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Parks, Department of

1913, Sept.-Dec.



CHARLES B. STOVER,  
COMMISSIONER.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN & RICHMOND  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

IHP/m

Sept. 15, 1913.

Mr. Robert Adamson,  
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, N. Y. City.

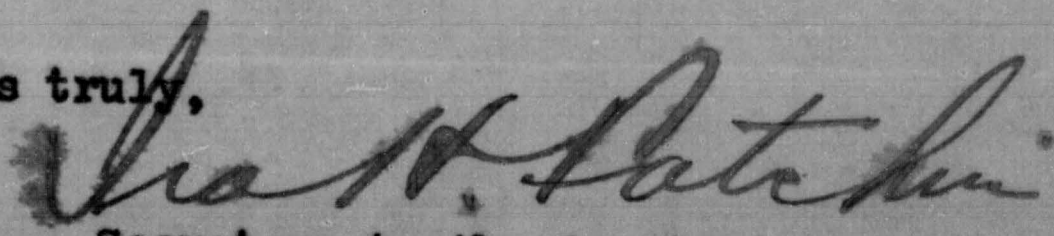
Dear Mr. Adamson:

Commissioner Stover has requested me to inform you that Mr. Franz Kaltenborn of 145 West 82nd Street, has offered the gratuitous services of himself and his Orchestra of fifty pieces, to play on the occasion of the Mayor's funeral, if it is desired by the Committee having charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Kaltenborn's Orchestra is one which regularly plays in Central Park during the concert season, alternating with the Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Arnold Volpe.

Mr. Kaltenborn can be reached at the above address, and his telephone number is - Schuyler 4128.

Yours truly,

  
Secretary to the Commissioner.



University Club  
Fifth Avenue & 54<sup>th</sup> Street

Sept 17. '13

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline  
Mayor

My Dear Mr. Mayor;

I have a request, pending decision, before the Civil Service Commission to exempt the position of Chief Engineer in Parks, Queens, now held provisionally under the title of Principal Asst. Engineer by Wm J. Zartmann.

I would be glad if it could be granted as I



and yet they are more nearly  
able to promote because of the  
longer experienced men with them.

Anything you can do for me  
in this matter will be of real  
benefit to the City and to Success.

I think Mr. Gallagher is not un-  
favorable but I do not surely know.

You undoubtedly know Mr. Zart-  
man personally; as well his fitness.

Yours Faithfully  
Walter G. Eliot

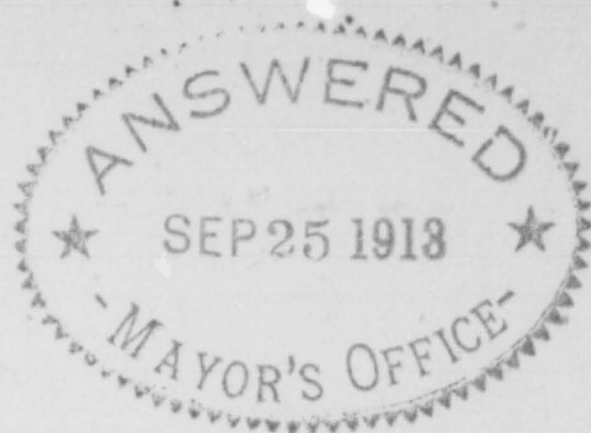


Walter D. Beach  
have no man to promote  
who is in my opinion  
capable bring a new dept  
and Gartmann was for  
20 yrs Supt & Chf Eng<sup>ineer</sup>  
of Brooklyn Parks and  
~~too~~ valuable to be lost  
to the City.

If it is not granted  
me, as I hope it will be,  
I cannot but feel that  
my dept is discrim-  
-inated against  
because the position in  
Bronx, Manhattan &  
Brooklyn Parks has  
been exempt for years.



Department of Parks,  
City of New York.  
Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens,  
Fitchfield Mansion, Prospect Park.  
Michael J. Kennedy, Commissioner.



September 24th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline, Mayor,

City Hall, New York City.

S I R:-

In accordance with my late conversation with you, I beg to tender you herewith my resignation as Commissioner of Parks for the Borough of Brooklyn, New York City.

Assuring you of my appreciation of the pleasant relations which have always marked our official intercourse, and of my confidence in your administration of the high office to which you have been called, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "M. J. Kennedy".



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THE CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

WALTER G. ELIOT  
COMMISSIONER.

THE OVERLOOK, FOREST PARK

Sept. 29th 1913

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
M a y o r

PERSONAL

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

I wish very much to secure a lithograph of you, such as may possibly have been in existence in any of your campaigns for Alderman, for the purpose of placing it in our Administration Building beside the one of a similar nature, of our late Mayor, already hanging there.

The reason for this is that we have prepared a place for installing, side by side, the pictures of the successive Mayors from this time on as a historical gallery, and you would do me a personal favor if you would inform me when or how I could secure a lithograph of yourself.

In default of that I would be glad to know where I could get the largest photograph obtainable. The lithograph is preferred.

Yours faithfully,

*W. G. Eliot*

Commissioner of Parks,  
Borough of Queens.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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CHARLES B. STOVER,  
COMMISSIONER.

BOROUGHES OF MANHATTAN & RICHMOND  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

September 29, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor,  
The City of New York.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication under date of September 25th, requesting the heads of the various departments whose estimates for the year 1914 show an increase over the allowance for the year 1913, to furnish you at their earliest possible moment with a statement showing the increases requested, and a full explanation therefor, I beg to state that the total allowance for the Department of Parks, Manhattan and Richmond, (exclusive of the Museums under its jurisdiction) for the year 1913 was \$1,125,194.58 while the estimate for the same purpose for the year 1914, is \$1,125,952.39 an increase of only \$757.81.

In compliance with the provisions of the Charter, a copy of the estimate was submitted to his Honor, the Mayor, President of the Board of Aldermen, to the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and to the Comptroller, under date of September 6, 1913. For the past two weeks a representative of this department, detailed by me, has been in conference with the Examiner from the Department of Finance, assigned by the Comptroller for the purpose of preparing and making recommendations for this department for the year 1914, to the Budget Committee, with the result that a decrease of over \$12,000 has been made in the amount requested.

During this present year, we have completed several new playgrounds, namely - John Jay Park, 151st Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Kenmare and Lafayette Streets, the Ball Ground Cottage, and also the new



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comfort station at Cooper Square. To make it possible to properly man these new activities, we have made substantial reductions in other accounts. I have gone into the matter thoroughly, and feel that a further reduction would decrease the efficiency of the department.

Regarding the Institutions and Museums under the jurisdiction of this department, (whose appropriations have no bearing on the maintenance of parks, for the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond,) would say that the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History and Grant's Tomb have requested no increase over their allowance for the year 1913; whereas, the New York Aquarium has requested an increase of \$2,151.73 which is necessary for the reason that the officials of that museum have paid no attention to the pipes feeding the numerous tanks for the accommodation of their exhibits, in anticipation of the new building which has been contemplated for the past two years, but in view of the fact that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment rescinded the \$200,000.00 appropriated for the purpose, it will now be necessary to repair and replace many sections of their system.

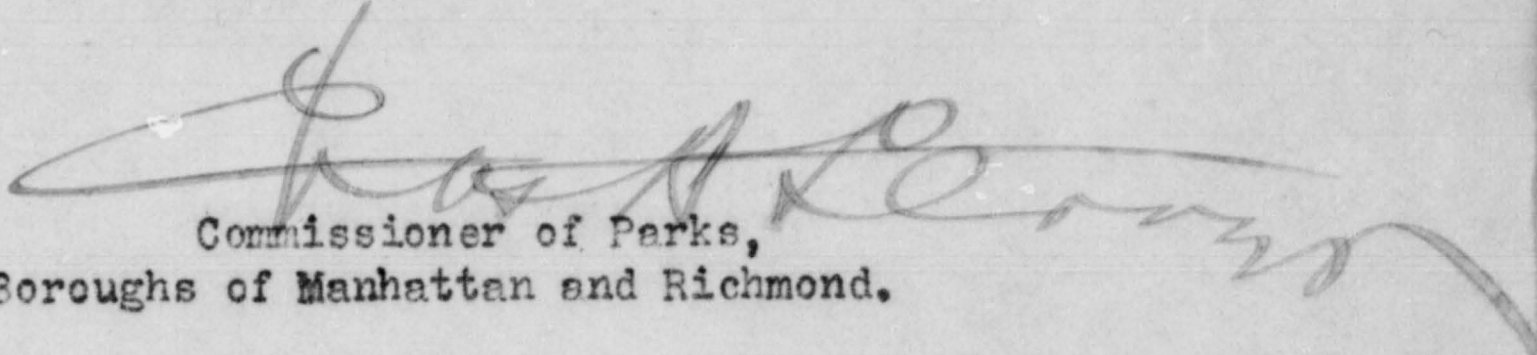
The New York Public Library Building has requested an increase of \$39,500.00. During the early part of this year, acting upon a request of the Public Library authorities, I transmitted a letter to the Board of Aldermen, asking that they authorize an issue of a like amount for the purpose of making the necessary repairs and alterations, in various parts of this building, but in view of the fact that the Board of Aldermen had exceeded the amount set aside for



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the use of revenue bond issues, I was informed that it would be advisable to have the Library authorities include the amount in the budget for the year 1913. I am of the opinion that money should be provided to put this building in perfect condition, as the contracts on same were completed several years ago, since which time no provision has been made by the city to keep up the necessary repairs.

Respectfully yours,



Commissioner of Parks,  
Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,  
LITCHFIELD MANSION,  
PROSPECT PARK,

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,  
COMMISSIONER.

October 6th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

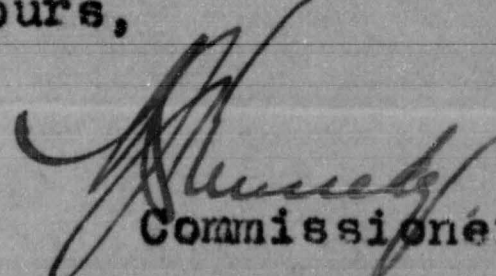
Mayor of the City of New York.

