frankenhaimer, requesting that the present owners of the ten houses on the west side of St. Nicholas avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-eighth and One Hundred and Forty-ninth streets, be allowed to pay their pro rata parts of the sum of \$2,000 charged upon all of said houses for the privilege of maintaining the projections thereon, presented a report recommending that the request be granted, provided the amount originally charged be fully paid.

On motion, the report of Commissioner McMillan and the recommendations therein contained were approved and adopted by the following vote :

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

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the application of August Braun for a renewal of his license for boat service on the Central Park lake be granted for one year upon the same terms and conditions, and that the President be authorized to execute a license agreement for that privilege on behalf of the Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That a license for one year be given Benjamin A. Hibert to let rowboats and sell light refreshments, at a point to be designated, in Bronx Park upon his agreeing to pay fifty dollars for the privilege.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

The President submitted a report from Charles P. Hallock, Agent for the Department, under date of January 30, 1896, upon the condition of the various houses in the parks north of the Harlem river, a statement of rents now in arrears, and list of houses occupied by members of the Park Police free of rent, and presented for adoption the following resolutions :

Resolved, That on March 2, 1896, proceedings be taken to dispossess tenants occupying houses in the parks north of the Harlem river whose rents are more than one month in arrears.

Resolved, That the Secretary send a copy of this resolution to each tenant in arrears, with the request that such arrears be paid to Charles P. Hallock, Agent, during the present month.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

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

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, it was

Resolved, That on and after May 1, 1896, all members of the Park Police now occupying houses free of rent desiring to continue such occupancy must pay rent for the same, the amount to be fixed by the President.

On motion, at 3.25 P. M. the Board went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation advising the Department as to the proper course to be pursued in the matter of payments for work done under the contract for the first section of the Harlem River Driveway.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Board, the Comptroller would be justified in paying James D. Leary one-half of the amount now due him on orders of this Department for work done under his contract on the Harlem River Driveway.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks Patrick Lynch, Cottage Attendant, who has been absent from work since November 15, 1895, was, on motion, discharged by the following vote :

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

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the President procure plans and estimates for a bicycle shed, with racks, large enough to contain 200 bicycles.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

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

Abeel Brothers, iron	\$4 54
Bullinger, E. W., Bullinger's Monitor Guide	6 00
Cady, Berg & See, professional services, American Museum of Natural History	575 15
Cockerill, Thomas & Son, Estimate No. 2, American Museum of Natural History, erection West Wing	23,005 91
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., galvanized wire	2 18
Colgate & Co., soap	11 26
Dunham, Thomas C., glass, etc	25 67
Doty & Carroll, hay, etc	111 81
Ellis, Charles C., bread	85 25
Fiske, J. W., anemones	8 00
Haggerty, J. Henry, oil	22 83
Imperial Hygenique Fluid Co. (The)	3 00
Knickerbocker Ice Co. (The)	31 85
McMillan, Andrew, Estimate No. 6, Riverside Park, completing retaining-wall	4,001 90
Mitchell, Cornelius S., welding compound	1 40
McMahon, John V., brick pier, Aquarium	151 50
McKesson & Robbins, caustic soda	3 50
Markey, Philip, agent, coal	136 00
Morris, Charles B. & Co., payment acceptance, forage	3,039 55
O'Donnell, N., coal	221 00
Porter's, William, Sons, chimneys	12 70
Ruhe, Louis, bird food	18 00
Sellew, T. G., covering desk, etc	4 50
Thorburn, J. M. & Co., canary seed, etc	5 00
Thorn, T. & W. & Co., oats, etc	21 47
Tefft, Weller & Co., ticking	8 07
Tone, Theo. F., coal	63 75
Yellow Pine Co., spruce	65 29

On motion, at 3.45 P. M., the Executive Session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1896—SPECIAL MEETING, 1.30 P. M.

Pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, February 19, 1896. *Mr. WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary, etc. :*

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board to be held Friday, 21st instant, at 1.30 o'clock P. M., at No. 187 Fulton street, for the purpose of transacting such business as may be presented. Respectfully, S. V. R. CRUGER, President, D. P. P.

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

A communication was received from the Andrew J. Graham Memorial Fund Committee desiring to place a statue of Andrew J. Graham on the Parks. Referred to Commissioner Stiles for report.

A communication was received from James D. Leary, in response to the resolution of this Board of 10th instant, relative to the causes of delay in the work under his contract for constructing the first section of the Harlem River Driveway. Filed.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bills of Theodore Cooper, J. James R. Croes and William H. Burr for one thousand dollars each, and aggregating the sum of three thousand dollars, for professional services rendered the Department as a Committee of Experts in making an examination and report of defective work in connection with the construction of the Harlem River Driveway, be and the same hereby are approved, audited and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment ; and the Commissioners of Public Parks hereby certify to the Comptroller that the sum of three thousand dollars is required for the payment of said bills, and request that bonds to that amount be issued for that purpose, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 102, Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 6, Laws of 1894.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That William H. Burr, Civil Engineer, be and hereby is appointed Consulting Engineer of the Department in charge of the completion of the Harlem River Driveway, at a compensation of five thousand dollars, in full for all services to be rendered by him until the completion of the work.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

On motion, at 2.30 P. M., the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

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

The minutes of the meetings of February 17 and 21 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the House and Real Estate Owners' Association of the Twelfth and Nineteenth Wards, asking that steps be taken for the improvement and lighting of the new portion of East River Park, between Eighty-sixth and Eighty-ninth streets. Filed.

From Mrs. Eleanor L. McCollum, complaining of the condition of the small parks at Sixty-third and Sixty-sixth streets and the Boulevard. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From William Cunningham, in relation to the improvement of the golf links in Van Cortlandt Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From John J. Hopper, desiring to furnish a quantity of mould to the Department for use on Central Park or Riverside Park. Referred to the President, with power.

From Foster Crowell, applying for the position of Consulting Engineer for the Harlem River Driveway. Filed, and Secretary directed to inform Mr. Crowell that position had been filled.

From the Captain of Police, recommending that Park Policemen appointed February 6, 1895, and who have served one year, be advanced in pay to the first grade. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Captain of Police, reporting a list of the accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the week ending February 23. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the complaint of H. A. E. Fisher relative to the drainage from the Jerome avenue approach to the New Macomb's Dam Bridge.

On motion, the matter was referred back to the Engineer for an estimate of the cost of the remedy suggested in his report.

The Committee on Parks above the Harlem river, to whom was referred the application of the Society of Colonial Dames of the State of New York asking to be given the care and custody of the

Van Cortlandt Mansion in Van Cortlandt Park, presented a report recommending that the application be granted upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

On motion, said report was accepted and the recommendations therein contained adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

The President, to whom was referred the application of the Hudson Boat Club for permission to erect and maintain a boat-house on the Hudson river, near One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, opposite Riverside Park, presented a report recommending that the application be granted upon the condition that the sum of \$150 be paid yearly by the said club for such privilege.

On motion, said report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

Commissioner Stiles submitted a form of general specifications of materials and labor required for the completion of certain work in the main room of the Aquarium according to drawings made by the Architect, E. D. Lindsey. Laid over.

Mr. Howe, representing the Williamsbridge Improvement League, appeared and was heard in relation to the local sewerage system at Williamsbridge, requesting permission from the Department to run a sewer through Bronx Park. Mr. Howe was requested to confer with the Secretary of the New York Botanical Garden.

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

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the specifications submitted by Howard & Cauldwell for an overlook, etc., to be erected in Mulberry Bend Park be and the same hereby are 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 adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, Stiles, Ely—3.

The Board then considered the resolution of the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in reference to the appointment of architects for the erection of the proposed east wing to the Museum building ; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Park Commissioners do not view with approval the request of the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art to appoint Mr. Richard H. Hunt and Messrs. McKim, Mead & White as associate architects for the erection of the proposed east wing to the Museum building, in accordance with the plans made by the late Richard M. Hunt ; but that the appointment of Mr. Richard H. Hunt as architect to carry out the proposed plans would meet with the approval of the Department, provided the structural features of the plans and specifications should be passed upon by a competent civil engineer before bids are advertised for.

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

Abeel Brothers, iron, etc	\$94 62
Blackford's, clams, etc	25 22
Dunham, Thomas C., turpentine, etc	74 09
E. R. Mill and Lumber Company (The), stakes	117 24
Hews, A. H., & Co., flower pots	125 00
Herbert, H. L., & Co., coal	68 00
Hodgman Rubber Company, boots	22 95
Lanier, Charles, Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum of Natural History	575 00
Merrill, E. M., charcoal	6 00
McKesson & Robbins, drugs	61 16
Moffatt, David, & Co., leather	17 22
Motley, Thornton N., & Co., files, etc	7 10
Motley, Thornton N., & Co., gas-pipe, etc	120 07
Mott, J. L., Iron Works (The), urinal bowls, etc	16 00
Mitchell-Vance Company (The), gas standards, etc	9 00
Perry, W. B., Company (The), turnips	61 50
Sayles, Sol., beef	356 40
Stephens, Olin J., coal	21 25
Sloane, W. & J., shades	4 20
Soosmith & Co., sinking pits, etc	478 42
Thorn, T. & W., & Co., coal	130 96
Thomas, Seth, Clock Company, clock	5 00
Van Ness Company, J. Newton, whip, etc	32 50
Warwick Valley Milk Association and Company, milk	11 16
Yellow Pine Company, yellow pine, etc	84 03
Brown & Fleming, payment acceptance, broken stone	967 26

On motion, at 4.10 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department that, in his opinion, plans for buildings to be erected within the limits of the parks should be submitted for the approval of the Department of Buildings. Filed and ordered communicated to the Department of Buildings.

From the President of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, requesting permission to erect a drinking fountain for horses in the upper portion of Riverside Park and submitting a sketch of the same. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From the General Secretary of the Church Temperance Society, replying to the complaint of Gray & Gibbons in relation to the lunch wagon standing on Sixth avenue, between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets. Filed.

