

**Appointment of Eloise Butler as Curator:** April 6, 1911: Garden Club of Minneapolis urges Park Board to appoint Butler as curator of the wild garden which they want to be made permanent. June 6, 1911 they are joined with the Woman's Club and jointly request the same thing at Park Board meeting. Sent to committee. June 10, 1911 both groups attend committee meeting. Feb 6, 1912, Park Board to hire her permanently and pay salary. Dates listed are publication dates.

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## Wild Flower Garden Urged

Minneapolis Plant Boosters Would Retain Plot in Glenwood Park.

Resolutions recommending the appointment of Eloise Butler as the curator of a seven-acre plot of ground in Glenwood park, now used as a wild-flower garden, were passed at the annual meeting of the Garden Club of Minneapolis held in the mayor's reception room in the city hall yesterday. The resolutions also asked that the plot be set aside by the park board and made a permanent wild flower garden.

The board of education has asked the appointment of Miss Butler as caretaker of the ground. The resolutions passed by the Garden club will be sent to the park board.

Plans for the work of the club for the ensuing year were made and the reports of the officers heard. Leroy Boughner, president, outlined the work done last year under his administration and also under that of Prof. Frederic E. Clements, president of the club the first part of the year. The treasurer's report by Gratia Countryman

showed that all the funds received by the club last year were spent and that the club at present is without funds except the memberships being renewed and the donation of \$2,500 from the Civic Celebration committee.

Earl Finney, superintendent of the city gardens, made a short talk before an unanimous vote re-elected the officers of last year. The officers are: Leroy Boughner, president; Frederic E. Clements, F. A. Chamberlain, Frank Bovey, vice presidents; Mrs. Walter Holsinger, secretary; Gratia Countryman, treasurer. The board of directors re-elected are: Miss Julia Bradford, Mrs. John Lind, S. J. Nicholson, Mrs. Andreas Ueland.

## Botanical Garden Sought

Clubs Petition Park Board to Authorize the Project for Glenwood Park.

Creation of a botanical garden in Glenwood park to contain every wild flower native to Minnesota was asked of the Minneapolis park board yesterday by representatives of the Woman's club and the Garden club. A petition signed by several hundred persons asked the appointment of Miss Eloise Butler as curator to have charge of the garden and the collection of the flowers, shrubs, ferns, and other plants to make the garden as nearly complete as possible. Representatives of the Woman's club told the board of Miss Butler's decision to leave Minneapolis unless some provision be made soon to allow her to care for the garden during the summer.

Several hundred wild flowers are already planted in Glenwood park and are under the care of Miss Butler who has spent her own money in their culture. As a teacher of botany, Miss Butler is considered an authority on flowers and those behind the flower garden plan are insistent that she be retained.

In case the board decides to engage Miss Butler, she will begin at once a collection of the wild flowers of the state, labeling them and properly caring for them in Glenwood park.

L. J. Boughner told the board that the Garden club indorsed the idea as a part of the plan to make Minneapolis the garden city of the country.

Although showing no opposition to the plan, park board members felt that the petition should take its regular course and be referred to a committee. Action will be taken by the board in two weeks.

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## Wild Flower Garden Proposed.

Establishment of a garden in Glenwood park in which all the wild flowers of Minnesota would have representation was under consideration by the park board finance and improvement committees at a joint meeting yesterday afternoon. Representatives of the Garden club and the Woman's club were present to urge that Miss Eloise Butler who has had a garden of this character that was her own, in Glenwood park for several years, be placed in charge of the proposed garden.

## MISS BUTLER'S SERVICES KEPT

Park Board Committee Indorses Her as Curator of Botanical Gardens.

The finance committee of the park board has given assurance that the services of Miss Eloise Butler as curator with supervision of the wild botanical garden in Glenwood park will be retained this year. Last year Miss Butler's salary was paid by the Woman's club with the understanding that the curatorship should be understood to be established and that the salary of the curator should be paid by the park board thereafter.

The finance committee of the board has decided to employ Miss Butler for seven months this year to care for the garden. More than 100 species of plants were growing in the garden when Miss Butler took charge last year, she having previously given much attention to the cultivation of Minnesota wild flowers in that spot. She added to the collection last season about 40 new species.