S I R:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of September 30th, signed by Mr. James Matthews, Executive Secretary, enclosing an anonymous letter relative to certain conditions in the park, and to say in reply that the time alleged to be lost by the employees on pay day is unavoidable, or at least it is a condition for which the Department is not responsible. The employees are compelled to assemble at different points fixed by the city paymaster, and as far as can be regulated by me, little time is lost by the men.

As to the complaint about the Chief Attendant, I wish to say that the records of this office show she has performed her duty faithfully and well.

Very truly yours,

  
Commissioner.

Enclosure-Letter signed "Tax Payer"



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to be foremen some of them  
are too old and they are  
getting paid for doing nothing.  
The Grand Park Department  
of Brooklyn must be  
shaken up.

Some of the Master  
are getting seven days  
work and they only  
work six days or its  
up to the foremen its  
lots of dirty work. Hoping  
you will look into this matter.  
Yours  
Jas

Brooklyn. Sept. 19th 1913

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Mr. Charles L. Hine,  
238. St. Carlton Ave,  
Brooklyn. N.Y.  
Dear Sir,

As a citizen  
and a tax payer I wish  
to state that the Brook  
lyn Park Department is  
worse than the police



they like, The forlady department. on pay day,  
 in charge of the nation the men and the foremen  
 does not show up in take two hours for  
 some places for meet dinner, and they are  
 she is getting her money fill with drinks, when  
 easily, I was talking they reach the park, I  
 with a nation and she seen many of them going  
 told me that she did out side of the park to  
 not see the forlady in have a drink, I wish to  
 the past month where state that the Nation  
 is that forlady keeping in the park Department  
 her self, some of the comes down as they like  
 foremen are not fit and they go home as



THE CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,  
LITCHFIELD MANSION,  
PROSPECT PARK,  
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,  
COMMISSIONER.

October 4th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

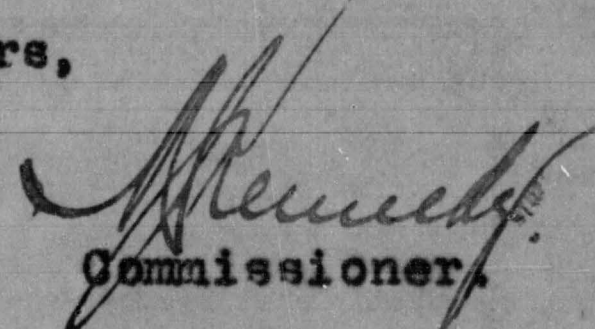
S I R:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of October 2nd, 1913, signed by Mr. James Matthews, Executive Secretary, transmitting a letter received from Edward Edwards of Georgetown, Demerara, concerning a panther which he wished to donate to this Department.

I have this day replied to Mr. Edwards informing him of the arrival of the animal and of its transfer to the New York Zoological Society on the ground that this Department had not suitable quarters for the keeping of the animal.

I wish to say incidentally, that Mr. Edwards was mistaken about a representative of this Department not being present to look after the panther. Several visits were made by the Secretary of this Department and the Keeper of Menagerie, and all arrangements made for its transfer.

Very truly yours,

  
Commissioner.

Enclosure-Letter of Mr. Edwards.

- Copy of letter from Mr. Edwards  
addressed to Park Commissioner.
- Copy of reply to Mr. Edwards.



for Royal Mail  
via Barbados.

P.O. Box No. 6.  
Georgetown, Demerara  
British Guiana  
Sept 17/1913.

His Honor

the Mayor of New York City. USA.  
Mr Mayor.

There is a little matter that I think  
should be brought to your attention.

In the USA we often hear of the "Great American Struggle",  
+ Americans travelling abroad are no strangers to the  
Frenchman's remarks "le pauvre cochon américain".  
but we love to think it is all untrue, until it is true  
some time.

I am very proud of my home city of Brooklyn, +  
recently acquired on her own a very good specimen of the  
"Panther", + which I sent up as a gift to Prospect  
Park. I paid all charges amounting to something  
over £17. in addition to the cost of the animal.  
The Capt sent the Park Commission (at my expense)  
a wireless message the day before he got on, informing  
him that he had such an animal on hand for his  
Department, + asking him to have some one meet the ship on  
arrival and promptly remove the animal.

The ship arrived on Sat. on Sunday afternoon, +  
called again the following Friday afternoon, + up to  
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from Royal Mail  
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Commissioner what I thought was a polite note (copy  
enclosed for your information) but he hasn't even  
had the courtesy to reply.

Of course I was only demanding a real answer  
to my "notes" or I would probably have a stobbing  
answer.

I now appreciate what the Frenchman means  
by "sacre <sup>colon</sup> américain" & I want to take off my  
lid to this "gentleman" as the price of show  
ing out.

I am, Mr Mayor

Yours respectfully

Samuel Edwards



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I am Mr Mayor

Yours respectfully

Samuel Edwards



Mr. J. L. Commeyne

Room No 6

Georgetown Demerara

British Guiana

August 13/1913

The Park Commissioner

Prospect Park

Brooklyn NY

Dear Sir

As a Brooklynite travelling abroad I try to advise that I have this day shipped by the P. & O. Commeyne, consigned to you on a ship of Prospect Park a Parakeet caught in this country, to which I hope will come safely to hand. Captain Haasroot of the ship is a personal friend & will I feel sure, give all possible care to the animal. He prays that you may have him on must be shipped as soon as possible, promptly receive the animal. I have asked Capt Haasroot to send you a wireless as soon as he can get into touch with me.

I enclose Bills of lading, on which you will note that all charges have been paid, & I shall be glad to learn in due course that the animal has arrived safely.

Yours truly

Edmund Edwards.



October 4th, 1913.

Mr. Edward Edwards,  
P.O.Box 20 C,  
Georgetown, Demerara,  
British Guiana.

Dear Sir:-

His Honor, the Mayor of New York City has forwarded to me a copy of a letter received from you concerning a panther which you forwarded to this Department, and has asked me to reply to the same.

Permit me to say in answer, that you are greatly mistaken about a number of details. The wireless message was received here late on Saturday afternoon, August 23, 1913, advising me that the panther was on board of the S.S. Commewijne, and on Monday the Secretary of this Department, together with the Keeper of the Menagerie, repaired to the Bush Docks where the steamer was moored, and tried to talk with the Captain, who had left the ship. They then went to the Captain's house in Seventy-third street and were unable to find him. They returned to the steamer on Tuesday and likewise on Wednesday, and, being unable to communicate with the Captain, informed the Mate that the panther would be transferred to the New York Zoological Society as this Department had no facilities for keeping the same. The animal, I am informed, requires considerable heat during the winter season, and the menagerie in Prospect Park not having suitable quarters, I decided in order to protect the animal, to send it to the Zoological Society, which had adequate and suitable accommodations in Bronx Park.

The necessary steps for clearing through the shipping authorities were taken, and, despite what you say, the animal was removed before the steamer left on the following Friday.

I delayed acknowledging the receipt and informing you of the transfer, awaiting a formal acknowledgment from the New York Zoological Society,



Mr. Edward Edwards - 2

Oct. 4, 1913.

which only reached me yesterday.

I can appreciate your good intentions in sending the animal to Prospect Park, but regret that I was not advised previously of this aim, as I would have told you then that we did not have suitable quarters. However, the animal is being carefully looked after, I understand, and I desire to thank you for your donation.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner?



Department of Parks,  
City of New York.  
Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens,  
Titchfield Mansion, Prospect Park.  
Michael J. Kennedy, Commissioner.

October 9th, 1913

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline, Mayor,

City of New York.

S I R:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt on September 30th of your letter of September 24th expressing the hope that I will continue until the end of the year in the office of Commissioner of Parks for the Borough of Brooklyn.

I beg to thank you for your very flattering commendation of my administration of that office. If I have deserved any part of it, it has been because, joined with the natural feeling of pride in creditable achievement, there has been to me a special attractiveness in the subject matter itself.

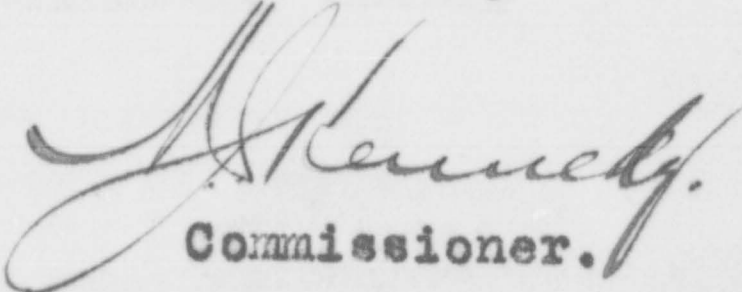


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I shall consider it a privilege to  
co-operate with you in my present office until  
the end of your term.

I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

  
Commissioner.



*The City of New York.*  
*Department of Parks,*  
*Office of Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx,*  
*Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park*

THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
 COMMISSIONER.

October 11, 1913.

Honorable Adolph L. Kline,

Mayor, and Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 City Hall, New York City.

S i r:

Application is hereby made to modify wages of temporary employees for wage schedule to be paid from Corporate Stock Funds by striking therefrom the following schedule which was approved by your Honorable Board on March 13, 1913, and April 10, 1913.

C.D.P.303C. Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx.  
Improving Shore Front and Bathing Beaches, Pelham Bay Park.

Laborers @ \$2.50 per day (1173) days)	\$2,932.50
Double Teams @ \$5.00 per day (94 days)	470.00
Painters @ \$4.00 per day (54 days)	216.00
	3,618.50

SCHEDULE AS REVISED.

Wages, Temporary Employees, Care of Parks and Boulevards.