From William H. Burr, accepting the appointment of Consulting Engineer in charge of the construction of the Harlem River Driveway. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon a communication from the Superintendent of School Buildings relative to the drainage of a school building to be erected between Briggs and Bainbridge avenues, facing Mosholu Parkway, and stating that he could see no objection to granting permission for the laying of a pipe sewer through the parkway connecting said building with the Webster avenue sewer.

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

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1. Submitting an estimate of the cost of providing a cresting of sharp points on the railings of the Fourth Avenue Parks, from Sixty-seventh street to Ninety-seventh street. Laid over.
2. Reporting in relation to providing for a water supply for irrigation in Central Park, and completing the work already begun for that purpose in Morningside Park. Referred to the Engineer of Construction for report, with sketch, showing the proposed work.
- 3d. Reporting in relation to work required for the completion of the Corlear's Hook Park improvement in addition to the work heretofore provided for.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize and direct the issue of bonds or stock to the amount of seven thousand dollars, as provided by section 3, chapter 511 of the Laws of 1894, to meet the expense of fencing grass plots, furnishing settees, sodding lawns and other work necessary to complete the construction and improvement of Corlear's Hook Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

From the Captain of Police, reporting a list of accidents, injuries, etc., in the Parks for the week ending February 29. Filed.

From the Captain of Police and the Police Surgeon, reporting favorably upon the probationary service of George E. Fisher as a Park Policeman. Referred to the Committee on Police.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, it was

Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for regulating and paving, with Telford pavement, the roadway of the Pelham Bridge road, from Eastchester Bay to the northerly line of Pelham Bay Park.

Commissioner McMillan presented a report upon the petition of David S. Brown for a modification of the plan of projections on his proposed residence at the corner of Riverside Drive and One Hundred and Second street, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the plan submitted by David S. Brown, November 18, last, showing a desired modification of the plan filed by him with this Department December 26, 1894, and upon which was based permission to erect projections on his proposed residence, at the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and One Hundred and Second street, such modification consisting in a reduction—by one story—of the height of the bay window on the street side of said building, be and the same hereby is approved.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

The Committee on Parks above the Harlem river, submitted a report upon the application of the Oak Point Yacht Club for the privilege of occupying the house and grounds known as the "Hall House," in Pelham Bay Park, recommending that the application be granted, upon condition that the sum of \$300 per annum, in monthly installments, be paid for the privilege.

On motion, the report and recommendation of the Committee were approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

Commissioner McMillan, to whom was referred the application of Clinton & Russell for permission to erect projections on the building located at Broadway, Fifth avenue and Twenty-fifth street, presented a report recommending that consent be given to the projections proposed for the Twenty-fifth street side of the building, upon payment of a fee equal to \$15 per square foot for the privilege. Accepted.

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 Twenty-fifth street side of the building, located at Broadway, Fifth avenue and Twenty-fifth street, the same not to extend more than three feet beyond the building line as shown on a plan filed in this office by Clinton & Russell, Architects. This consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to fifteen dollars per square foot of the projections.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioner Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

The Committee on Parks above the Harlem river, to whom was referred the plan submitted by the Superintendent of Parks for the improvement of the plot lying between Seventh avenue and Macomb's Dam road north of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, presented a report in favor thereof and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the plan submitted by the Superintendent of Parks on 10th ult., for the improvement of the gore or plot of land between Seventh avenue and Macomb's Dam road, north of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, be and hereby is approved and referred to the Engineer of Construction with directions to prepare and submit an estimate of the cost of the work shown on said plan.

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.

A communication was received from the Engineer of Construction, recommending that the following-named men, whose period of appointment expired February 29, be regularly appointed for such time as their services may be required :

Daniel Ulrich, Assistant Engineer.

John P. Lonegan, Axeman.

Thomas H. Kane, Leveler.

Philip McKenna, Axeman.

N. D. Brown, Axeman.

Frank Berbert, Axeman.

On motion, the appointment of the above-named employees was continued, as recommended by the Engineer, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, the pay of Dennis Fitzpatrick, Steam Engineer at the Aquarium, was fixed at \$75 per month, from March 1, 1896, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

On motion, the pay of Firemen employed at the Aquarium was fixed at \$65 per month, to take effect March 1, 1896, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

The President reported that he had appointed Bernard Gibney a Fireman for duty at the Aquarium from March 2, 1896.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger, McMillan, Stiles—3.

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

Colwell Lead Co., pipe, etc	\$1 92
Gillies, James & Sons, stone.....	868 00
Haggerty, J. Henry, oil	5 61
Hitchcock, Hiram, Treas., coal, Met. Mus. of Art.....	1,640 02
Hitchcock, Hiram, Treas., sundry bills, Met. Mus. of Art.....	2,379 74
Keuffel & Esser Co., paper, etc.....	36 35
Mott, J. L. Iron Works, The, scorchers.....	28 05
McKesson & Robtins, soda, etc.....	7 87
Moffat, David & Co., leather....	30 10
McLaughlin, James, sand.....	87 00
Morris, Chas. B. & Co., hay, etc.....	559 11
Motley, Thornton N. & Co., valves, etc.....	38 47
Morris, Chas. B. & Co., oil meal, hay, etc.....	677 06
Morris, Chas. B. & Co., flaxseed, hay, etc.....	536 97
Rehm & Co., U. S. flags, etc.....	76 02
Scott, William, ice... ..	2 63
Thornburn, J. M. & Co., canary seed, etc.....	2 00
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	8 50
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	4 25
Wood & Tolmie, Estimate No. 1, "Overlook" Corlears Hook Pk.....	8,493 75

On motion, at 3.45 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Secretary of the Board of Managers of the New York Botanical Garden transmitting a copy of a resolution protesting against the passage of the bill now before the Legislature to remove from the charge of this Department the parks above the Harlem river. Filed.

From the President of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, requesting permission for the society's stage or wagon to enter and pass through the parks. Referred to the President.

From Mary L. Browne, asking to be advised as to the status of the proposed bridge over Harlem river at One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, provided for by chapter 986 of the Laws of 1895. Referred to the Secretary to reply.

From J. A. Bailey, offering to present a male elephant and two grizzly bears to the Central Park Menagerie. On motion, the offer of Mr. Bailey was accepted with the thanks of the Board.

From John J. Hopper, desiring to be allowed to complete the quantity of filling to be supplied by him on Riverside Park. Laid over.

From the Ducker Portable House Company in relation to the expense of erecting the skate house at the Central Park Lake.

On motion, an allowance of \$325 to the Ducker Portable House Company for erecting the skate house was authorized by the following vote :

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

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting an offer of J. A. Bailey, to place a number of animals on exhibition in the Menagerie.

On motion, the acceptance of Mr. Bailey's offer was authorized.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Reporting upon a communication of Andrew McMillan, contractor for the Riverside retaining-wall, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Fourth streets, requesting permission to procure earth filling from sources exterior to the Park and deposit the same where required in the rear of the wall built by him, without expense to the Department.

On motion, the request of the contractor was denied.

2d. Reporting upon the request of Mrs. Katharine L. Kernochan to be reimbursed an amount claimed to be an excess in payment for a vault permit at No. 824 Fifth avenue. Laid over.

3d. Reporting an estimate of the cost of work necessary to prevent the drainage from the Jerome avenue approach to the new Macomb's Dam Bridge from flowing into the cellar of Huber's Hotel.

On motion, the work recommended by the Engineer was authorized to be done by the working force of the Department.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting a report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks during the week ending March 7. Filed.

2d. In relation to the withdrawal of the Municipal Police from the new parks north of Harlem river. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From W. F. Richards, Draughtsman, applying for an increase of salary. Laid over.

From Henry Buckley, Doorman, applying for promotion to the grade of Patrolman. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Pelham Bay Park Electric Light, Power and Storage Company, requesting permission to erect poles and string wires on the roads of the parks and parkways in the recently annexed territory as shown on an accompanying plan. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river.

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

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 February, 1896 :

Deposited in the City Treasury.

February 1. Charles P. Hallock, agent, rent houses	\$1,158 36
“ 1. Otto Abrams, Battery Park, February	10 00

February 3. Case & Co., McGown's Pass, January	\$110 48
“ 4. William A. Keler, Harlem Meer, 1895	200 00
“ 7. Peter Wooley, East River Park, January and February	40 00
“ 10. Isaac & Sexton, Casino, January	311 53
“ 10. Isidor Isaac, Carrousel, January	9 32
“ 10. Daniel F. Sullivan, Van Cortlandt Park, January	16 23
“ 10. C. Schwartz, High Bridge Park, January	14 37
“ 10. Thomas Sturgis, bay window, W. D. Guthrie	250 00
“ 10. Thomas Sturgis, bay window, P. H. Butler	250 00
“ 17. Oscar H. Riker, swings, Central Park, January	1 00
“ 20. August Braun, skates, Central Park, January	115 10
“ 24. Otto Schwenk, Bronx Park, January	4 67
“ 28. B. A. Hibert, Bronx Park, 1896	50 00
“ 28. Charles P. Hallock, agent, rent houses	1,117 58
	\$3,658 64

NEW YORK, March 7, 1896.

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 two hundred thousand dollars, as provided by chapter 74 of the Laws of 1894, as amended by chapter 120, Laws of 1895, to be applied to the work of improving Riverside Park in accordance with the plans heretofore approved for that purpose.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be respectfully requested to authorize this Department to enter into a contract or contracts, without public letting, for the necessary work to remedy the defective portions of the Harlem River Driveway at a cost not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be and he hereby is directed to prepare and submit forthwith plans and specifications for repairing and resetting the Battery Park sea-wall with coping, complete, together with an estimate of the cost.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be and he hereby is directed to prepare and submit plans and specifications for relaying the pavement of the roadway of Transverse Road No. 1, crossing Central Park, with an estimate of the cost, and also an estimate of the cost of paving said roadway with asphalt.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

On motion of Commissioner Stiles it was

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Public Parks approve of Assembly Bill No. 1274, to provide for a commission, consisting of the Mayor, the President of the Board of Aldermen, the President of the National Sculpture Society and the President of the Municipal Art Society, to pass upon statues, monuments or memorials to be erected on the public grounds or in the public buildings of the City.

