

To the Board of Park Commissioners,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The undersigned, being especially interested in the study of plants and their preservation in their natural surroundings, are desirous of having a certain portion of the park grounds of Minneapolis permanently set aside for a natural Botanical Garden for the instruction of students of botany and for the enjoyment of all lovers of nature.

We think the place most desirable for this purpose the eastern portion of Glenwood Park bordering on Arva Avenue. This tract consists of an undrained tamarack swamp with adjacent meadow land and wooded slopes. An undrained tamarack swamp is essential for the proposed garden, because, on account of city improvements, such land is fast disappearing, together with certain lilies, arums, heaths, dogwoods, mosses, fungi and the rare and curious insectivorous plants which are never found elsewhere.

We desire to preserve intact all the wild and natural features of the place and to avoid all appearance of artificial treatment. The only changes would be the thinning out of vegetation where it is necessary for the well being of the plants, or for the introduction of Minnesota specimens which grow under similar conditions; the making of a few paths and the placing of a few stepping stones to render points accessible to observers.

The aims of this garden would be to show plants as living things and their adaptations to their environment, to display in miniature the rich and varied flora of Minnesota, and to teach the principles of forestry.

We therefore beg your Honorable Board to set aside the aforesaid tract for the purposes herein enumerated; to protect the place from depredations; and to grant us permission to supervise the changes suggested.

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BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

REGULAR MEETING.

April 1, 1907.

Office of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 1, 1907.

President Northrup in the chair.

Present—Commissioners Allan, Boutell, Decker, Haynes, Johnson, Jones, McMillan, Nelson, Peterson, Smith, Van Nest, Walker and Mr. President—13.

Absent—Commissioners Nimocks and Phelps—2.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 4th, 1907, and the special meeting of March 16th, 1907, were read and approved as printed.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

From City Treasurer—

Reporting collection of miscellaneous items for the month of March to the amount of \$579.69.

Placed on file.

From Willard J. Hield, General Manager T. C. R. T. Co.—

Regarding change in Interlachen bridge. Referred to Commissioner Nelson and the Attorney.

From S. N. Ewing—

For boating privilege at Lake Calhoun.

Referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Entertainments.

From Joseph Cousineau—

For re-appointment as park policeman.

From Felix Trainor et al.—

For appointment of N. E. Carlson as park keeper, Oak Lake Parks.

From Patterson Street Lighting Co.—

Proposition for lighting parkways during the summer of 1907.

All referred to the Standing Committee on Employment and Supplies.

From John N. Greer et al.—

Asking that a portion of Glenwood Park be set aside for a natural botanical garden. Referred to the Standing Committee on Improvements.

From R. H. Warder, Superintendent of Lincoln Park Chicago—

Offering suction dredge for sale.

Commissioner Peterson—

Moved that Commissioner Allan or Commissioner McMillan be asked to visit Chicago and inspect the dredge offered for sale and investigate dredging matters in general. Adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 1, 1907.

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners—

Gentlemen: Your Standing Committee on Improvements, to whom was referred the petition of P. F. Smith et al. for lights in Interlachen, respectfully report and recommend that two electric lights be maintained in such locations as the Superintendent may select.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. L. SMITH,
JOHN H. VAN NEST,
J. W. ALLAN,
C. F. E. PETERSON,
W. F. DECKER,

Committee.

Adopted.

Minneapolis, Minn. April 10, 1907.

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Minneapolis.

Gentlemen:-

Your Standing Committee on Improvements to whom
was referred the petition of John N. Greer and others, asking
that a certain part of Glenwood Park be set aside for a
Natural Botanical Garden, respectfully report and recommend
that the petition be granted and that the Superintendent
be instructed to select the proper place and make such minor
improvements in the way of paths and fencing as may be necessary
at an expense of not to exceed \$200.00

Respectfully submitted,

Fred. R. Smith
W. F. Becker

John H. Van Nest
C. E. Peterson

Committee.

"Adopted"

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