	PD. FROM TAX LEVY	PD. FROM	TOTAL.
	APPROPRIATION.	CORP. ST. FUND	
1632 General			
Bricklayer @ \$5.60 per day (240 days)	\$1,344.00	-----	\$1,344.00
Painter @ \$4.00 per day (854 days)	3,200.00	216.00	3,416.00
Pipefitter @ \$5.50 per day (50 days)	275.00	-----	275.00
Laborers @ \$2.50 per day (43,800 days)	99,000.00	10,500.00	109,500.00
Auto Lawn Mower Engr. @ \$3.50 per day (1000 days)	3,500.00	-----	3,500.00
Blaster @ \$4.00 per day (211 days)	800.00	44.00	844.00
Plumber @ \$5.50 per day (50 days)	-----	275.00	275.00
Schedule Total	108,119.00	11,035.00	119,154.00
Tax levy allowance			108,119.00
Corporate Stock allowance			11,035.00
Total allowance			119,154.00



*The City of New York.*  
*Department of Parks,*  
*Office of Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx,*  
*Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park*

THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
 COMMISSIONER.

October 11, 1913.

SCHEDULE AS REVISED.

Contract or Open Order Service, Transportation, Hire of Horses  
 and Vehicles, with Drivers. Care of Parks and Boulevards.

	Pd. from Tax Levy Appn.	Pd. from Corp. Stock Fund.	TOTAL
1675, Driver with Horse and Vehicle \$3.00 per day (2587 days)	\$7,599.00	\$162.00	\$7,761.00
Driver with Team and Vehicle \$5.00 per day (6337 days)	30,400.00	1,285.00	31,685.00
Schedule Total	<u>37,999.00</u>	<u>1,447.00</u>	<u>39,446.00</u>
Tax levy allowance			37,999.00
Corporate Stock allowance			1,447.00
Total allowance			<u>39,446.00</u>

After investigation it is found advisable to do the work contemplated under Code C.D.P.3030 Improving Shore Front and Bathing Beaches, in Pelham Bay Park by Contract and as Plans and Specifications are now being prepared to be submitted to your Honorable Board for approval, as to estimate of cost etc., the rescindment of this schedule is requested.

Respectfully,

*T. Higgins*  
 Commissioner of Parks,  
 Borough of The Bronx.



*The City of New York.*  
*Department of Parks,*  
*Office of Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx,*  
*Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park.*

THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
 COMMISSIONER.

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— October 11, 1913. —

Honorable Ardelph L. Kline, Mayor,  
 and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 City Hall, New York City.

S i r:

In accordance with the attached letter from Dr.  
 N. L. Britton, Director-in-Chief of the New York Botanical  
 Society, I hereby respectfully request transfer of funds  
 appropriated to this Department for the year 1913, as  
 follows:

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN:

F R O M

1689 Fuel Supplies.....\$600.

T O

1693 General Plant Equipment.....\$300.

1694 General Plant Materials..... 300.

Respectfully,

*T. J. Higgins*  
 Commissioner of Parks,  
 Borough of The Bronx.



# New York Botanical Garden,

Bronx Park,  
New York City.

September 30, 1913.

Hon. Thomas J. Higgins, Commissioner of Parks,  
Borough of The Bronx,  
Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park..

Dear Sir:-

In order to facilitate the work of this institution,  
I ask that you request from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment  
the following transfers of unexpended balances of appropriations  
for the year 1913:

1. From Fuel Supplies (1689) to General Plant Materials  
(1694) . . . . . \$300
2. From Fuel Supplies (1689) to General Plant Equipment  
(1693) . . . . . \$300

Explanatory of this request, I would say that we have been  
able to use much wood obtained from trees that were blown down  
or had to be taken down, thus saving coal, and that the appro-  
priation for General Plant Equipment has proved inadequate,  
although great care has been taken in its expenditure. The  
appropriation for General Plant Materials was reduced by \$700  
earlier in the year by a transfer of that amount to General  
Repairs, in order to make necessary repairs to boilers.

3. From Motorless Vehicles and Equipment (1692) to General  
Plant Materials (1694) . . . . . \$150

In explanation of this request, I would say that the appro-  
priation for Motorless Vehicles and Equipment proved to be larger



New York Botanical Garden,

Bronx Park,

New York City.

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than was required, no new vehicles having been needed, whereas the amount available for General Plant Materials is inadequate for the remainder of the year.

4. From Forage and Veterinary Supplies (1688) to General

Plant Equipment (1693) . . . . . \$350

By securing a large crop of hay this year the expenditure for Forage has been reduced, and few Veterinary Supplies have been needed.

Yours truly,

*N. L. Britton*

Director-in-Chief.



*The City of New York.*  
*Department of Parks,*  
*Office of Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx,*  
*Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park*

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THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
 COMMISSIONER.

October 16, 1913.

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline,  
 Mayor, and Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 City Hall, New York City.

S i r:

Application is hereby made for Revision of several accounts  
 allowed to this Department for the year 1913.  
1632, Personal Service - Wages - Temporary Employees - Care of Parks  
and Boulevards - General.

DEDUCT FROM

Pipe Fitter @ \$5.50 per day (48 days)	264.00
Auto Lawn Mower Engineer @ \$3.50 per day (216 days)	756.00
	1020.00

ADD TO

Laborer @ \$2.50 per day (788 days)	1970.00
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The amount added to make up as follows:

<u>From Code 1632 Line Pipefitter</u>	\$264.00	
Auto Lawn Mower Engineer	756.00	1020.00
<u>1636 Line Laborer</u>		950.00
		1970.00

Schedule as Revised.

	Pd. from Tax Levy Appn.	Pd. from Corp. Stock Fund	<u>Total</u>
Bricklayer @ \$5.60 per day (240 days)	1,344.00	-----	1,344.00
Painter @ \$4.00 " " (854 " )	3,200.00	216.00	3,416.00
Pipe Fitter @ \$5.50 " " ( 2 " )	11.00	-----	11.00
Laborer @ \$2.50 " " (44,588 " )	100,970.00	10,500.00	111,470.00
Auto Lawn Mower Engineer @ \$3.50 per day (784 days)	2,744.00	-----	2,744.00
Blaster @ \$4.--per day (211 days)	800.00	44.00	844.00
Plumber @ \$5.50 " " ( 50 " )	-----	275.00	275.00
Schedule Total	109,069.00	11,035.00	120,104.00
Tax Levy Allowance			109,069.00
Corporate Stock Allowance			11,035.00
			120,104.00



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THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
COMMISSIONER.

October 16, 1913.

Hon. A. L. Kline, .....#2.

1633 Personal Service - Wages - Temporary Employees - Care of Parks and  
 Boulevards - Care of Roads, Paths and Driveways.

<u>ADD TO</u>		
Laborer @ \$2.50 per day (5236 days)		\$13,090.00
Steam Engineer @ \$4.75 per day (120 days)		570.00
		13,660.00

The amount added to make up as follows:

<u>TO LINE LABORER</u>		
From Code 1634	line Laborer	8,940.00
	1635 Pruner & Climber	4,150.00
		13,090.00
<u>TO LINE STEAM ENGINEER</u>		
From Code 1634	line Laborer	475.00
	1636 Laborer	95.00
		570.00
		13,660.00

SCHEDULE AS REVISED.

Rammer @ \$4.00 per day (100 days)	400.00
Paver @ \$5.00 " " (100 " )	500.00
Laborer @ \$2.50 " " (23236 " )	58,090.00
Steam Engineer @ \$4.50 per day (286 days)	1,287.00
Steam Engineer @ \$4.75 " " (417 " )	1,980.75
Stoker @ \$3.00 per day (1190 days)	3,570.00
Balance unassigned	2.25
	\$65,830.00

1634 Personal Service - Wages - Temporary Employees - Care of  
 Parks and Boulevards - Care of Buildings.

<u>ADD TO</u>		
Stoker @ \$3.00 per day (300 days)		900.00

The amount added to make up as follows:

From line Laborer of this Code	900.00
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<u>DEDUCT FROM</u>		
Laborer @ \$2.50 per day (4126 days)		10,315.00

SCHEDULE AS REVISED.

Stoker @ \$3.00 per day (784 days)	2,352.00
Laborer @ \$2.50 per day (3874 days)	9,685.00
	12,037.00



*The City of New York.*  
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*Office of Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx,*  
*Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park*

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THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
 COMMISSIONER.

October 16, 1913.

Hon. A.L.Kline, .....#3.

1635 Personal Service -Wages-Temporary Employees-Care of Parks and  
 Boulevards -Care of Trees in City Streets.

<u>DEDUCT FROM</u>		
<u>SCHEDULE AS REVISED</u>		
Pruner and Climber @ \$2.50 per day (1660 days)		\$4,150.00
Engineman @ \$3.50 per day (400 days)		1,400.00
Pruner and Climber @ \$2.50 per day (4420 days)		11,050.00
Laborer @ \$2.50 per day (1900 days)		4,750.00
		<u>17,200.00</u>

1636 Personal Service-Wages-Temporary Employees-care of Parks and  
 Boulevards - Care of Bathhouses and Comfort Stations.

<u>DEDUCT FROM</u>		
<u>SCHEDULE AS REVISED</u>		
Laborer @ \$2.50 per day (418 days)		1,045.00
Cleaner @ \$1.75 per day (1028 days)		1,799.00
Laborer @ \$2.50 per day (3982 days)		9,955.00
		<u>11,754.00</u>

1. The transfer to Code 1632, Care of Parks and Boulevards-General-Line Laborer is to provide sufficient funds to Care for the Trees, Shrubs, Flowers and Lawns for the balance of the year. In this care would be included the cutting of grass, removal of leaves, cutting out the underbrush, the trimming of trees and the removal of a large number of dead trees.

2. The transfer to Code 1633, Care of Parks and Boulevards - Care of Roads, Paths and Driveways, Lines Laborer and Steam Engineer is to provide sufficient funds to complete the repairs to the Roadways, Paths and Driveways. The materials are on hand and additional materials contracted for and the roads are badly in need of repairs.

Respectfully,

*J. Higgins*  
 Commissioner of Parks,  
 Borough of The Bronx.



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*Department of Parks,*  
*Office of Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx.*  
*Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park.*

THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
 COMMISSIONER.

October 17, 1913.

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline,  
 Mayor and Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 City Hall, New York City.