The Committee on Police, to whom the matter was referred, made a verbal report on the probationary service of George E. Fisher as a Park Policeman and stated that, having found the conduct and efficiency of said Fisher to have been satisfactory during the period of his employment, they had directed that he be regularly sworn in as a Park Policeman.

On motion, the report and action of the Committee on Police were approved by the following vote :

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

The Committee on Police submitted a report on the evidence taken in the trials of certain members of the Police force, together with their findings thereon, which were considered and disposed of as follows :

Edward Crosby, charged with being absent without leave, was cautioned.

W. C. Zwisler, charged with being off post and neglect of duty, was found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

Michael Moss, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, charge dismissed.

James L. Havey, charged with violation of rules and neglect of duty, found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

James Gorman, charged with violation of rules, was found guilty and reprimanded.

James D. Cotter, charged with not properly patrolling, found guilty as charged and fined ten days' pay.

Aaron Rose, charged with being late for roll-call, found guilty as charged and fined five days' pay.

Thomas J. Mead, charged with being off post and violation of rules, was found guilty as charged and fined five days' pay.

F. J. McGuire, charged with being late for roll-call (two charges), was cautioned.

John M. Maher, charged with being off post, violation of rules and neglect of duty, found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

Edward McNamara, charged with being absent without leave, was found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

Edward Rayens, charged with being late for roll-call, was found guilty as charged and fined two days' pay.

Thomas F. Hoey, charged with being off post, was found guilty as charged and fined ten days' pay.

John J. O'Rourke, charged with being off post, violation of rules and neglect of duty, was found guilty as charged and fined five days' pay.

Joseph O'Brien, charged with being off post, was found guilty as charged and fined five days, pay.

Patrick Linehan, charged with being absent without leave, found guilty as charged and fined ten days' pay.

John J. Kavanagh, charged with being late for roll-call, was found guilty as charged and fined five days' pay.

Thomas Frawley, charged with being late for roll-call, was found guilty and reprimanded.

Baer Praeger, Doorman, charged with being late for duty, charge dismissed.

The President reported in the case of Philip Pitz, a Laborer (veteran), who had been reported by the Superintendent for violation of rules, that after having given the accused a hearing, in which the charge was admitted, he had ordered the discharge of said Pitz to take effect on the 7th inst.

On motion, the action of the President was approved 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 :

Behning, Albert, coal.....	\$212 50
Consolidated Gas Co. of New York, gas.....	3 70
Consolidated Gas Co. of New York, gas.....	371 12
Central Gas-light Co. (The), gas.....	4 13
Huffman, Theo. P., Estimate No. 1, hay, straw, etc.....	1,959 17

Hitchcock, Hiram, Treasurer, salaries and wages, Metropolitan Museum of Art.	\$6,372 35
Lanier, Charles, Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum of Natural History.	669 22
Lanier, Charles, Treasurer, salaries, American Museum of Natural History.	6,256 97
Leighton, J. A., D. V. S., professional services.	124 60
New York Mutual Gas-light Co. (The), gas.	75 25
Rodgers, J. C., Estimate No. 21, Public Driveway.	6,408 00
Smith's Son, Carll, manure.	597 96
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On motion, at 2.35 P. M., the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1896—SPECIAL MEETING, 1 P. M.

Pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, March 11, 1896.

Mr. WILLIAM LEARY, *Secretary, etc.* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board, to be held at my office, No. 187 Fulton street, Friday, 13th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the consideration of such business as may be presented.

Respectfully,

S. V. R. CRUGER, President.

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

A communication was received from the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of a report of the Committee on Lands, Places and Park Department of the Board of Aldermen, respecting the proposed use of unused public property in aid of the movement to improve the condition of the poor, together with a copy of a resolution of said Board requesting this and other Departments interested in the proposed measure to make special reports on the subject. Filed.

The President presented certain facts in reference to the organization of the Department, and recommended the creation of the office of Superintendent of Supplies and Repairs, to have charge of the repairs and supplies, property and pay-rolls of the Department.

Debate was had thereon, whereupon Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That George O. Eaton be and he hereby is appointed Superintendent of Supplies and Repairs of the Department.

Which was lost by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger and McMillan—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stiles and Ely—2.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That Carlton A. Clark be and he hereby is appointed Superintendent of Supplies and Repairs.

Which was lost by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Cruger and McMillan—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stiles and Ely—2.

Commissioner Stiles offered the following :

Resolved, That William Van Valkenburgh be and he hereby is appointed Superintendent of Supplies and Repairs of the Department.

Which was lost by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Stiles and Ely—2.

Noes—Commissioners Cruger and McMillan—2.

The President reported the following appointments, discharges, etc., made by him :

Appointed.

Peter Smith, Steam Engineer ; James W. Blackett, Steam Engineer ; Joel W. Hopper, Steam Engineer ; George S. Krum, Steam Engineer ; Gantio Alexander, Steam Engineer ; Thomas Coughlin, Wheelwright.

Restored.

John McCabe, Painter ; Michael Rogan, Painter ; Michael Bowe, Laborer.

Discharged.

Patrick Good, Mason ; George McGibney, Gardener.

On motion, the action of the President was approved by the following vote :

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

On motion, at 3.30 P. M., the Board adjourned to meet Monday, 16th instant, at 10.30 A. M.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1896—ADJOURNED MEETING, 10.30 A. M.

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

The minutes of the meetings of March 9 and 13 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the President of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, relative to his request for permission for the Society's wagon to pass through the Parks. Referred to the President.

From U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., applying for permission to conduct the annual memorial services at the tomb of General Grant on the 30th of May next. Granted.

From the Social Reform Club, requesting the Department to give favorable consideration to the proposed plan of providing sand-heaps for children in the public parks. Filed.

From the Pelham Park Railroad Company, requesting permission to use sand from accumulations along the Pelham Bay Park highways, to sprinkle on their tracks in icy weather. Denied.

From J. Liebermann and others, requesting that the turf be removed from the tennis courts in St. Mary's Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

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

On motion, the time for the completion of said contract was extended to May 1, 1896, by the following vote :

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

From H. M. Devoe, Architect, applying for permission for the Claremont Boat Club to erect and maintain a boat-house on pile foundation at the foot of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street and Hudson river, as per accompanying plans and specifications. Filed.

From William A. Nichols, calling attention to his portable highway culverts or bridges, and suggesting their use in connection with park improvements. Referred to the Engineer of Construction.

From Robert W. Justa, desiring to transplant a tree in St. Mary's Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer, submitting specifications for the reconstruction of the defective portion of the subway near Station No. 22, and of so much of the bulkhead work as is located between Stations Nos. 38 and 49 of the Harlem River Driveway. Referred to the President and Commissioner McMillan.

From James D. Leary, in relation to the delay in payment for work done under his contract for the first section of the Harlem River Driveway. Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion in the matter.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon a communication from the City Vigilance League respecting the public convenience in the small park at East Broadway and Grand street, and recommending the employment of an additional attendant at that point.

On motion, the recommendation of the Superintendent was approved.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Reporting a list of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks during the week ending with the 14th instant. Filed.

2d. Forwarding an application of Officer Oscar Burpeau for full pay for time lost while on the sick list, from January 14 to February 17, 1896. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting plans and specifications for the construction of blue-stone steps and walks in Central Park for an entrance at Cathedral Parkway and Central Park, West. Laid over.

2d. Submitting plan and specifications for regulating and paving with Telford pavement, the roadway of Prospect Hill or Eastchester road in Pelham Bay Park.

On motion, said plan and specifications 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 inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

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

From W. S. Rainsford, T. A. Collett and others, petitioning for the improvement of the cricket ground in Central Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

On motion, the matter of the renewal of the license for the Central Park Carriage Service was referred to the President with power.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare plans and specifications for the repair of all stables and stable yards, and the building of suitable lockers for the mounted police force, the construction of feed-bins and of coal-bins, and to make recommendations as to the sanitary improvement of the same.

On motion, at 11.10 A. M., the Board went into executive session.

On motion, George Keiser and Frederick W. Saumernicht, Laborers, were discharged from the employ of the Department by the following vote :

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

On motion, John K. Sharkey, Steam Engineer, was discharged and Robert M. Morrison was appointed as a Steam Engineer by the following vote :

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

On motion, John McChristie was reduced from the grade of Foreman to that of Assistant Foreman at a compensation of \$1,000 per annum to take effect April 1, 1896 ; and he was ordered assigned to duty in the Property Store-room in the Arsenal Building by the following vote :

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

On motion, Andrew Peddie and W. H. Breisacher were appointed Foremen, at \$100 per month each, and M. J. McGrath and James Dalton were appointed Assistant Foremen, at \$75 per month each, by the following vote :

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

On motion, the pay of Foremen John Phelan, Charles A. Johnson, Joseph Cleary, M. J. Mangin, Patrick W. St. John and Robert G. Walmsley was fixed at \$100 per month each, to take effect April 1, 1896, 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 :

Bridgman, E. B., copies maps.....	\$70 00
Blackford's, clams, etc.....	27 10
Barron, James S., & Co., baskets.....	1 00
Brown, M. B., document boxes.....	25 20
Ducker Portable House Company, portable house.....	988 00
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Edwards, Joseph, & Co., grate-bars.....	59 00
Fiegel, M., & Bro., Indian red, etc.....	33 10
Ferris, Edwin, & Co., salt	5 00
Huffman, Theo. P., & Co., oilmeal.....	7 50

Herring Safe Works, moving safes.....	\$23 00
Herbert, H. L., & Co., coal.....	59 50
" " ".....	4 50
Horre, William, & Co., coal.....	390 00
Johns, H. W., Manufacturing Company, covering steam-pipes, etc.....	137 10
Kane, John P., Company, brick, etc.....	34 35
Merrill, H. B., connection, Deane steam pump.....	890 00
Markey, Philip, agent, coal.....	17 00
McMann, T. R., pipe.....	87 50
Manhattan Supply Company (The), wheels, etc.....	115 00
Paine, A. W., traps.....	48 00
Perry, W. B., Company (The), turnips, etc.....	123 40
Rehm & Co., United States flags.....	43 65
Sayles, Sol, beef.....	319 20
Stephens, Olin J., coal.....	106 25
Smith, Carl, Son, manure.....	498 48
Sackmann, E. O., bridge maps.....	16 00
Stern, M., fish.....	14 50
Thorburn, J. M., & Co., plants and seed.....	97 60
" flower stakes, etc.....	85 85
Wasserman, S., bread.....	44 94
Wire Fence Supply Company, triumph wire.....	72 47
Williamson, M. D., coal.....	127 50
Worthington, Henry R., packing, etc.....	9 85
O'Donnell, N., coal.....	233 25

On motion, at 12 o'clock, the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1896—ADJOURNED MEETING, 10.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners McMillan (Vice-President), Stiles, Ely.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Union Settlement Association, in relation to providing additional play-grounds for children in the parks. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From the Secretary of the New York Botanical Garden, requesting permission to open the gate of the dam in the Bronx river, at the Lorillard Mansion, for the purpose of making a test looking to the permanent lowering of the dam. Laid over.

