

September 24, 1968

Present: F. Elliott Burch  
J. Wilmer Bowles  
George R. Aud

Meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.

#### Parks and Recreation

Capt. J. Henderson, Mr. Donaldson. Capt. Henderson asked if any decision had been made on the request of this board to employ a director, and was informed that the Commissioners have not taken any action in this respect. He stated that it will take awhile to find a suitable person to meet the requirements of this position, as he will have to be a college graduate, and must be approved by the state. Salary for such a person will be approximately \$8,000 - 10,000 per year. We will need someone if the watershed materializes, and the amount of activity will be a determining factor. This position need not be financed until the next budget year. Capt. Henderson said he feels that Mr. Curley will work with us until we can make arrangements for a director in the budget.

Regarding their various projects, Capt. Henderson said they have not gotten the federal money for Nicolet Park, and Mr. Wise is to do this soon. On the Great Mills and Lexington Park School sites, the Board of Education will transfer the property to the Commissioners, as the property must be owned by a public body in order for funds to be appropriated. He has asked that the funds be approved on this basis, and this should proceed.

Capt. Henderson said that it has been suggested that he and Mr. Paul Raley, who has been appointed VOR representative by the Commissioners should go to speak with Mr. E. Heath, of the St. Dept. of Forests and Parks, to see what he can do to expedite matters for us.

Capt. Henderson asked permission to use funds allocated for the St. Clements Shores project to purchase a parcel of land at St. George Park and just hold this for future development. If they get the money from VOR from the St. Clements site, then they will come back to the Commissioners and ask to replace this.

Capt. Henderson asked when he could expect an answer on the possibility of hiring a director. Mr. Burch said that the Commissioners will have to look into the possibility of having one man take care of this and also the Youth Commission, and perhaps this would cost less than we are now spending. The Commissioners will also take under consideration the matter of putting up a sum of money for a deposit on the property at St. Georges Park, as requested by the captain.

#### McLeod Sanitary Fill

Mr. D. Williams, Mr. H. McLeod, Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Donaldson. General discussion concerning fact of Mr. McLeod dumping his commercially collected refuse in the area he has leased to the county for use of the general public. Mr. McLeod said it was his understanding that he was to be allowed to do this, and that other commercial carriers would



be allowed to use this fill for a specific charge, and this money would be turned over to the county. He had been making arrangements to place a trailer at the entrance of the fill, with a man on duty, to collect the fees to be paid, and was going to pay this man approximately \$40 per week to do this.

General discussion concerning this, and Mr. Burch suggested that Mr. McLeod use another portion separate from the land leased by the county to deposit his refuse, and he could still use the road that has been constructed to the county site. Mr. McLeod said that if he is not going to be allowed to use the facility, he will give the county \$2600 to cover what has been spent, and cancel his agreement with the county. He said he would like to have the Commissioners find another site, and he will maintain this fill and the county can use it, and he will bid on the maintenance service when the bids are advertised again. Mr. McLeod said he knows that other commercial carriers have been using county fills for 5 to 10 years, and one of these is a Mr. Curtis in Hollywood. He said that if the county will dig the trenches, he will provide a man on duty, and would push the trash and cover it with as much dirt as is required at least 3 times weekly, every other day. If this is done, he will go along with the county using the area as long as he lives.

The Commissioners will consider this matter and advise Mr. McLeod what is to be done.

#### Trailer Variance - Johnson

Mrs. Laverne Johnson said she is requesting a variance from the trailer regulations so that her son can place a trailer temporarily on Mr. Willie Abell's farm in the 1st district. There is an out-house there that has been there for many years, and the son would use water from Mrs. Johnson's house. Her son is getting married and is trying to purchase a piece of property but so far has not been successful, and Mr. Abell has agreed that the trailer could be placed on his property. Mrs. Johnson mentioned that someone by the name of Diane Thomas or Thompson, has placed a new trailer in this area, and the regulations have not been met. The Commissioners agreed that these matters will have to be checked with the Health Department and Mr. Cryer will be asked to look into this.

#### Roads

Mr. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Bond reported that the Carthegenia Road is being worked on today. He also reported that the state will not sell the grader as discussed last week. Mr. Tate has said that they will need this piece of equipment for snow removal. However, he is willing to let the hydraulic bush cutter be put on this machine, and charge a rental fee of \$4.50 per hour for the use of it.

Mr. Bond stated that Mr. D. Raley checked the extension of the Hewitt Road (Happyland) and it will cost about \$5,000 to \$6,000 to build this road. Mr. Pantaleo disagreed with this cost, and Mr. Bond will check it.



On the St. Andrews Church Road, Mr. Pantaleo said he has sent for a contract form from Mr. McCarl of the State Roads Commission, and Mr. Tate has requested that he be called before the notice to proceed is issued.

Mr. Burch reported to Mr. Bond that the utility companies are tearing up the roads in the St. Clements Shores area and are not repairing the damage being done. Mr. Bond said he will look into this.

There was general discussion concerning sanitary fills, and Mr. Bond said if he was given the amount of money that is being spent for the maintenance of the fills, his men could take care of this and it would also help the roads budget. However, he will have to talk with Mr. Tate before anything can be done in this respect. The Commissioners stated that if this can be done, they would be in agreement with the fill maintenance being handled this way.

After some discussion on the purchase of a hydraulic highway cutter, the Commissioners agreed that Mr. Pantaleo should draft specifications for this piece of equipment and advertise for bids. The price quoted for this machine is \$8,500.

After reviewing letter from Mr. Tate concurring in the award of the contract for the St. Andrews Church Road to Dean and Beavers, the Commissioners agreed that said contract should be awarded, bid in the amount of \$328,323.00. Mr. R. Dean will be asked to furnish performance and payment bonds, and to execute three copies of the contract to be returned to the Commissioners for final signatures.

#### Sheriff

Sheriff Burroughs, Mr. H. Lancaster and Mr. Donaldson. Sheriff Burroughs presented walkie talkie radios that are essentially the same radios they have in their cars, but these are battery operated sets. He would like to have these two radios, as they would provide communication with other law enforcement agencies, which they do not now have. Cost is \$792 each, including all of the equipment that comes with the radio.

Sheriff also examined helmets, costing \$19 each, and they will need 10. Mr. Burroughs said he would like to have the white helmets with the flip up face shields, as these would be the most servicable.

Sheriff also asked that the Commissioners consider doing something about providing additional space for his department downstairs, as they are very pressed for quarters.

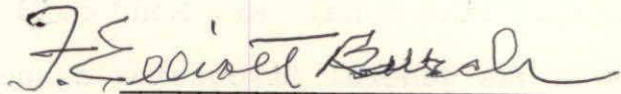
#### Metropolitan Commission HUD Loan

Mr. D. Williams, Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Donaldson. General discussion concerning the loan of \$123,000 this agency wants to apply for from HUD. The Commissioners agreed they would approve this loan being made conditioned upon no work being authorized until the funds are in hand to cover said work. The loan is being requested for engineering studies to be made.



Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch  
President