S i r:

In accordance with the attached letter from Mr. William T. Hornaday, Director of the New York Zoological Society, I hereby respectfully request transfer of funds appropriated to this Department, for the year 1913, as follows:

NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN

From

1708 Purchase of Equipment -Wearing Apparel	\$140.00
1709 " " " General Plant Equipment,	600.00
1701 Supplies - Fuel Supplies	600.00

To

1712 Light, Heat and Power-Lighting Public Buildings,	140.00
1710 Materials - General Plant Materials,	1,200.00

Respectfully,

*Thomas J. Higgins*  
 Commissioner of Parks,  
 Borough of The Bronx.

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NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL PARK

NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

New York, Oct. 15, 1913.

Hon. Thos. J. Higgins,  
Commissioner of Parks,  
Borough of The Bronx.

Dear Sir:

We find it necessary to ask for the following transfers in Supplies Account for the Maintenance of the Zoological Park for the year 1913:

\$140 from Code 1708, Wearing Apparel to Code 1712, Lighting Public Buildings.

\$600 from Code 1709, General Plant Equipment and \$600 from code 1701, Fuel Supplies, total \$1,200 to Code 1710, General Plant Materials.

Trusting that you will be able to get this transfer through with as little delay as possible, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) H. R. Mitchell,

Chief Clerk.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX  
ZBROWSKI MANSION, CLERMONT PARK

Oct. 18, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

As per agreement I write to you to call to your notice your desire to visit our parks, and in the hope that you will be able to set a definite day next week.

I know how your time is taken up, and every day brings its own work, and unless you do beforehand set a day on which you will make up your mind to come up, the chances of getting you up here will be very slim.

The weather is very agreeable just now, and the parks with their autumn foliage are very attractive.

Couldn't you just make up your mind to come about Tuesday or Wednesday, and come up with Mrs. Kline in time for lunch at the Zoological Park. If you will, just let me know how I am to get you -- whether you will come in your auto to the park, or whether I will send



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX  
ZBROWSKI MANSION, CLERMONT PARK

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline, Mayor -- 2.

down to the City Hall for you. Do try and come, if you can.

Very truly yours,

*J. Higgins*  
Commissioner of Parks,  
Borough of The Bronx.

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

LFL/Ab.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN & RICHMOND  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

CHARLES B. STOVER,  
COMMISSIONER.

October 25, 1913.

Mr. Julian Beaty,  
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 24th inst., transmitting the originals and translations of letters sent to your office by two Italian laborers employed by the contractor on the Riverside Drive roadway improvement, I beg to state that I too have received similar communications from the same source, and have thoroughly investigated the matter.

In all large, well organized gangs, one will usually find three or four weaklings, who do their best to keep up with their neighbors, and who generally are kept on more out of charity than anything else, which is undoubtedly the case in this instance. The price received per cubic yard for concrete on this job was unusually low, owing to the sharp competition, and the contractor to get out whole, is forced to have not only a well organized gang of laborers, but to work that gang as hard as he possibly can. Such has been the case on Riverside Drive, where they are laying concrete that averages in places, from 7 to 8" whereas the specification only called for 6".

I have kept in personal touch with this work every day since it started, and can assure you that the city is getting more for the money than on any pavement ever laid. The only time that the force has been required to work overtime is in an emergency case, as for instance, the completing of an intersection, so that it might be open to the public, giving them the necessary side streets.

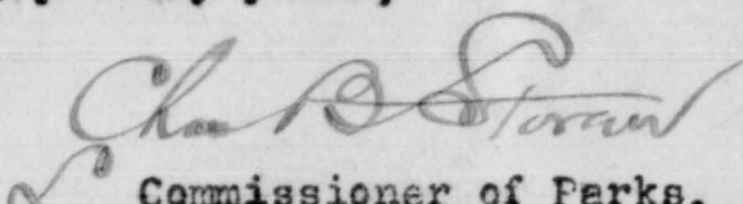
I have interviewed a number of the men in this gang relative to the sale of lottery tickets, and I find that there is no foundation for the assertion



Mr. Julian Beaty, ---10/25/1913---#2.

made by complainants. I might further add that this work is now nearing completion, and more than one hundred of the original force has been laid off, and more than likely the complaints received come from this source, having an idea that they should have been kept on in preference to their stronger brothers.

Very truly yours,

  
Commissioner of Parks,  
Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.



CHARLES B. STOVER,  
COMMISSIONER.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN & RICHMOND  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

November 3, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

MAYOR.

Sir:

Your consent is respectfully requested to the allowance of pay, under Chapter 353, Laws of 1912, to Albin Ketterer, a Gardener in this Department, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for time lost, owing to injuries received while in the performance of his duties, from July 18 to August 1, 1913, 15 days at \$2.50 per day, \$37.50.

Ketterer, while employed storing plants, slipped and fell into a hole, injuring his leg so badly that he was under the care of Dr. Ernest Wilkins from June 18th to August 1st. Doctor's certificate is on file in this office.

Respectfully yours,

*Charles B. Stover*  
Commissioner of Parks,  
Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.





*The City of New York.*  
*Department of Parks,*  
*Office of Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx,*  
*Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park.*

THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
 COMMISSIONER.

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November 6, 1913.

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline, Mayor,  
 and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 City Hall, New York City.

S i r:

Application is hereby respectfully made for the  
 transfer of funds - Appropriation 1913 -

F R O M

1658 General Plant Equipment - Care of Parks  
and Boulevards

General.....\$178.00

T O

1676 Contract or Open Order Service - Transporta-  
tion - Shoeing and Boarding Horses, Includ-  
ing Veterinary Service - Care of Parks and  
Boulevards - Operation of Stables.....\$178.00

The transfer requested will, it is estimated, fur-  
 nish funds needed for the shoeing of Department horses and  
 Veterinary services for the remainder of the year 1913.

The appropriation under Code 1676 being now ex-  
 hausted, the early and favorable attention of your Honorable



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— November 6, 1913.

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline.....2

Board to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,

*T. Higgins*  
Commissioner of Parks,  
Borough of The Bronx.



CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 29, 1914.

Received from the Office of the Mayor letter from Charles B. Stover, Commissioner of Parks, to Hon. Ardolph L. Kline, dated November 6, 1913, and copy of letter received from The R. A. Gushee Co., relative to certain clauses in his lease for "Claremont".

*John P. Kearney*  
Examiner of Accounts  
Commissioner of Accounts



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX  
ZBROWSKI MANSION, CLERMONT PARK

Nov. 12, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

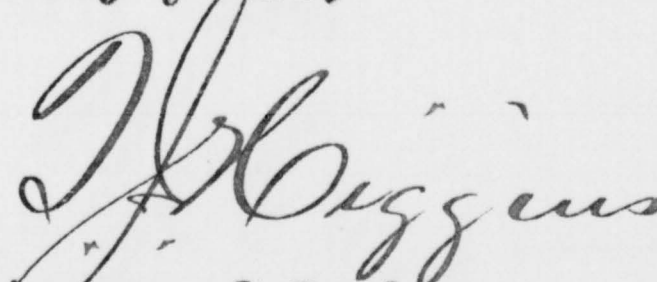
Dear Mr. Mayor:

I enclose you herewith formal invitation to attend the Opening of the Edgar Allan Poe Cottage on Saturday afternoon next.

Of course, if you can spare the time, we would all be very happy to have you come, but I don't like to press you inasmuch as I know the demands made upon your time.

I am still looking forward to your naming the date when you will give me the honor of taking you and Mrs. Kline through our Parks of the Bronx.

Very respectfully yours,

  
Commissioner of Parks,  
Borough of The Bronx.

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The President of the Borough of the Bronx  
and the

Commissioner of Parks

request the honor of your presence

at the

formal Acquisition by the City

and the

Opening to the Public

of the

Edgar Allan Poe Cottage

in its new location in Poe Park

on

Saturday, November 15th, 1913

at 2:30 P. M.

POE PARK IS LOCATED ON THE GRAND CONCOURSE AT KINGSBRIDGE ROAD, AND MAY BE REACHED BY SUBWAY TO 225TH ST. AND VAN CORTLANDT AND BRONX PARK TROLLEY LINE GOING EAST; OR BRONX SUBWAY TO 149TH ST., TO 3RD AVENUE "L" TO FORDHAM ROAD AND VAN CORTLANDT AND BRONX PARK TROLLEY LINE GOING WEST.



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THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
 COMMISSIONER.

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— November 14, 1913. —

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline, Mayor,  
 and Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 City Hall, New York City.

S i r:

In accordance with the attached letter from Dr.  
 N. L. Britton, Director-in-Chief of the New York Botanical  
 Society, I hereby respectfully request transfer of funds  
 appropriated to this Department for the year 1913, as  
 follows:

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN.

F R O M

<u>1692:</u>	Purchase of Equipment, Motorless Vehicles and Equipment.....	\$150.
<u>1688:</u>	Supplies, Forage and Veterinary Supplies.....	350.

T O

<u>1694:</u>	Materials, General Plant Materials.....	\$150.
<u>1693:</u>	Purchase of Equipment - General Plant Equipment.....	350.

Respectfully,

*Thomas J. Higgins*

Commissioner of Parks,  
 Borough of The Bronx.



# New York Botanical Garden,

Bronx Park,  
New York City.

November 12, 1913.

Hon. Thomas J. Higgins, Commissioner of Parks,  
Borough of The Bronx,  
Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I ask that you request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the following transfers of appropriations for this institution:

1. From Motorless Vehicles and Equipment (1692) to  
General Plant Materials (1694) . . . . . \$150.00

In explanation of this request I would say that the appropriation for Motorless Vehicles and Equipment proved to be larger than was required, no new vehicles having been needed, whereas the amount available for General Plant Materials is inadequate for the remainder of the year.

2. From Forage and Veterinary Supplies (1688) to General  
Plant Equipment (1693) . . . . . \$350.00

By securing a large crop of hay this year the expenditure for Forage has been reduced, and few Veterinary Supplies have been needed.

Yours truly,

*W. L. Britton*

Director-in-Chief.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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CHARLES B. STOVER,  
COMMISSIONER.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN & RICHMOND  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

November 18, 1913.