From Clarence True, applying for permission to erect projecting windows on three houses at the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and Seventy-seventh street, as shown on an accompanying plan. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From C. P. H. Gilbert, applying for permission to erect projections on the building of Thomas Shields Clarke, at the northeast corner of Riverside Drive and Seventy-seventh street, in accordance with a plan submitted. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From David Banks, E. P. Fowler and others, requesting that Officer Reuben E. Hewitt be continued on Police duty at Bryant Park. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Henry-Bonnard Bronze Company, in relation to cleaning the park statues. Referred to Commissioner Stiles.

From the Hudson River Yacht Club, applying for permission to maintain a boat-house at Riverside Park and Ninety-second street, Hudson river. Referred to the President.

From P. Leckler, respecting a bill before the Legislature providing for additional school sites. Filed.

From Gertrude Thomson, applying for permission to erect and maintain a stand for the sale of flowers under the stairway of the Elevated Railway at the southeast corner of Forty-second street and Sixth avenue. Referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting favorably upon the application of Robert W. Justa for permission to transplant a tree in St. Mary's Park. On motion, permission was granted to plant the tree at a point on said park to be selected by the Superintendent of Parks.

2d. Reporting upon the petition of W. S. Rainsford and others for the improvement of the cricket grounds in Central Park, and stating that the grounds used for that purpose would be sodded and rolled before the opening of the season. Approved.

3d. In relation to the defective drainage of Riverside Drive and its effect on the roadway. Referred to the Engineer of Construction.

From J. C. Rodgers, in relation to the condition of the work under his contract for the second section of the Harlem River Driveway. Referred to the Consulting Engineer in charge of the work.

From the Superintendent of Lion Brewery, applying for permission to place and maintain a ladder to enable employees of the brewery to pass over the Riverside Park wall at the foot of One Hundred and Eighth street in order to reach the pumping station at that point.

On motion, permission was granted as applied for, the work to be done under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

From the Central Labor Federation, applying for permission to hold a mass meeting at the Union Square plaza on the evening of May 2d. Granted.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. Submitting a report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the week ending on 21st inst. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon the condition of the Police horses of the Department.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize and direct the issue of bonds to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) in the manner provided by section 3, chapter 986 of the Laws of 1895, for the purpose of defraying the expense of making soundings, surveys, and other necessary work preliminary to the location and construction of a temporary bridge over the Harlem river near One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, pursuant to the provisions of section 6 of said act.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Stiles, Ely—3.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to authorize the issue of bonds, from time to time, as may be required, to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), as provided by chapter 417, Laws of 1892, as amended by chapter 609 of the Laws of 1895, for the purpose of constructing, improving and maintaining public roadways on the lands acquired for parks and parkways, under chapter 522, Laws of 1884, in the manner described and authorized by the act first above cited.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Stiles, Ely—3.

On motion, at 11.15 A. M., the Board went into executive session.

On motion, John K. Sharkey was restored to duty as a Steam Engineer, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Stiles, Ely—3.

On motion, John Shaefer, a Laborer in the new parks, was promoted to the grade of Assistant Foreman, at \$75 dollars per month, and placed in charge of St. Mary's Park, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Stiles, Ely—3.

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

F. H. D. Mason, petty cash.....	5213 88
Abeel Brothers, band iron, etc.....	71 07
James S. Barron & Co., marline, etc.....	139 72
“ brooms, etc.....	24 75
Colwell Lead Company, couplings, etc.....	7 c8
The Deane Steam Pump Company, packing.....	9 80
Thompson W. Decker & Son, milk.....	10 44
Thomas C. Dunham, Atlantic lead, etc.....	65 65
Ducker Portable House Company, repairs skate house.....	325 00
Estey Wire Works Company, steel mats.....	73 00
The Garden and Forest Publishing Company, “Garden and Forest”.....	8 00
Henry J. Haggerty, oil.....	5 67
Hiram Hitchcock, Treasurer, bills Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	823 51
Knickerbocker Ice Company, ice.....	19 60
Keuffel & Esser Company, helios paper.....	3 40
J. A. Leighton, D. V. S., professional services, etc.....	38 50
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, street washer boxes.....	8 66
McKesson & Robbins, alcohol, etc.....	29 80
Thornton N. Motley & Co., cotton waste, etc.....	37 34
“ steel rakes.....	8 80
James McLaughlin, sand.....	17 50
Nunan & Company, fifth wheels.....	2 70

New York Belting and Packing Company, Limited, hose, etc.....	\$60 64
The W. B. Perry Company, carrots.....	7 50
Patterson Bros., shears, etc.....	47 58
The Quennard Oil Company, oil	50 77
William Scott, ice.....	2 63
Sol Sayles, beef.....	343 20
T. & W. Thorn & Co., hay, etc.....	126 62
The Trow Directory Printing and Bookbinding Company	10 50
Theodore F. Tone, coal.....	38 25
The Yellow Pine Company.....	181 20
The Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company, Estimate No. 1, asphalt walks	<u>1,793 40</u>

On motion, at 11.50 A. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 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, in the presence of the representative of the Comptroller and such of the parties making proposals as were present, publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals which had been received in accordance with an advertisement duly published in the CITY RECORD for the following works :

For the Construction and Improvement of the Riverside Park, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Twentieth Streets.

No.	ITEM.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	BART. DUNN.		JOHN J. HOPPER.		THOS. P. McQUADE.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation	6,000 cubic yards.	\$0 20	\$1,200 00	\$0 45	\$2,700 00	\$1 00	\$6,000 00
2	Rock excavation	50 "	20	10 00	1 80	90 00	2 00	100 00
3	Filling in place	25,000 "	01	250 00	10	2,500 00	1 00	25,000 00
4	Mould or top soil in place	34,000 "	1 50	51,000 00	1 80	61,200 00	1 40	47,600 00
5	Blue-stone steps	6,300 lineal feet.	80	5,040 00	1 10	6,930 00	75	4,725 00
6	Blue-stone cheek pieces	1,400 "	80	1,120 00	90	1,260 00	60	840 00
7	Walk basins	163	23 00	3,749 00	34 00	5,542 00	25 00	4,075 00
8	Surface basins	16	28 00	448 00	43 00	688 00	50 00	800 00
9	Six-inch vitrified stoneware pipe	6,800 lineal feet.	50	3,400 00	35	2,380 00	30	2,040 00
10	Eight-inch vitrified stoneware pipe	2,200 "	58	1,275 00	42	924 00	50	1,100 00
11	Ten-inch vitrified stoneware pipe	1,900 "	85	1,615 00	51	969 00	75	1,425 00
12	Twelve-inch vitrified stoneware pipe	1,100 "	1 10	1,210 00	60	660 00	95	1,045 00
13	Rubble-stone masonry in cement mortar	1,000 cubic yards.	3 00	3,000 00	4 50	4,500 00	6 00	6,000 00
14	Concrete in place	10 "	4 50	45 00	6 50	65 00	8 00	80 00
15	Sod to furnish and lay	483,000 square feet.	04	19,320 00	04 1/2	21,735 00	02	9,660 00
16	Ground to be finished and seeded	15 acres.	60 00	900 00	42 00	630 00	40 00	600 00
17	Walk pavement of asphalt with concrete base, including rubble-stone foundation	135,000 square feet.	22	29,700 00	24	32,400 00	13	17,550 00
18	Walk pavement of asphalt with concrete base on existing stone foundation, laid or partly laid	77,500 "	22	17,050 00	20	15,500 00	10	7,750 00
	Total			\$140,333 00		\$160,673 00		\$136,390 00

For the Construction and Improvement of the Riverside Park, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Twentieth Streets—(Continued.)

No.	ITEM.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	WM. F. NORTON.		CHAS. W. COLLINS.		DE WITT C. BOUKER, JR.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Earth excavation	6,000 cubic yards.	\$0 30	\$1,800 00	\$0 50	\$3,000 00	\$0 59	\$3,540 00
2	Rock excavation.....	50 "	3 00	150 00	2 00	100 00	2 00	100 00
3	Filling in place	25,000 "	08	2,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Mould or top soil in place.....	34,000 "	1 75	59,500 00	1 50	51,000 00	1 95	66,300 00
5	Blue-stone steps.....	6,300 lineal feet.	90	5,670 00	85	5,355 00	85	5,355 00
6	Blue-stone check pieces	1,400 "	90	1,260 00	85	1,190 00	60	840 00
7	Walk basins.....	163	30 00	4,890 00	30 00	4,890 00	30 00	4,890 00
8	Surface basins.....	16	40 00	640 00	40 00	640 00	35 00	560 00
9	Six-inch vitrified stoneware pipe	6,800 lineal feet.	30	2,040 00	75	5,100 00	32	2,176 00
10	Eight-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	2,200 "	35	770 00	85	1,870 00	37	814 00
11	Ten-inch vitrified stoneware pipe.....	1,900 "	40	760 00	1 00	1,900 00	57	1,083 00
12	Twelve-inch vitrified stoneware pipe	1,100 "	50	550 00	1 25	1,375 00	70	770 00
13	Rubble-stone masonry in cement mortar.....	1,000 cubic yards.	4 50	4,500 00	4 00	4,000 00	3 50	3,500 00
14	Concrete in place.....	10 "	7 00	70 00	6 00	60 00	4 50	45 00
15	Sod to furnish and lay.....	483,000 square feet.	05	24,150 00	04	19,320 00	03	14,490 00
16	Ground to be finished and seeded.....	15 acres.	75 00	1,125 00	100 00	1,500 00	100 00	1,500 00
17	Walk pavement of asphalt with concrete base, including rubble-stone foundation	135,000 square feet.	16	21,600 00	22½	30,375 00	10½	14,175 00
18	Walk pavement of asphalt with concrete base on existing stone foundation, laid or partly laid.....	77,500 "	16	12,400 00	17	13,175 00	10½	8,137 50
	Total.....			\$143,875 00		\$144,850 00		\$128,275 50

For Regulating and Paving with Telford Pavement the Roadway of the Pelham Bridge Road, from East Chester Bay to the Northerly Line of Pelham Bay Park, in Said Park.