Mr. Robert Adamson,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
City Hall, N. Y. City.

My dear Mr. Adamson:

"In the absence of Commissioner Stover" I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, transmitting letter from William F. Morris of the 9th Artillery District, requesting permission to place a tent in some part of City Hall Park for the purpose of recruiting members in that organization.

I have written to Mr. Morris requesting that he have Captain Osborn get in touch with me, as I desire that he and the Superintendent meet in City Hall Park and select the most suitable location for erecting this tent. As soon as that is done I will issue the necessary permit.

Yours truly,



Secretary to the Commissioner.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX  
ZBROWSKI MANSION, CLERMONT PARK

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Nov. 19, 1913.

James Matthews, Esq.,  
Executive Secretary, Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Answering your communication of  
Nov. 18th, which I return to you, I beg to say that  
the place mentioned by Alderman Bolles - 145th Street  
and Bradhurst Avenue - is in the Borough of Manhattan,  
and under the jurisdiction of Commissioner Stover.

Very truly yours,

*J. Higgins*  
Commissioner of Parks,  
Borough of The Bronx.

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*The City of New York.*  
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*Office of Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx,*  
*Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park.*

THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
 COMMISSIONER.

November 19, 1913.

Honorable Arndolph L. Kline,  
 Mayor, and Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 City Hall, New York City.

S i r:

Application is hereby made for Revision of several accounts allowed to this Department for the year 1913.

1632 Personal Service- Wages-Temporary Employees - Care of Parks, and  
Boulevards - General.

A d d t o

Auto Lawn Mower Engineer at 3.50 per day (64 days)	\$224.00
Bricklayer at 5.60 " " (20 days)	112.00
	<u>\$336.00</u>

Schedule as Revised

	Paid from Tax Levy Appn.	Paid from Corp. Stock Fund	Total
Bricklayer @ \$5.60 per day (260 days)	1,456.00	-----	1,456.00
Painter @ \$4.00 " " (854 " )	3,200.00	216.00	3,416.00
Pipe Fitter @ \$5.50 " " ( 2 " )	11.00	-----	11.00
Laborer @ \$2.50 " " 44,588 " )	100,970.00	10,500.00	111,470.00
Auto Lawn Mower Engineer @ \$3.50 " " (848 " )	2,968.00	-----	2,968.00
Blaster @ \$4.00 " " (211 " )	800.00	44.00	844.00
Plumber @ \$5.50 " " ( 50 " )	-----	275.00	275.00
	<u>109,405.00</u>	<u>11,035.00</u>	<u>120,440.00</u>
Tax Levy Allowance			109,405.00
Corporate Stock Allowance			11,035.00
			<u>120,440.00</u>



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THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
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November 19, 1913.

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline, .....2.

1635 Personal Service - Wages - Temporary Employees - Care of Parks  
AND Boulevards - Care of Trees in City Streets.

Deduct from

Engineman @ \$3.50 per day (96 days) \$336.00

Schedule as Revised

Engineman @ \$3.50 per day (304 days)	1,064.00
Pruner & Climber @ \$2.50 per day (4420 days)	11,050.00
Laborer @ \$2.50 per day (1900 days)	4,750.00
	<u>16,864.00</u>

The above revision necessitates the following transfer:

From

1635 Personal Service - Wages - Temporary Employees - Care of Parks  
and Boulevards - Care of Trees in City Streets. \$336.00

To

1632 Personal Service - Wages - Temporary Employees - Care of Parks  
and Boulevards - General 336.00

These transfers are desired for the purpose of providing additional funds for the Auto Lawn Mower Engineman. Owing to the unusually warm and open season it has been necessary to use power lawn mowers, especially on the Golf Links at Van Cortlandt Park, for a longer period than customary, in order that the grounds may be maintained in proper condition. The additional time requested for Bricklayer is to provide funds to complete work now in progress.

Respectfully,

*T. Higgins*  
 Commissioner of Parks, Bronx.



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*The City of New York.*  
*Department of Parks,*  
*Office of Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx,*  
*Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park.*

THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
 COMMISSIONER.

November 19, 1913.

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor, and Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 City Hall, New York City.

S i r:

Application is hereby respectfully made for the transfer of funds appropriate to this department for the year 1913, as follows:

F R O M

GENERAL PLANT EQUIPMENT

1658	General Plant Equipment, Care of Parks and Boulevards,	
		General,
1660	" " " " " "	" Care of
	Trees, Shrubs, Flowers and Lawns,	
		\$300.00
		250.00

T O

1644	Botanical and Agricultural Supplies-Care of Parks and Boulevard - Care of Trees, Shrubs, Flowers and Lawns,	500.00
1640	Office Supplies- Administration- Executive	50.00

The above transfer requested is to provide sufficient funds as follows:

1. To 1644 in order to purchase bulbs for immediate planting in the Various Parks and Squares in this Borough. The life of the bulbs which have been used for several years being extinct. The unencumbered balance at the present time being \$591.74. The estimated amount for the bulbs required is \$1,073.30.



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November 19, 1913.

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2. To 1640 in order to purchase postage stamps, ice, bottled water, etc., for the balance of the year. The unencumbered balance, at the present time, being \$6.78. The estimated amount of the various articles required is \$56.00

As the above transfers are urgent, the prompt attention of your Honorable Board is requested.

Respectfully,

*T. Higgins*  
Commissioner of Parks,  
Borough of The Bronx.



CHARLES B. STOVER,  
COMMISSIONER.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN & RICHMOND  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

LFL/Ab.

November 25, 1913.

Mr. James Matthews,  
Executive Secretary,  
Office of his Honor the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Mr. Matthews:

I have your letter of the 22nd inst., transmitting letter from Alderman John A. Bolles. I have written Mr. Bolles, requesting that he have Mr. Moffet call at this office, when I will take up the question of a permit with him, and do all that I possibly can to help him out.

Very truly yours,



Acting Commissioner of Parks,  
Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.



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*The City of New York.*  
*Department of Parks,*  
*Office of Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx.*  
*Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park.*

THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
 COMMISSIONER.

— November 25, 1913. —

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor, and Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 City Hall, New York City.

S i r:

Application is hereby respectfully made for the transfer of  
 funds appropriated to this Department for the year 1913, as follows:

F R O M

1637, -Supplies-Forage and Veterinary Supplies-Care of Parks and Boulevards - Operation of Stables, . . . . .	\$350.00
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T O

1654, -Purchase of Equipment-Motor Vehicles and Equipment- Administration - Executive, . . . . .	150.00
1686, -Contract or Open Order Service - Motor Vehicle Repairs - Administration-Executive, . . . . .	200.00

First. (To 1654) To provide funds for the purchase of shoes,  
 tires and inner tubes required by the automobiles owned by the department.  
 At this date, the unencumbered balance on this account is \$41.72, but  
 there are open market orders being prepared, the sum of which will reduce  
 this balance to 16¢.

Second. (To 1686) For the purpose of meeting necessary expendi-  
 tures in the repair of the automobiles, which repairs are necessary in  
 order to keep the machines in running condition. At this writing, the  
 unencumbered balance on this account is \$76.60. There are, however,



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THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
COMMISSIONER.

—November 25, 1913.—

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline, .....2

several bills which have been in the course of adjustment for sometime,  
and which will amount to considerable more than the unencumbered balance.  
Whatever excess the requested transfer will leave in the account will  
all be needed to provide for additional repairs the balance of the year.

Respectfully,

*Higgins*  
Commissioner of Parks,  
Borough of The Bronx.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,  
LITCHFIELD MANSION,  
PROSPECT PARK,  
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,  
COMMISSIONER.

November 26th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor of the City of New York.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

Our dear friend William Grady has been confined to his bed for two or three weeks with carbuncles on his neck and at the end of his spine. The doctor has lanced them and they are very painful and serious. Mr. Grady is very downhearted and blue, this being his first illness in forty years, and it occurred to me that it would cheer him considerably if you would write him a letter. I myself, have, up to this time, done what little I could to cheer him, but now I too am confined to my home.

With assurances of my personal esteem,  
I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

*Wm. A. Gorman*  
Superintendent.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

CHARLES B. STOVER,  
COMMISSIONER.

BOROUGHES OF MANHATTAN & RICHMOND  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

December 2, 1913.

James Matthews, Esq.,  
Executive Secretary,  
Office of the Mayor.

Dear Sir:

Commissioner LaRoche directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, forwarding communication received from M. S. Poulson, Lincoln, Nebraska, requesting information concerning a fountain in Madison Square Park. The necessary information has been forwarded to Mr. Poulson.

Yours very truly,

*Irving H. Patchin*  
Secretary to the Commissioner.



~~Louis F. LaRoche,~~  
~~Executive Secretary,~~  
COMMISSIONER.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN & RICHMOND  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

KMP/Ab.

December 5, 1913.

James Matthews, Esq.,  
Executive Secretary,  
Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:

Commissioner LaRoche directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., transmitting an anonymous letter to the effect that boys living in the vicinity of 130th Street and Bradhurst Avenue were ordered out of Colonial Park by the caretaker, without good reason.

This matter will be investigated at once.

Very truly yours,

*Frank H. Patchin*  
Secretary to the Commissioner.



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*The City of New York.*  
*Department of Parks,*  
*Office of Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx,*  
*Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park.*

THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
 COMMISSIONER.

December 9, 1913.

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor, and Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment,

City Hall, New York City.

S i r:

Application is hereby made to modify wages of temporary employees for wage schedule to be paid from Corporate Stock Funds by striking therefrom the following schedule which was approved by your Honorable Board on March 13, 1913:

C.D.P. 339. Department of Parks, Borough of The Bronx.  
General Improvement of Echo Park.

Laborers @ \$2.50 per day (685 days)	\$1,712.50
Blasters @ \$4.00 per day (11 days)	44.00
Double Teams @ \$5.00 per day (108 days)	540.00
	<u>\$2,296.50</u>

SCHEDULE AS REVISED

Personal Service, Wages, Temporary Employees, Care of Parks and Boulevards.

	<u>Pd. from Tax Levy Appn.</u>	<u>Pd. from Corp. Stock Fund.</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>1632 GENERAL</u>			
Bricklayer @ \$5.60 per day (260 days)	\$1,456.00	-----	\$1,456.00
Painter @ \$4.00 per day (854 days)	3,200.00	216.00	3,416.00
Pipefitter @ \$5.50 per day (2 days)	11.00	-----	11.00
Laborers @ \$2.50 per day (43,903 days)	100,970.00	8,787.50	109,757.50
Auto L.M. Engineer @ \$3.50 per day (848 d.)	2,968.00	-----	2,968.00
Blaster @ \$4.00 per day (200 days)	800.00	-----	800.00
Plumber @ \$5.50 per day (50 days)	-----	275.00	275.00
<u>SCHEDULE TOTAL</u>	<u>109,405.00</u>	<u>9,278.50</u>	<u>118,683.50</u>



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THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
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December 9, 1913.

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline, .....#2.

Tax Levy Allowance	\$109,405.00
Corporate Stock Allowance	9,278.50
Total Allowance	118,683.50

Contract or Open Order Service, Transportation, Hire of Horses and Vehicles  
With Drivers. Care of Parks and Boulevards.

	Pd. from Tax Levy Appn.	Pd. from Corp. Stock Fund	Total
<u>1675 GENERAL</u>			
Driver with horse and vehicle			
\$3.00 per day (2587 days)	\$7,599.00	\$162.00	\$7,761.00
Driver with team and vehicle			
\$5.00 per day (6,229 days)	30,400.00	745.00	31,145.00
Schedule Total	37,999.00	907.00	38,906.00
Tax Levy Allowance			37,999.00
Corporate Stock Allowance			907.00
Total Allowance			38,906.00

Upon consideration, it is found advisable to do the work contemplated by contract, as there is some blasting to be done, and the City would be relieved of any liability. As Plans and Specifications are now being prepared to be submitted to your Honorable Board for approval as to estimate of cost, etc., the rescindment of this schedule is requested.

Respectfully,

*T. Higgins*  
 Commissioner of Parks,  
 Borough of The Bronx.



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
CHILDRENS  
SCHOOL FARMS.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

*Department of Parks.*  
*De Witt Clinton Park,*  
*Boroughs of Manhattan & Richmond.*

Dec. 16, 1913 *191*

Hon. Adolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City Hall, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir :-

The enclosed request will be on the calendar at the Board of Estimate Meeting on Thursday (Dec. 18th ).

Although as Mayor, you have not had the opportunity of a personal acquaintance with the Children's School Farms under the above Bureau and have not seen the Director personally, I still feel that the work has been so widely known throughout not only this but other countries that I may safely ask you to cordially support this request.

The Hon. Geo. McAneny and Hon. Cyrus C. Miller intend to give their cordial support at Thursday's ( 18th inst.) meeting, and I shall deeply appreciate the substantial recognition from the City Fathers of the successful work of a woman in their midst.

With the season's greetings, I am,

Your obedient servant,

*Fannie G. Parsons*  
Director.

FGP/RM

*( Mrs. Lucy Parsons )*



C O P Y

New York, Dec. 13, '13

Hon. Board of Estimate & Apportionment,  
277 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Gentlemen :-

I respectfully request that you recommend to the Board of Alderman, the establishment under Section 56 of the Greater New York Charter, the grade for the position in this Department of Director of the Children's School Farms, at the rate of \$2,000 per annum.

The incumbent for whom the grade is requested is Mrs. Fannie G. Parsons, Director and Founder of the Bureau of Children's School Farms, which has done so much to improve the health, morals and education of the children in the neighborhoods where the School Farms are located. She is an expert in her line, and has devoted 12 years of her life to this work.

There being no training school to prepare teachers for this kind of work, it is necessary that Mrs. Parsons devote her whole time and attention to the development of these teachers after they have been appointed from the Civil Service List. The work in this department has been very successfully carried on, and, during the year 1913, 5000 children had individual plots and 22,000 have had definite nature studies.

Mrs. Parsons, acting in her capacity, handles crippled, enemic, deaf and dumb and blind children, also healthy, active children. She has under her immediate supervision one Assistant Director, at a compensation of \$1500 per annum, two Head School Farm Attendants at \$1200 per annum and 25 Attendants at \$3.00 per day.

I respectfully ask that you refer this matter to the Committee on Salaries, and report at your earliest possible convenience.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Louis F. LeRoche,

Commissioner of Parks,  
Boroughs of Manhattan &  
Richmond.



The Committee on Finance, to which was referred on November 18, 1913 (Minutes, page 255) the annexed request from the Park Commissioner of the Borough of Queens for \$1,000 special revenue bonds to repair Barclay Mansion, Gaynor Park, Astoria, respectfully

## REPORTS:

That, having examined the subject, it believes the proposed improvement to be necessary. The details of the application are set forth in the letter of request.

The committee recommends that the accompanying resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of subdivision 8 of section 188 of the Greater New York Charter, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby requested to authorize the Comptroller to issue special revenue bonds to the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), the proceeds whereof to be used by the Park Commissioner, Borough of Queens, for the purpose of making repairs to the Barclay Mansion, located in Gaynor Park, Astoria, Borough of Queens. All obligations contracted for hereunder to be incurred on or before April 1, 1914.

HENRY H. CURRAN, JOHN DIEMER, C. AUGUSTUS POST, ROBERT F. DOWNING, JOHN S. GAYNOR, FRANK L. DOWLING, FRANCIS P. KENNEY, Committee on Finance.

The City of New York, Department of Parks, Borough of Queens, The Overlook, Forest Park, November 14, 1913.

Honorable Board of Aldermen, City Hall, New York City:

Gentlemen—Request is hereby made for the issue of special revenue bonds to the amount of \$1,000, proceeds thereof to be used in making necessary repairs to the Barclay Mansion, located in Gaynor Park, Astoria, Borough of Queens.

This park, formerly known as the East River Park, has recently been acquired by the City and contains a building which is of very considerable value and will be useful for park purposes.

The roof is in bad condition and with every rain the water enters freely. Serious damage can only be avoided by the prompt expenditure of the amount hereby asked for. Respectfully, W. G. ELIOT, Commissioner of Parks, Borough of Queens.

The Vice-Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Becker, Bedell, Boschen, Bosse, Brush, Carberry, Cummuskey, Cunningham, Curran, Delaney, Devine, Diemer, Dixon, Doherty, Dowling, Downing, Donnelly, Dunn, Dujat, Eagan, Eichhorn, Fink, Folks, Gaynor, Gelbke, Hannon, Herbst, Kenneally, Kenney, Lieberman, McCann, McCourt, McGarry, McGrath, Marks, Martyn, Molen, Moore, Morrison, Muhlbauer, Mulligan, Nicoll, O'Neil, O'Rourke, Pendry, Post, Pouker, Reardon, Schmidt, Shipley, Smith, Stapleton, Stevenson, Walsh, Wendel, Weston, Wilmot; President Cromwell; President Miller, by Thomas W. Whittle, Commissioner of Public Works; President McAneny; the Vice-Chairman—61.

City Record,  
Dec. 11, 1913



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City Record,  
Dec. 11, 1913



on Public Letting.

Which was laid over.

No. 4864 (S. O., No. 279).

The Committee on Public Letting, to which was referred on November 11, 1913 (Minutes, page 207), the annexed request from the Court of Special Sessions for authority to furnish and equip the new court in The Bronx without public letting, at a cost not to exceed \$4,000, respectfully

#### REPORTS:

That an allowance of \$3,100 special revenue bonds has just been made for this purpose. The court must be opened January 2, 1914, and no time remains to secure bids by advertisement.

The Committee recommends that the accompanying resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That, in pursuance of the provisions of section 419 of the Greater New York Charter, the Chief Justice of the Court of Special Sessions be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase in the open market without public letting the necessary furniture for the branch of the Court of Special Sessions in the Bergen Building at 177th st. and Arthur ave., in the Borough of The Bronx, to an amount not to exceed three thousand one hundred dollars (\$3,100).

JOHN DIEMER, JOHN F. WALSH, ROBERT F. DOWNING, F. H. WILMOT, NILES R. BECKER, W. A. SHIPLEY, JESSE D. MOORE, Committee on Public Letting.

Which was laid over.

No. 4868.

The Committee on Public Letting, to which was referred on November 11, 1913 (Minutes, page 208), the annexed request from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn for permission to order calendars of the Supreme Court, Second Department, without public letting, respectfully

#### REPORTS:

That the reasons for this request are fully set forth in the letter of application. The Committee believes this premission should be granted and recommends that the accompanying resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That, in pursuance of the provisions of section 419 of the Greater New York Charter, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into contract in the open market without public letting, for the purchase of the necessary bound calendars for the Supreme Court in the Second Department for the year 1913, at a cost not to exceed one thousand one hundred and seventy-three dollars and fifteen cents (\$1,173.15).

JOHN DIEMER, JOHN F. WALSH, ROBERT F. DOWNING, F. H. WILMOT, NILES R. BECKER, W. A. SHIPLEY, JESSE D. MOORE, Committee on Public Letting.

Alderman Diemer moved the adoption of this resolution.

The Vice-Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:



THE CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

WALTER G. ELIOT  
COMMISSIONER.

THE OVERLOOK, FOREST PARK

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Richmond Hill, L.I.,

December 15, 1913.