No.	ITEM.	QUANTITIES.	GEORGE F. DOAK.		SMITH & BURDEN.		WM. F. McCABE.		FRANK W. MOLLOY.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Telford Pavement.....	19,100 square yards.	\$1 29	\$24,639 00	\$1 10	\$21,010 00	\$0 89	\$16,999 00	\$0 90	\$17,190 00
2	Dry Rubble Masonry.....	30 cubic "	2 50	75 00	2 50	75 00	2 40	72 00	2 50	75 00
3	Vitrified stoneware pipe.....	10,000 pounds.	c3	300 00	0 1 1/2	150 00	01	100 00	01 1/2	150 00
4	Rubble or cobble-stone pavement in gutters.....	300 square yards.	50	150 00	50	150 00	30	90 00	50	150 00
			\$25,164 00		\$21,385 00		\$17,261 00		\$17,565 00	

No.	ITEM.	QUANTITIES.	ALLSTON GERRY.		DEWITT C. BOUKER, JR.		MURRAY & MOLLOY.	
			Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.	Price.	Amount.
1	Telford Pavement.....	19,100 square yards.	\$0 96	\$18,336 00	\$0 87	\$16,617 00	\$0 95	\$18,145 00
2	Dry Rubble Masonry.....	30 cubic "	4 00	120 00	2 50	75 00	4 00	120 00
3	Vitrified stoneware pipe.....	10,000 pounds.	01 1/2	150 00	01	100 00	01 1/2	150 00
4	Rubble or cobble-stone pavement in gutters.....	300 square yards.	54	162 00	20	60 00	32	96 00
			\$18,768 00		\$16,852 00		\$18,511 00	

For Removing the Present Gapstow Bridge in Central Park, and Erecting a New Stone and Brick Bridge at the Same Place.

Bidders.	Amount.
Samuel Quincy.....	\$6,552 00
Joseph J. Haiduven.....	7,795 00
Smith & Burden	14,500 00
John V. McMahon.....	11,348 00
John J. Hopper.....	9,737 00
A. McMillan	10,475 00
Clark & Co.....	8,455 00
Thomas P. McQuade	6,900 00
William F. Norton.....	7,800 00
Gildersleeve & Rolf.....	12,483 50
Thomas Callanan	12,000 00

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

1st. Transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of seven thousand dollars for the improvement of Corlears Hook Park. Filed.

2d. Transmitting a copy of a resolution authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars for the improvement of Riverside Park. Filed.

From the Washington Heights Progressive Association, asking that an entrance be provided on the westerly side of Highbridge Park, between One Hundred and Seventieth and One Hundred and Seventy-third streets. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the School Trustees of the Sixth Ward, in relation to the proposed erection of a school-house in Mulberry Bend Park. Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to whether such use of said park may be legally permitted.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department in the matter of the request of James D. Leary for payment for work done under his contract for the first section of the Harlem River Driveway. Laid over.

From the Assistant Secretary of Cooper Union, requesting the loan of plants, etc., from the Park greenhouses for the occasion of the annual reception of their art schools on the 27th and 28th of May next. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks with power.

From the Claremont Boat Club, applying for permission to erect a boat-house at Riverside Park and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, Hudson river. Referred to the President.

From the Superintendent of Buildings, calling attention to the provisions of Senate Bill No. 634, prohibiting business vehicles from crossing or passing through any of the parks. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From James E. Ware, desiring an opportunity to render architectural services to the Department. Filed.

From Andrew McMillan, applying for an extension of time for the completion of his contract for constructing a retaining-wall on Riverside Park, from Ninety-sixth to One Hundred and Fourth street. Referred to the Engineer of Construction.

From Jacob C. Parsons, suggesting the location of a flower bed around the statue of Nathan Hale in City Hall Park. Referred to Commissioner Stiles.

From William H. Burr, Consulting Engineer :

1st. Submitting amended estimates for the completion of the entire work on Section 2 of the Harlem River Driveway under the plans contemplated. Filed.

2d. Reporting an estimate of the cost of making good the defective embankment and crib filling on the first section of the Harlem River Driveway. Filed.

From Joseph J. Snow, applying for the privilege of selling refreshments at the Central Park Terrace. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From George P. H. McVay, inclosing a sample policeman's memorandum book made and sold by him. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Thomas Frawley, Park Policeman, applying for retirement from active duty. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From D. B. Cunningham, applying for reinstatement as a Watchman. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Captain of Police, reporting a list of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks, for the week ending March 28. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting as to the work required to be done to put the golf links in Van Cortlandt Park in good order and estimating the cost at \$400.

On motion, the same was approved and the work ordered done by the following vote :

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

2d. Reporting upon a communication of Mrs. E. L. McCollum, in relation to the improvement of the small park at Columbus avenue and Sixty-third street.

On motion, the matter of the improvement of said park was referred to Commissioner Stiles and the Superintendent of Parks.

3d. Reporting the death of a horse at the Park Stables on the 27th instant. Filed.

4th. Reporting in relation to the location in the upper portion of Riverside Park of a drinking fountain to be erected by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Referred to the President with power.

5th. Reporting favorably upon the request of J. Lieberman and others to have the turf removed from the tennis courts in St. Mary's Park. Approved.

6th. Reporting upon a communication of the Union Settlement Company, requesting that additional playgrounds be provided in the parks for children. Filed.

7th. Recommending that Ritchie Greer, a laborer, be reduced to the grade of Cottage Laborer, and assigned to duty at the Cottage where now employed.

On motion, the recommendation of the Superintendent was approved.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting plans and specifications for repairing and resetting the Battery sea-wall with coping complete, together with an estimate of the cost.

On motion, the said plans and specifications 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 inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for doing the work, by the following vote :

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

2d. Submitting plans and specifications for repaving Transverse Road No. 1, crossing Central Park.

On motion, the same 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, and Ely—4.

3d. Reporting in relation to a water supply for irrigation in Central and Morningside Parks with an estimate of the cost. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the application of Officer John Flaherty for an allowance of full pay for time lost by him in consequence of an injury received while on duty, made a verbal report and recommended that pay be allowed Officer Flaherty as applied for during the period of his disability, January 1 to February 10, 1896.

On motion, pay was allowed Officer Flaherty as recommended by the Committee on Police by the following vote :

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

Commissioner McMillan, to whom was referred the application of Clarence True, architect, for permission to erect projecting windows on three houses at the southeast corner of Seventy-seventh street and Riverside Drive, presented a favorable 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 projections on three buildings to be erected by Clarence True on Riverside Drive, commencing at the southeast corner of Seventy-seventh street, as shown on a plan filed with the Department.

This consent to take effect upon payment of a fee for the privilege equal to five dollars per square foot of the area of the projections.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Commissioner McMillan reported adversely upon the application of C. P. H. Gilbert, architect, for permission to erect projections on a building of Thomas Shields Clarke, at the north-east corner of Riverside Drive and Seventy-seventh street, and recommended that the same be denied. Approved.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Dutcher and Edmister amounting to one thousand and eighty dollars (\$1,080), for premium of insurance on buildings in the new parks north of the Harlem river, be and the same hereby is audited, approved and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for the year 1896, for "Maintenance and Construction of New Parks North of Harlem River, including Surveying and Monumenting."

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for furnishing and delivering seven thousand five hundred 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, Stiles, and Ely—4.

E. D. Lindsey, Architect of the Aquarium, submitted specifications and estimates for certain work at the Aquarium, and recommended that orders be issued to the lowest bidders for the same, as follows :

Johnson Bros., iron bars, etc.	\$475 00
Daniel Cary, pipes in tanks, etc.	93 50
P. H. Spelman's Sons, mason work in tanks, etc.	644 00
A. Ravekes & Son, skylight, magazines, etc.	429 00
Dey & Somerville. reserve tanks, etc.	386 00
H. B. Merrill, pipe work	2,345 00
Ravekes & Son, wooden frame tanks.	423 00
D. K. Martin, asphaltng.	356 00
A. Roedler, trestles, etc.	420 00
Columbia Rubber Co., hard rubber pipes	225 00
India Rubber Comb Co., hard rubber pipes.	235 00
Past & McCord, iron work.	5,870 00
A. Ravekes & Son, carpenter work.	2,170 00
James Thomson, plaster and stucco work	6,850 00

Daniel Cary, radiator work.....	\$150 00
James T. Hall & Co., stained glass windows and skylights.	1,350 00
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On motion, the specifications as submitted were approved, and orders for doing the several works in accordance therewith were authorized to be issued to the lowest bidders 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:

Behning, Albert, coal.....	\$212 50
Cary, Daniel, cover pipes, etc.....	93 50
E. R. Mill and Lumber Company (The), sawdust.....	40 00
Huffman, Theo. P. & Co., hay.....	15 17
Lanier, Charles, Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum of Natural History.....	1,279 87
Lanier, Charles, Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum of Natural History.....	232 13
Lanier, Charles, Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum of Natural History.....	571 62
Lanier, Charles, Treasurer, sundry bills, American Museum of Natural History.....	798 39
Leary, James D., piles, etc.....	553 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works (The), stove-pipe, etc.....	191 82
McKesson & Robbins, oil tar.....	1 05
O'Donnell, N., coal.....	191 25
Thorn, T. & W. & Co., oats, etc.....	28 69
Whitehead, John T., electric gongs, etc.....	90 00
Whitehead, John T., wire, etc.....	2 54
Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, carbon paper, etc.....	8 50
Johnson Brothers, iron bars, etc.....	475 00
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On motion, at 4 P. M. the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

A quorum not being present, no business was transacted.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1896—SPECIAL MEETING, 10 A. M.

Pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK,
April 6, 1896.

Mr. WM. LEARY, *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please issue notices for a meeting of the Board to be held Wednesday, 8th instant, at ten o'clock A. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be presented.

Respectfully,

S. V. R. CRUGER, President.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From Furlong & White, on behalf of the Society for First Aid to the Injured, and others, urging the continuance of the park ambulance service.

On motion, the park ambulance service was ordered continued until further order.

From Albert Hendricks, calling attention to the condition of crosswalks on Central Park, West, at Seventy-second street. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From Madison C. Peters and others, in relation to the improvement of the parks on the Grand Boulevard, between Fifty-ninth and Seventy-second streets. Referred to the Department of Public Works.

From Augustus Caille, M. D., commending Officer John F. McKenna for stopping a runaway horse in the Central Park on 23d ult. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, transmitting a copy of a resolution of the Trustees in relation to the selection of an architect for the proposed enlargement of the Museum building. Filed.

From the Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, giving notice of the semi-annual closing of the museum for cleaning and rearranging the collections. Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to the collection of arrears of rental of houses in the new parks. Filed.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a copy of resolution requesting that the offices of the City Government be closed on Good Friday. Filed.

From Louis Ruhe, offering baboons for sale. Referred to the Director of the Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, submitting a report of the Menagerie for the month of March. Filed.

From Edward Knierniem, in relation to changing the location of the statue of Bertel Thorwaldsen. Laid over.

From John J. Fees, desiring to treat park trees for the destruction of insects. Referred to Commissioner Stiles.

From Brown Bros. Company, offering trees for sale. Referred to Commissioner Stiles and the Superintendent of Parks.

From J. A. Leighton, Veterinary Surgeon, reporting upon the condition of the horses in the parks north of Harlem river. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Stephen A. Bassford, asking permission to erect a tent or booth and sell refreshments in Bronx Park. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From Andres Brothers, offering cement for sale. Referred to the Engineer of Construction.

From the Police Surgeon, recommending that Mounted Officer John Hoey be assigned to dismounted duty. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From the Captain of Police :

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

2d. Reporting in relation to establishing a patrol for the protection of the water-front of Pelham Bay Park. Referred to the Committee on Police.

3d. Reporting upon the condition of the horses used by the Police, during the month of March. Filed.

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

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 March, 1896, and deposited in the City Treasury :

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March	2.	Daniel F. Sullivan, Van Cortlandt Park, February	\$11 86
"	2.	Otto Abrams, Battery Park, March	10 00
"	4.	Case & Meyer, McGown's Pass, February.....	98 98
"	9.	Isidor Isaac & Co., Casino, Central Park, February.....	245 82
"	9.	Isidor Isaac, carrousel, February.....	14 35
"	10.	Charles Schwarz, High Bridge Park, February	10 43
"	10.	Otto Schwenk, Bronx Park, February.....	4 54
"	18.	R. A. Gushee, Claremont Hotel, fourteen days in March	237 02
"	19.	Peter Wooley, East River Park, March.....	20 00
"	19.	Caswell, Massey & Co. (Clinton & Russell, architects), bay window, Twenty-fifth street.....	765 00
"	23.	Oscar H. Riker, swings, Central Park, February.....	2 17
"	30.	Charles P. Hallock, agent, rent of houses.	1,157 52
			\$2,577 69

W. A. STILES, Treasurer.

NEW YORK, April 7, 1896.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Submitting a time statement on the contract for erecting a retaining-wall on the westerly side of Riverside Park, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Fourth streets. Filed.

2d. Reporting upon the application of Andrew McMillan for an extension of time on his contract for constructing retaining-wall on Riverside Park, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Fourth streets. Referred to the President with power.

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. In relation to fire-extinguishers used at the Arsenal Building and the Central Park Stables. Referred to the President with power.

2d. Reporting favorably upon a request of the Department of Correction for bedding plants for use on Blackwell's Island.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Superintendent with power.

3d. Recommending the removal of unused lamp-posts from Bryant Park. Approved.

4th. Reporting upon a communication from the Health Department in relation to the pond near Central Park, West, and One Hundred and Fifth street. Filed.

5th. Reporting in relation to the irrigation of a portion of Central Park and Morningside Park.

On motion, the Engineer of Construction was directed to prepare and submit plans, specifications, etc., for doing the work.

F. M. Jencks appeared before the Board and was heard in relation to a bill now before the Legislature providing for a driveway along the Hudson river, from One Hundred and Thirty-fifth to One Hundred and Forty-fifth street.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD, inviting proposals for furnishing and delivering five hundred (500) park settees.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

On motion of Commissioner Stiles, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to make an examination of the drinking-fountain for horses at Union Square, and report the cost of reconstructing and repairing the same and providing for its proper protection.

On motion, at 11.30 A. M., the Board went into executive session.

William D. Phelan, an Axeman, appeared and was heard in answer to certain charges made against him while acting as Inspector of Contract Work on Riverside Park. Further consideration of the matter was deferred.

On motion, the matter of the purchase of a manatee for the Aquarium was referred to the President, with power, by the following vote :

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

On motion, the Engineer of Construction was directed to prepare and submit plans and specifications for completing the inclosing wall around Central Park.

On motion, it was ordered that the managers of the New York Botanical Garden be requested to submit a photograph of the locality of the dam in the Bronx river, near the Lorillard Mansion, before action is taken on their request to open the gateway.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Board, based upon the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, the Comptroller would be justified in paying James D. Leary the balance of the amount due to him on orders of this Department for work done under his contract on the Harlem River Driveway.

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.

Anchor Post Company, The, posts.....	\$125 00
American and Consolidated "Sanitas" Company, Limited, The, sanitas.....	3 60
Brombacher, A. F. & Co., grindstone, etc.....	24 12
Cock, Wm. R., repairs cement tester.....	5 25

Consolidated Gas Company of New York.....	\$376 25
“ “	3 58
Central Gas-light Company of New York, The.....	3 63
Dunham, Thos. C., varnish.....	9 55
Excelsior Machine Works, sweeping machine.....	325 00
E. R. Mill and Lumber Company, The, white pine, etc.....	208 19
Force, Wm. A. & Co., pads	1 50
Hitchcock Hiram, Treasurer, Salaries and Wages—Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	6,505 19
Keuffel & Esser Company, paper, etc.....	46 04
“ cross-section paper, etc.....	17 19
Lanier, Charles, Treasurer, Salaries—American Museum Natural History.....	6,066 49
Motley, Thornton N. & Co., tube scraper, etc.....	5 40
McKee & Harrington, Lyndhurst bicycles.....	150 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, The, manhole covers.....	11 35
Meehan, Thomas & Sons, Meehan's Monthly.....	4 00
McKesson & Robbins, washing-soda, etc.....	3 20
Markey, Philip, agent, coal	127 50
New York Mutual Gas-light Company, The	73 88
Page, Dennis & Co., scale.....	3 33
Smith Sons, Carl, manure.....	556 32
Thorn, T. & W. & Co., hay, etc.....	117 91
Tefft, Weller & Co., towels	4 30
Woodhouse, J. S., harrow teeth, etc.....	27 60
Whitehead, John T., electric gong, etc.....	121 45

On motion, at 12.25 A. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, 14th instant, at 1.30 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1896—ADJOURNED MEETING, 1.30 P. M.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

At the hour of 2 o'clock, a representative of the Comptroller being present and the meeting open to the public, the President, in the presence of the Comptroller's representative and such of the bidders as were present, opened the estimate-box and publicly opened and read all the estimates or proposals received for furnishing and delivering 200,000 square feet of grass sod on the Parks.

Table of Bids.

	PRICE.	AMOUNT.
William Young	Per Foot. \$0 01 $\frac{25}{100}$	\$3,900 00
Charles L. Doran.....	01 $\frac{65}{100}$	3,300 00
Owen Laughlin—		
Corlear's Hook Park.....	01 $\frac{1}{2}$	} 3,150 00
City Hall Park.....	01 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Bryant Park.....	01 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Madison Square Park.....	01 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Union Square Park.....	01 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Stuyvesant Square Park.....	01 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Washington Square Park.....	01 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Tompkins Square Park.....	01 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Central Park	01 $\frac{3}{4}$	

The following communications were received :

From the Engineer of the Third Light-house District, U. S. A., applying for permission to establish a fog signal at the Battery. Referred to the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth street.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department as to the effect of the Raines' Liquor Tax Law upon the sale of liquors in park restaurants. Filed.

From Strong & Cadwalader, calling attention to the decision of the Court of Appeals in the case of Wormser against Sherman, involving a question as to the authority of this Board to permit the erection of projections on buildings on streets within a distance of 350 feet from the boundary of any park, and determining that the power of the Department under section 668, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, is complete. Filed.

From the Columbia Yacht Club, applying for permission to maintain a boat-house at the foot of West Eighty-sixth street and Hudson river. Referred to the President.

From V. Hugo Koehler, applying for permission to erect a projecting window on the building known as No. 12 Broadway. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From Case & Company, licensees, in relation to providing needed accommodations for bicycle riders at McGown's Pass Tavern. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From Murray & Malloy, relative to a misunderstanding on their part in presenting a bid or proposal for the work of regulating and paving the Pelham Bridge road in Pelham Bay Park. Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction :

1st. Reporting upon an application of Andrew McMillan for an extension of time on his contract for constructing retaining-wall on Riverside Park between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Fourth streets, and recommending that all penalty for overtime be remitted with the exception of the sum of \$105, being the amount of damage sustained for $5\frac{1}{4}$ days.

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

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

2d. Reporting favorably upon a request of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for permission for the construction of the Williams-bridge outlet sewer, crossing Mosholu Parkway.

On motion, the consent of the Department to the construction of said sewer within the limits of the Parkway, upon the line and grades shown on the plan submitted, was given by the following vote :

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

3d. Reporting in relation to the condition of the City Island road in Pelham Bay Park, complained of by the President of the City Island Railroad Company. Filed.

4th. Submitting plans and specifications for work in connection with the improvement of Mulberry Bend Park.

On motion, the plans and specifications submitted by the engineer 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, submitting a report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the week ending April 11. Filed.

From the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company, trustees under the will of Julia A. Chase, applying for permission to erect an oriel window on the building known as No. 481 Fifth avenue, 23 feet north of Forty-first street. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From the Claremont Boat Club, applying for permission to maintain their present boat-house, at One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street and Hudson river, in case their application for permission to erect a new house is not considered favorably. Referred to the President.

From the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, asking for the privilege of occupying a house in Crotona Park for two years from May 1, next. Referred to the Committee on Parks above the Harlem river, with power.

From the Secretary of the Department of Docks, asking the consent of this Department to the lengthening of the steamboat landing to about four hundred feet along the battery sea-wall for the accommodation of excursionists during the summer.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to advise the Secretary of the Department of Docks that this Department does not favor the enlargement of the landing to the extent proposed, and request that a plan be submitted showing how much space is actually needed for the purpose.

Commissioner McMillan, to whom was referred the application of Joseph J. Snow for permission to sell refreshments at the Terrace, in Central Park, presented a report recommending that the same be granted upon condition that the sum of \$500 per annum be paid for the privilege, and recommending also that Mr. Snow be allowed to expend such sum, not exceeding \$200, as may be approved by the Superintendent, for fitting up and renovating the place to be occupied for the purpose.

On motion, the report and recommendation were approved by the following vote :

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

Commissioner Ely, from the Committee on Parks below Fifty-ninth Street, reported favorably upon the application of Mrs. Thomson for permission to maintain a stand for the sale of flowers

under the stairway of the elevated railroad, at the southeast corner of Sixth avenue and Forty-second street.

On motion, the application was ordered granted, as recommended by the committee.

On motion of Commissioner Ely, it was

Resolved, That this Board approves the alteration of the map or plan of this city, as proposed by the bill now under consideration by the Legislature and known as Assembly Bill 1646.

On motion, the proposals received for furnishing and delivering grass sod on the parks were ordered referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to the formality of the lowest bid.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications, as prepared for repairing and putting in order the building at the north end of East River Park, and fitting up water-closets in the basement, be and the same hereby are approved, and the specifications 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 adopted by the following vote :

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

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That as soon as the work is completed on the upper section of East River Park, the park house on the lower section of said park be sold at public auction.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Commissioner Stiles offered the following :

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit plans for the proper drainage of the lower section of East River Park.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That John J. Hopper be allowed to complete his contract for earth filling on Riverside Drive, under the direction and approval of the Engineer of Construction, the contract to be completed by May 15, 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Commissioner Stiles offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of E. D. Lindsey, Architect, amounting to seven hundred and eighty-four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$784.75), being three and one-half per cent. of the cost of work

planned and contracted for at the Aquarium in Battery Park, 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 of the Laws of 1893 for "Castle Garden in Battery Park—Equipping, Furnishing, Stocking, etc."

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the contract for the construction and improvement of Riverside Park, between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets, for which proposals were received on 30th ultimo, be and the same hereby is awarded to D. C. Bouker, Jr., the lowest bidder ; that his proposal be sent to the Comptroller for his 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 McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That all the bids or proposals received on the 30th ultimo, for regulating, paving, etc., the roadway of Pelham Bridge road, from Eastchester Bay to the northerly line of Pelham Bay Park, be and the same hereby are rejected, this Board deeming it to the public interest so to do, and that an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing the work in accordance with amended specifications.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

On motion, at 4.10 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

The following communications were received :

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to the building of additional retaining-walls necessary to complete the work on the second section of the Harlem River Driveway under the contract of J. C. Rodgers. Filed.

From the Building Committee of the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, submitting a proposition in relation to the selection of an architect for the enlargement of the Museum building.

On motion the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, 1st, that Mr. R. H. Hunt should be named as Architect ; 2d, that Mr. George B. Post should be named as Engineer and Consulting Architect ; 3d, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Building Committee for their consideration.

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

From the Secretary of the Civil Service Boards, reporting Officer James Livingston for "cribbing" during his examination for promotion to the grade of Roundsman. Referred to the Committee on Police.

From Mrs. Thomas Carroll, applying for an increase in the amount now received by her as pension. Referred to the Trustees of the Park Police Pension Fund.

From the Captain of Police, forwarding an application of Officer Max Lasky for allowance of full pay for time lost on account of an injury received while undergoing an examination for promotion.

On motion, full pay was allowed Officer Lasky for the time lost (five days) by the following vote :

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

From the Superintendent of Parks :

1st. Reporting relative to application of Michael Colligan for restoration as a Laborer in Pelham Bay Park after an absence of several months an account of illness.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Superintendent, with power.

2d. Recommending the emplyment of four teams, two carts, twenty-five Laborers for sodding for thirty days and twenty-five Laborers for Central Park for thirty days.

On motion, the employment of men and teams as recommended was authorized by the following vote :

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

3d. Recommending the reappointment of John McCracken and William Lloyd as Carpenters.

On motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was adopted by the following vote :

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

4th. Recommending the promotion of Assistant Foreman Michael J. McGrath to the grade and pay of Foreman.

On motion, Assistant Foreman McGrath was promoted to the grade and pay of Foreman, to take effect on 15th instant, by the following vote :

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

On motion, the salary of W. F. Richards, Draughtsman, was fixed at \$1,500 per annum by the following vote :

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

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

Appointed.

Thomas J. Daly, Plumber ; John McGee, Driver ; Luke A. Gallagher, Foreman ; Andrew Conte, Foreman ; Edward McCormick, Foreman ; John L. Haggerty, Axeman.

Reinstated.

Simon McNally, Team ; Andrew Doolin, Team ; P. Gaffney, Team ; P. McPartland, Team ; Patrick Good, Laborer, \$2 per day ; John Murphy, Laborer ; John Curran, Laborer ; Thomas Bowe, Laborer ; Michael Lee, Laborer ; John Beck, Laborer ; Thomas Dwyer, Laborer ; D. B. Cunningham, Laborer ; Michael Carroll, Laborer.

On motion, the appointments and reinstatements reported by the President were approved 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 :

American District Telegraph Co. (The), messenger service	\$1 40
Brandis, F. E. Sons & Co., repairing level.....	17 75
Keuffel & Esser Co., triangle, etc.....	5 68
Mason, F. H. D., petty cash.....	237 10
Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co. (The), telephonic service	1,000 03
Markey Philip, agent, coal.....	4 25
McMillan, Andrew, payment acceptance, retaining-wall, Riverside Park	14,604 41
Mott, J. L., Iron Works (The), hopper.....	3 20
Rodgers, J. C., Estimate No. 22, Public Driveway.....	7,773 00
Whitman Saddle Company, whips.....	4 00

On motion, at 5.40 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1896—REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Secretary of the New York Botanical Garden, inclosing photographs of the locality of the Bronx River Dam, near the Lorillard mansion, as requested. Filed.

From the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas, in relation to the removal of unused lamp-posts from Bryant and other Parks. Filed.

From the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, requesting permission to change and water the horses used on the Eighth Avenue Railroad at Abingdon Square. Granted.

From the Secretary of the North Side Board of Trade, requesting that broken stone or gravel be used on park walks instead of cinders ; and

From the Suburban Club in relation to the same subject. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From W. D. Porter, in relation to the publication of a small Central Park guide map. Referred to the Secretary.

From Edwin Bedell, calling attention to the condition of a drain in Crotona Park. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From John H. Keller, requesting an extension of time for the removal of ice houses belonging to him from Bronx Park. Referred to the Committee on Parks north of Harlem river.

From A. Major, desiring to apply his system of under-flow pipes to park fountains. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting plans and specifications for laying water pipe in Central Park, and in the avenue adjoining Morningside Park.

On motion, said plans and specifications were ordered so amended as to show the pipes five inches below the surface, and as so amended the same 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, submitting a report of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the week ending April 18. Filed.

From John Maguire, resigning his position as a Park Policeman. Accepted.

From the Superintendent of Parks, in relation to the removal of unused lamp-posts from the lower city parks. Filed.

From City Magistrate H. A. Brann and Civil Justice John B. McKean, desiring to be furnished with plants for planting in front of the Fifty-seventh Street Court building. Referred to the Superintendent, with power.

On motion, the matter of lighting Corlear's Hook Park was referred to the President.

From C. P. H. Gilbert, architect, applying for permission to erect projections on the proposed dwelling of Thomas Shields Clarke at the corner of Riverside Drive and Seventy-seventh street, as shown on amended plans. Denied.

Commissioner Stiles moved that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to inform this Board whether, in case the lowest bid for furnishing and delivering sod is rejected, the next lowest may properly be accepted and the contract awarded thereon. Which was carried.

The President presented a report on the applications of the Columbia and Hudson River Yacht Clubs and the Claremont Boat Club for permission to maintain their respective boat-houses where now located on the water front of Riverside Park, recommending that the same be granted upon condition that the sum of \$150 per annum be paid by each club for the privilege.

On motion, the recommendations contained in the President's report were adopted by the following vote :

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

Commissioner McMillan presented a report in the matter of the application of the New York Life Insurance & Trust Company, as trustees under the will of Julia A. Chase, for permission to build an oriel window on the building known as No. 481 Fifth avenue, stating that the matter is not within the jurisdiction of the Department.

On motion the report was accepted and placed on file.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of R. S. Huidekoper, veterinary surgeon, amounting to seventeen dollars (\$17) for professional services rendered the Department in attending animals in the menagerie during October, 1895, be and the same hereby is approved, audited and ordered transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, chargeable to the appropriation for "Zoological Department" for the year 1895.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to advise this Board as to whether, in his opinion, the playing of golf, lawn tennis and baseball, or other games, may legally be permitted in the public parks on Sunday.