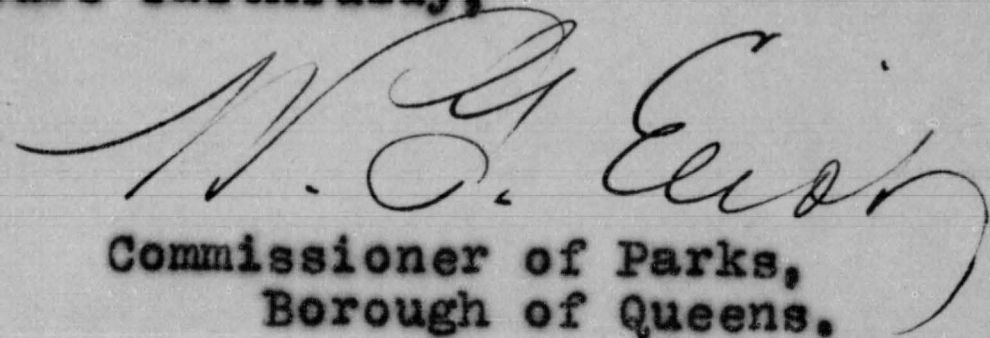
James Matthews, Esq.,  
Mayor's Office,  
City Hall,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Matthews:-

Personal

The enclosed notice was published on the dates shown thereon, in the City Record, and has been published each day since. This for your information. As I understand it, the Mayor is therefore empowered to sign it at any moment you see fit to present it to him.

Yours faithfully,

  
Commissioner of Parks,  
Borough of Queens.

Enc:



Louis F. LaRoche,  
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COMMISSIONER.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN & RICHMOND  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

LFL/Ab.

December 22, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
MAYOR,  
City of New York.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., transmitting letter from Walter Quinn, of 474 West 146th Street, who complains that the boys of the neighborhood of Colonial Park, were forbidden to play in the playground in that park, I beg to state that this matter was taken up by the Recreation Bureau of this Department last week, and provisions made to maintain proper control over some unruly boys. I transmit herewith copy of letter written to-day to Walter Quinn.

Respectfully yours,



Commissioner of Parks,  
Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.

ENCLOSURE.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

*Department of Parks,  
Boroughs of Manhattan & Richmond,  
The Arsenal, Central Park,*

OFFICE OF  
SUPERVISOR OF RECREATION  
BOROUGHES OF  
MANHATTAN & RICHMOND.

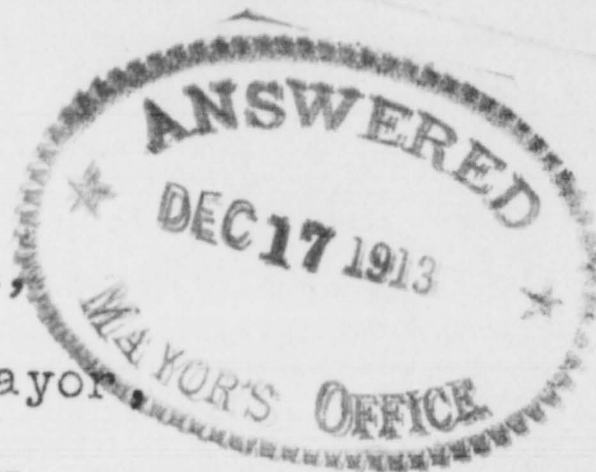
Dec. 16th 1913.

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Hon. Robert A. Adamson,

Secretary to the Mayor,

City Hall, N. Y. City.



My dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find invitation to attend the Opening of the Park Playground in honor of our late Mayor, William J. Gaynor.

We took the liberty to place your name on the Committee as a Speaker, for a short talk of ten minutes.

If you can oblige we will be delighted, and I am sure the children and parents will. We have come to learn that the Government of New York City begins with its children.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Supervisor, Bureau of Recreation.



Louis F. LeRoche,  
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LFL/Ab.

December 22, 1913.

Mr. Walter Quinn,  
474 West 146th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th inst., addressed to his Honor, Mayor Kline, in which you complain that the boys of the neighborhood have been forbidden to play in the playground in Colonial Park, at 150th Street and Bradhurst Avenue. Since your complaint, a man has been placed in charge of the playground, and you will no longer be forbidden to play there.

You will please understand, however, that you are not to play foot ball on the lawns, and that your activities will have to be confined to the playground only. I am informed by Mr. Lee, Supervisor of the Bureau of Recreation in this Department, that there were so many boys in the vicinity who could not be controlled by the woman attendant, that it was necessary for him to take one of the men attendants away from a downtown park, so that the necessary control could be maintained in your section. This does not look well, and will you not try to use your influence with the boys of your acquaintance, and give the instructors in that playground all the help that you can.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Parks,  
Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond.



*The City of New York.*  
*Department of Parks,*  
*Office of Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx,*  
*Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park*

THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
 COMMISSIONER.

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Dec. 24, 1913.

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline,  
 Mayor and Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 City Hall, New York City.

S i r:

In accordance with the attached letter from Mr.  
 H. R. Mitchell, Chief Clerk of the New York Zoological Society,  
 I hereby respectfully request transfer of funds appropriated  
 to this Department, for the year 1913, as follows:

New York Zoological Garden

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1701	Supplies - Fuel Supplies,	720.00
1702	Supplies - Office Supplies,	100.00

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1700	Supplies - Forage and Veterinary Supplies,	720.00
1710	Materials - General Plant Materials,	100.00

Respectfully,

*J. Higgins*  
 Commissioner of Parks,  
 Borough of The Bronx.



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## NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

New York, Dec. 23rd, 1913.

Hon. Thos. J. Higgins,  
Commissioner of Parks,  
Borough of The Bronx.

Dear Sir:

We find it necessary to ask for the following transfers in Supplies Account for the maintenance of the Zoological Park for the year 1913:

\$720 from Code 1701, Fuel Supplies to Code 1700,  
Forage and Veterinary Supplies.

\$100 from Code 1702, Office Supplies to Code 1710,  
General Plant Materials.

Trusting that you will be able to get these transfers through with as little delay as possible, I am,

Yours very truly,

(signed) H. R. Mitchell,

Chief Clerk.



*The City of New York.*  
*Department of Parks,*  
*Office of Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx.*  
*Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park.*

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THOMAS J. HIGGINS,  
 COMMISSIONER.

December 27, 1913.

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline,  
 Mayor, and Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 City Hall, New York City.

S i r:

In order to comply with the request of your Honorable Board, as per Resolution adopted on December 18th, recommending to the Board of Aldermen the establishment of the additional grade of the position of Bricklayer @ 75¢ per hour, or \$6.00 per diem, beginning January 1, 1914, the following revision of Code 1216, Dept. of Parks, Borough of The Bronx

Wages - Temporary Employees - Care of Parks and Boulevards  
 is requested by amending line Bricklayer to read @ \$6.00 per day  
 (224 days) . . . . . \$1,344.00

SCHEDULE AS REVISED

Bricklayer @ \$6.00 per day (224 days) . . . . .	\$1,344.00
Painter @ \$4.00 per day (800 days) . . . . .	3,200.00
Pipefitter @ \$5.50 per day (50 days) . . . . .	275.00
Laborers @ \$2.50 per day (65,600 days) . . . . .	164,000.00
Blaster @ \$4.00 per day (200 days) . . . . .	800.00
Auto Lawn Mower Engineer @ \$3.50 per day (1000 days) . . . . .	3,500.00
Rammer @ \$4.00 per day (100 days) . . . . .	400.00
Paver @ \$5.00 per day (100 days) . . . . .	500.00
Steam Engineer @ \$4.75 per day (600 days) . . . . .	2,850.00
Stoker @ \$3.00 per day (1674 days) . . . . .	5,022.00
	181,891.00

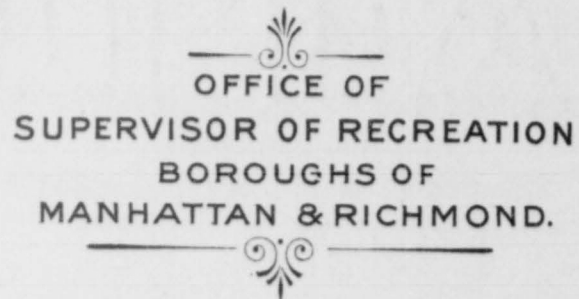
As the compensation of Bricklayer @ \$6.00 per day is to take effect on January 1, 1914, the early attention of your Honorable Board is requested.

Respectfully,

*Th. Higgins*  
 Commissioner of Parks,  
 Bronx



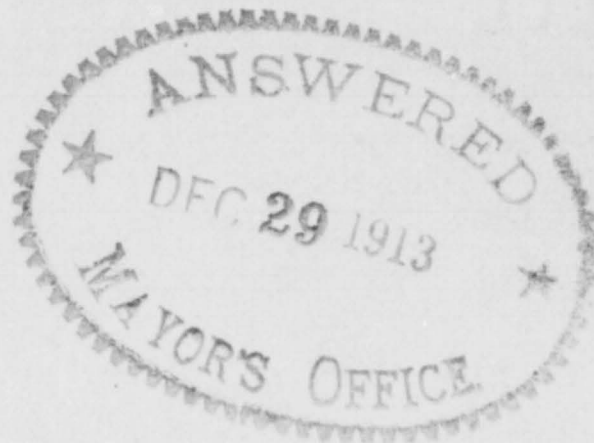
THE CITY OF NEW YORK.



*Department of Parks,*  
*The Arsenal, Central Park.*

Dec. 29th 1913.

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Hon. Robert A. Adamson,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
City Hall, N. Y. City.

Dear Mr. Adamson:-

Will you kindly give to bearer two (2) tickets for admission to City Hall on January 1st 1914, for the formal reception and installation of Hon. John Purroy Mitchel, Mayor-Elect, for Hon. James E. Sullivan and myself.

With best wishes for success and a Happy New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. M. Lee".

Supervisor, Bureau of Recreation.



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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX  
ZBROWSKI MANSION, CLERMONT PARK



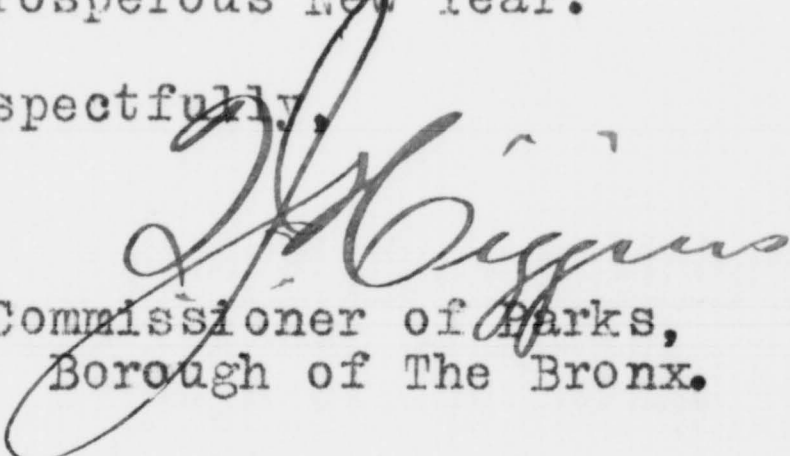
December 30, 1913.