On motion of Commissioner Cruger, it was

Resolved, That the Police Surgeon be and he hereby is directed to examine Park Policeman James Frawley, with a view to his retirement.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be and hereby is respectfully requested to pass an ordinance authorizing this Department to contract, without public letting, for additional work necessary to complete the second section of the Harlem River Driveway, under a proposed modification of the contract for that work, at a cost not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

On motion, at 3.35 P. M., the Board went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Durland Company, requesting that permission be given the Mounted Park Police to participate in an exhibition to be given at the academy of said company, during the week beginning April 27. Referred to the Committee on Police, with power.

Commissioner Cruger offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be and hereby is respectfully requested to pass an ordinance authorizing this Department to contract, without public letting, for additional work necessary to complete the first section of the Harlem River Driveway, under a proposed modification of the contract for that work, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Aquarium, it was ordered that the use of the lecture room at the Aquarium be offered to the American Fishery Society for their meetings on the 20th and 21st of May next.

The President reported the following appointments and restorations on the working force.

Appointed.

John J. Schlaefel, Foreman ; Otto Sahn, Machinist's Helper ; Cornelius Crane, Laborer ; William Tighe, Laborer ; Martin W. Platt, Laborer ; Andrew Stockinger, Cart Driver ; Frank J. Emerich, Laborer ; Patrick Havey, Laborer ; James Corbley, Laborer ; Joseph Croghan, Laborer ; Thomas Scanlon, Laborer ; William Fleming, Laborer ; James Drennen, Laborer ; Andrew Maher, Laborer ; Joseph Dougherty, Laborer ; Jacob John, Laborer ; John Ahern, Laborer ; Charles Schmaltz, Laborer ; Philip Pietro, Laborer ; Charles B. Stanbury, Laborer ; Hugh McCall, Laborer ; John Sorrentino, Laborer ; Ernest Guiglina, Laborer ; August Leiman, Laborer ; Karl Kraus, Laborer ; John E. McGrath, Laborer ; James Flaherty, Laborer ; James Scanlon, Laborer ; Frank Blum, Laborer ; Richard W. Stone, Laborer ; Vincinzo Maeico, Laborer ; Michael Luby, Laborer ; Patrick Fleming, Laborer ; Burtis J. Slattery, Steam and Gas Fitter ; Thomas Cantwell, Roofer ; Frederick H. Pontin, Stone Mason ; Thomas Maroney, Stone Mason ; Charles Litterer, Housesmith ; Richard W. Sturr, Painter.

Reinstated.

Terrence F. Murphy, Team ; Anthony Kelly, Team ; H. F. Smith, Gardener ; John Burns, Laborer ; Emanuel Wallach, Laborer ; Edward Burke, laborer.

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

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

On motion, Michael Murphy was ordered transferred from duty as a Driver to work as a Laborer, and the following-named Laborers were discharged for inefficiency : Charles McDermott, James Casey, John Morris, Hugh Dolan, Patrick Leddy, Patrick O'Connell, Julius Kubler, John Kiernan.

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

Hitchcock, Hiram, Treasurer, coal, Metropolitan Museum of Art	\$1,680 17
“ “ bills, Metropolitan Museum of Art	2,430 58
Lanier, Charles, Treasurer, bills, American Museum of Natural History.....	395 51
Iron Clad Manufacturing Company, ash cans.....	36 00
Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company, sprinklers	710 00
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On motion, at 4.20 P. M., the executive session arose and the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

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

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

On motion, the Board went into executive session.

The President reported the following appointments and removals :

Appointed.

Paul Marterello, Horse and Cart ; Antonio Lagnetto, Horse and Cart ; John McGibney, Horse and Cart ; William Burns, Horse and Cart ; Thomas Carman, Team ; Charles Harris, Team.

Discharged.

Henry Gilmore, Foreman ; William Lloyd, Carpenter ; John McCracken, Carpenter ; James Gillon, Laborer ; Peter McGinn, Laborer ; Michael Carroll, Laborer ; James Brady, Laborer ; John O'Donnell, Laborer.

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

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

The executive session then arose.

At this point the President retired and the Vice-President took the chair.

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 power of the Department to grant a license for the occupation of the Van Cortlandt mansion in Van Cortlandt Park for a period of five years. Filed.

2d. Advising as to the right of the Board to reject bids received for furnishing and delivering sod. Filed.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That all the bids or proposals received on 14th inst. for furnishing and delivering grass sod be and the same hereby are rejected, this Board deeming it in the interest of the City so to do.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Stiles, Ely—3.

3d. Advising as to the legality of Sunday games in the parks. Filed.

On motion, the Captain of Police was directed to enforce the law in relation to playing games on Sunday in all the parks.

From the Board of Health, in relation to the condition of the pond near West One Hundredth street, in Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner McMillan, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be requested to prepare specifications and form of contract for rip-rapping the shore of the pond known as "The Pool," in Central Park, near West One Hundredth street, and submit the same to the Board.

From John T. Farley, in relation to the improvement of the plot of ground bounded by Seventieth street, Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard. Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for report.

From the Morris Wheelmen, calling attention to the condition of the roadway of Madison Avenue Bridge. Filed.

From the Farragut Association of Naval Veterans, applying for permission to hold memorial services in Madison Square Park on Sunday afternoon, May 17, 1896. Granted.

From Alexander M. Welch, architect, applying for permission to erect bay windows on six proposed dwellings at the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and Eighty-ninth 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 six buildings to be erected at the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and Eighty-ninth street by W. W. and T. M. Hall, as shown on a plan submitted by Alexander M. Welch, architect.

This consent to take effect upon payment to the Department of a fee equal to five dollars per square foot of projection.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Stiles and Ely—3.

From Charles B. Meyers, architect, applying for permission to erect a bay window on the building known as No. 1690 East End avenue. Referred to Commissioner McMillan.

From Gustav Nelson, offering Lind trees to the Department for planting on Battery Park.

On motion, the offer was accepted, and the Superintendent was authorized to receive and plant the trees at such places as he may deem proper.

From Isaac & Co., licensees, asking consent for an excise license for the Casino in Central Park. Granted.

From the General Manager of the Long Island Railroad Company, applying for permission to build a boat-landing at Battery Park. Laid over.

From T. W. Gibbons, resigning his position as Inspector of regulating and grading on the Harlem River Driveway. Accepted.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting plans and specifications for constructing the upper portion of park enclosing wall, furnishing and setting gneiss piers, granite sill and blue stone posts, platform and steps at entrances on Fifth avenue, between Ninety-seventh and One Hundred and Tenth streets.

On motion, the plans and specifications as submitted 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, Stiles, Ely—3.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting upon the physical condition of Park Policeman Thomas Frawley, with a view to his retirement.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Whereas, It appears by the records of this Department that Thomas Frawley is a member of the Park Police Force of the City of New York, assigned to do duty as Patrolman ; that he has performed Police duty as a member of the said Police Force for a period of twenty years, and that after examination of the said Thomas Frawley, the Police Surgeon has certified that he is permanently disabled so as to be unfit for Police duty ; therefore

Resolved, That in pursuance of section 4, chapter 142 of the Laws of 1893, Park Policeman Thomas Frawley be and hereby is retired and honorably discharged from membership in the said Park Police Force, placed upon the Park Police pension-roll, and awarded and granted a pension from the Park Police Pension Fund of the annual sum of five hundred and fifty dollars, to take effect from and after May 1, 1896.

Which were adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Stiles, Ely—3.

From the Captain of Police :

1st. In relation to the annual parade and review of the Park Police. Referred to the Committee on Police.

2d. Reporting a list of accidents, injuries, etc., in the parks for the week ending April 25. Filed.

From C. P. H. Gilbert, architect, submitting revised plans showing proposed projections on dwelling of Thomas Shields Clarke at the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and Seventy-seventh street, and requesting the approval of the same.

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 dwelling of Thomas Shields Clarke at the southeast corner of Riverside Drive and Seventy-seventh street, as shown on the revised plans this day submitted 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 for the privilege.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Stiles, Ely—3.

From the Title Guarantee & Trust Company asking the consent of the Department to the maintenance of a certain projection on the dwelling of Samuel G. Bayne, at the northeast corner of One Hundred and Eighth street and Riverside Drive not covered by the permission given him June 27, 1887, for a bay-window and as shown on an accompanying sketch.

On motion the application was granted, to take effect upon payment of a fee equal to \$5 per square foot of projection, by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Stiles, Ely—3.

Commissioner McMillan, to whom was referred the application of V. Hugo Koehler, architect, for permission to erect a bay-window on the building known as No. 12 Broadway, presented a report recommending that the application be denied. Which was adopted.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Albert Ravekes & Son, amounting to one hundred and thirty-nine dollars and eighty-three cents (\$139.83), for carpenter work on the second and third floors of the Arsenal building, 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 McMillan, Stiles, Ely—3.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of William Stephens, amounting to twenty-eight (\$28) dollars for removing property of the Department from its former offices at Nos. 49 and 51 Chambers street, 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—Commissioner McMillan, Stiles, Ely—3.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the contract for rebuilding the Gapstow Bridge in Central Park be awarded to Samuel Quincy, 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, Stiles, Ely—3.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed forthwith with the work of repairing and painting the ornamental lighting structure at the Union Square Plaza, and placing the same in a safe and proper condition.

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That immediate steps be taken to repair and place in proper condition the paved walks of Madison and Union Squares, Tompkins and Stuyvesant Parks, including the sidewalks around said parks.

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That a competent Sanitary Engineer be employed to make an examination and report on the condition of the public urinals and plumbing of the toilet-rooms in the cottages on Union and Madison Square Parks.

Laid over.

Commissioner McMillan offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed with the work of painting the lavatories in Union and Madison Square Parks.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners McMillan, Stiles, Ely—3.

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

John Fitzpatrick, shoeing horses	\$17 50
H. L. Herbert & Co., coal	4 50
Charles Lanier, Treasurer, bill, American Museum of Natural History.....	235 00
McKee & Harrington, bicycles.....	150 00
David Moffat & Co, leather.....	37 76
P. H. Spelman's Sons, removing tiling of tanks.....	644 00
M. Sterns, fish.....	15 50
Theo. F. Tone, coal.....	17 00
S. Wasserman, bread.....	46 50

On motion, at 3.45, the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM LEARY, Secretary.