Honorable Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor of The City of New York,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

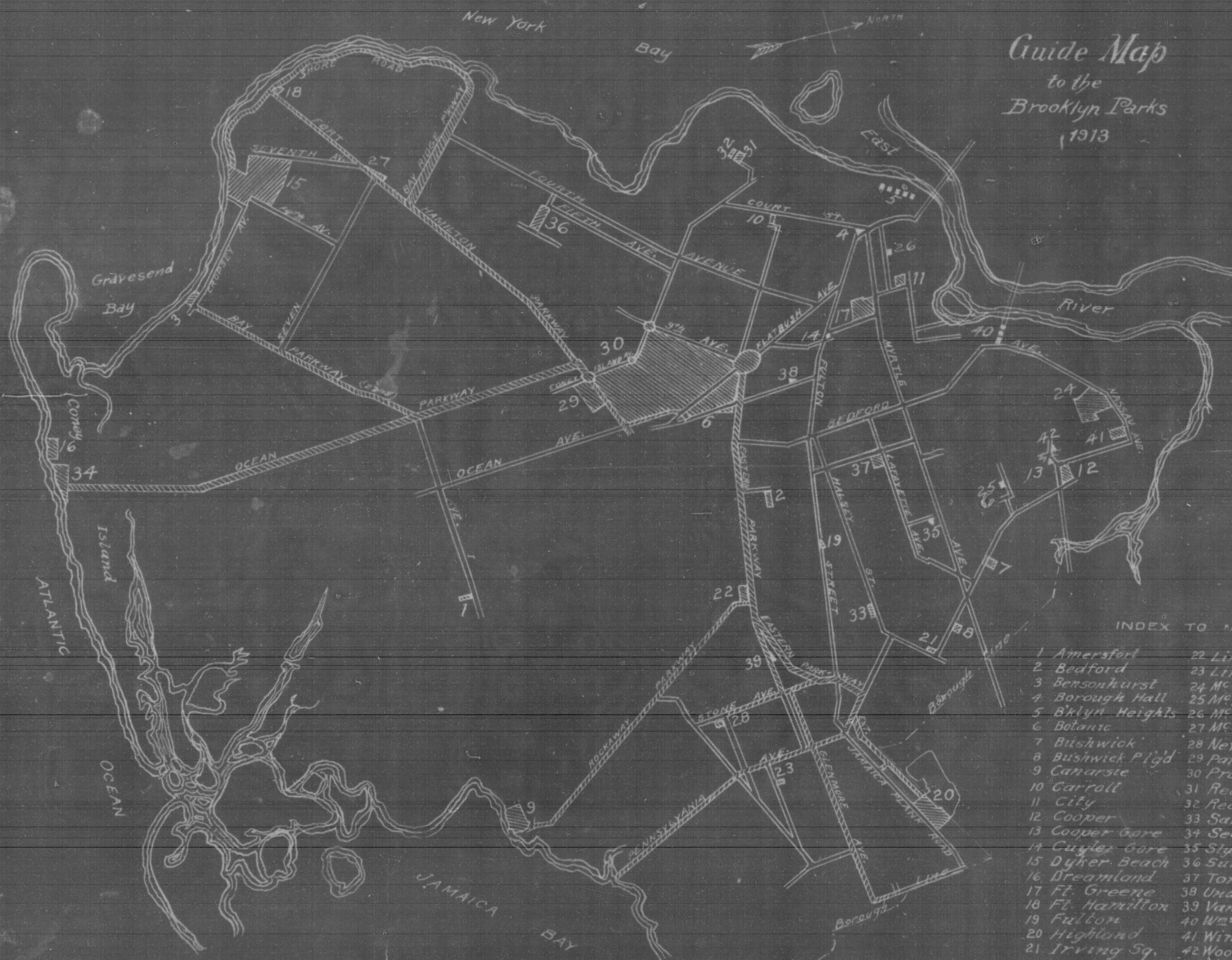
I want to take this opportunity of expressing to you my sincere appreciation of your kindness and courtesy to me, as Commissioner of Parks, since you assumed the office of Mayor; and to wish you and yours a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Respectfully,

  
Commissioner of Parks,  
Borough of The Bronx.



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| 16 Dreamland    | 37 Tompkins             |
| 17 Ft. Greene   | 38 Underhill Gore       |
| 18 Ft. Hamilton | 39 Vanderveer           |
| 19 Fulton       | 40 Wm. Burgh Bridge Pk. |
| 20 Highland     | 41 Winthrop             |
| 21 Irving Sq.   | 42 Woodpoint Gore       |

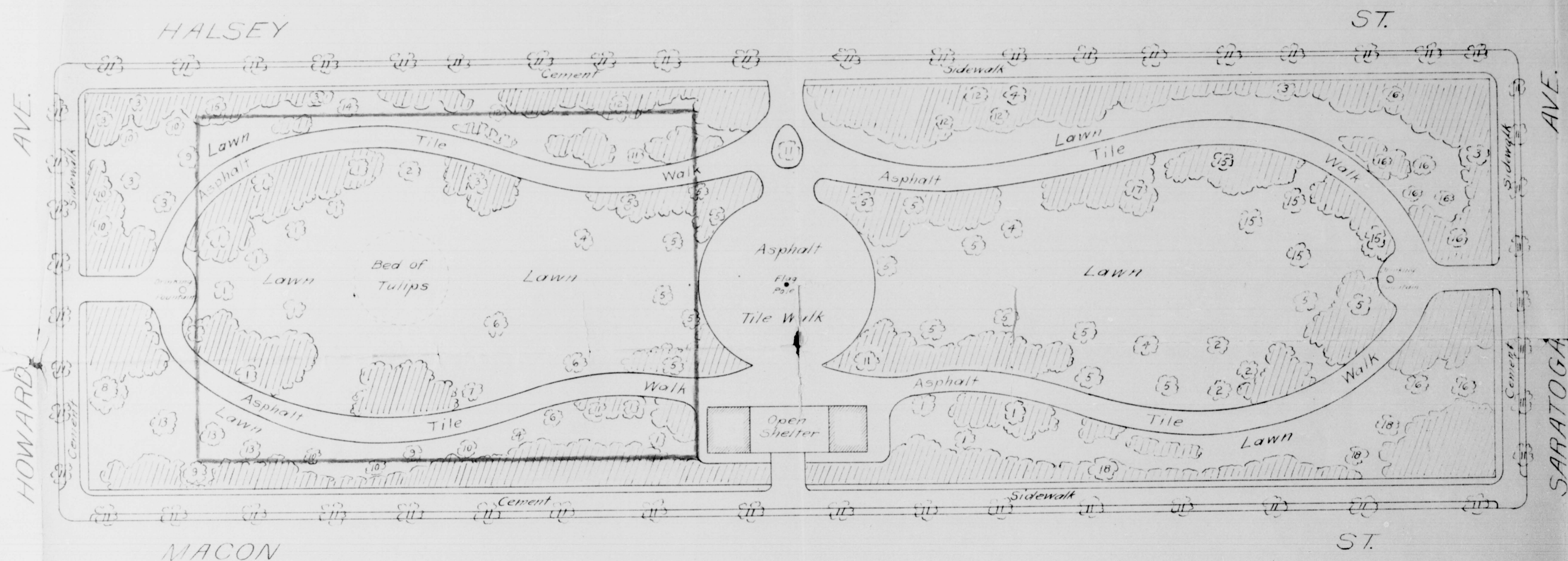
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PLAN OF

**SARATOGA PARK**  
SHOWING PLANTING

Scale 1" = 40' April 18<sup>th</sup> 1913



TREES

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 European Linden         | ( <i>Tilia Microphylla</i> )      |
| 2 Birch                   | ( <i>Fagus</i> )                  |
| 3 Pin Oak                 | ( <i>Quercus Palustris</i> )      |
| 4 White Spruce            | ( <i>Picea Alba</i> )             |
| 5 Norway Maple            | ( <i>Acer Platanoides</i> )       |
| 6 English Oak             | ( <i>Quercus</i> )                |
| 7 Nordmann's Fir          | ( <i>Abies Nordmanniana</i> )     |
| 8 Scotch Pine             | ( <i>Pinus Sylvestris</i> )       |
| 9 Koelreuteria            | ( <i>Koelreuteria Japonica</i> )  |
| 10 Red Oak                | ( <i>Quercus Rubra</i> )          |
| 11 Oriental Sycamore      | ( <i>Platanus Orientalis</i> )    |
| 12 White Birch (European) | ( <i>Betula Alba</i> )            |
| 13 Chinese Cork Tree      | ( <i>Phellodendron Amurense</i> ) |
| 14 Hackberry              | ( <i>Celtis Occidentalis</i> )    |
| 15 Ginkgo                 | ( <i>Ginkgo Biloba</i> )          |
| 16 Horsechestnut          | ( <i>Aesculus Hippocastanum</i> ) |
| 17 Retinospora            |                                   |
| 18 Arbor Vitae            |                                   |

SHRUBS

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Smoke Tree     | <i>Spiraea</i>                 |
| Fringe Tree    | <i>Deutzia</i>                 |
| Barberry       | <i>Japanese Quince</i>         |
| Weigela        | <i>Double Flowering Cherry</i> |
| Viburnum       | <i>Philadelphus</i>            |
| Forsythia      | <i>Syringia</i>                |
| Rose of Sharon | <i>Matrimony Vine</i>          |
| Privet         | <i>Sumach</i>                  |

Note: Red Line shows limits of proposed Playground