

Minutes of Special Meeting of
8th Board of Representatives held
Monday, June 15, 1964

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, June 15, 1964 pursuant to a "Call" from the President, Ronald M. Schwartz, at the Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:35 P.M.

SILENT PRAYER IN MEMORY OF FORMER BOARD MEMBER, VITO C. LONGO

The members observed a moment of silent prayer at this time in memory of Vito C. Longo, a former Board member, who had recently passed away. Mrs. Farrell was instructed to send an appropriate letter from the members of this Board to his family, expressing their sympathy.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 38 members present and 2 absent. The absent members were Lee Mogul and Carmine Longo.

"CALL" OF MEETING:

The President read the following "Call" of the special meeting:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
Municipal Office Building
429 Atlantic Street
Stamford, Connecticut

June 9, 1964

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES, CITY OF STAMFORD

I RONALD M. SCHWARTZ, President of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives, for

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1964

To be held in the Board meeting room

Municipal Office Building
429 Atlantic Street

at 8:00 P.M.

for the following purpose:

- (1) To vote for the REVEREND CHARLES J. SARGENT (D), 15 Fifth Street, as a member of the newly created HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.
- (2) To reconsider request for approval of FLOODLIGHTING FEES

Minutes of June 13, 1964

IN SCALZI PARK (Requested in letter from Robert Crosswaite,
Chairman of Park Commission, dated 5/13/64). Deferred
6/1/64)

RONALD M. SCHWARTZ, President
Board of Representatives

THE PRESIDENT said he had two letters, addressed to the Board which he would now read, as follows:

TO THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Sirs:

As clergymen who have known the Reverend Charles Sargent since the beginning of his pastorate in Stamford in 1959, we are greatly disappointed at the rejecting of a man who has given so much of his time, his wisdom, and his dynamic leadership to the Stamford community. Such selfless devotion and service, guided by such fearless action and tempered by unusually sound judgment should not be awarded the indignity which your Board has delivered in its response to the Mayor's proposal. While we acknowledge that you may have had seemingly sound reasons for rejecting him, we appeal to your collective conscience to reconsider your reaction -- not for his sake, but for the sake of the Stamford community, which could so greatly benefit from his public service on the Human Rights Commission. We hold this man in the very highest esteem and affection, are proud to have had him as President of our Stamford-Darien Ministers League in 1963; and many of us have been inspired through our associations with him in local civic affairs, where his record makes him such a rare candidate for public office in Stamford.

Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz
Rev. Thorpe C. Blake
Rev. Dr. Donald F. Campbell
Rev. David W. Crockett
Rev. George Czar
Rev. Bernhard Johnson
Rev. Dr. Russell M. McGown
Rev. Simon Peter Montgomery
Rabbi David W. Pearlman
Rev. Claude Peters
Rev. Thorpe Bauer

Rev. Guilford Dudley III
Rev. Cyril Peters
Father George Poulos
Rev. Raymond Shoup
Rev. Richard G. Siener
Rabbi Samuel Silver
Rev. Dr. Cecil T. Swackhammer
Rev. Rafe M. Taylor
Rev. William H. Thomas
Rev. Grover Wilson

June 8, 1964

Mr. Ronald M. Schwartz, President
Board of Representatives
City Hall
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

In discussion with Corporation Counsel Kueskin, he has indicated to me that there is some serious doubt about the legality of beginning the operations

of the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION recently enacted by ordinance of the Board of Representatives.

As you know, the ordinance calls for the appointment of a nine-member commission, and at its last meeting, the Board approved only eight of my nine appointments. The nine together represent an extremely able, thoroughly knowledgeable, and very well balanced group of citizens, each of whom, in my judgment, will contribute substantially in this very important task.

I am, therefore, re-submitting for the approval of the Board, the name of Reverend Charles J. Sargent, Jr., as a member of this Commission. I strongly urge approval for the contribution which he will make for the City of Stamford.

Since it is most important that this Commission get organized and in being as quickly as possible, I ask for your help and that of the Board of Representatives. I request that you call, as soon as possible, a special meeting of the Board to consider and act upon this appointment.

Mindful of the extra burden caused by a Special Meeting, I would not make such a request unless the item to be considered was of the utmost importance. I consider this matter to be of that importance.

However, at this meeting, I should like to suggest, also, the inclusion of one other item on the agenda. The question of floodlighting fees in Scalzi Park is still unresolved by the Board of Representatives. In order to put an end to the uncertainties surrounding this matter at the beginning of the season's use, I would urge the Board to make its decision.

Sincerely,

THOMAS C. MAYERS,
Mayor

THE PRESIDENT called upon Mr. Nathanson, Chairman of the Appointments Committee, to make his report.

MR. TRUGLIA rose on a point of order. He said according to the "Call" of the meeting which he has received, the President is the one who has called the special meeting, but actually, judging from the letter just read, it is not the President calling the meeting, but it is being called for someone else (the Mayor).

THE PRESIDENT replied that according to the Charter, there are three ways in which a special meeting can be called - by the President, by ten members of the Board, or by the Mayor, and he was requested by the Mayor to call this meeting.

MR. TRUGLIA said it is therefore understood that the President is calling this meeting at the express request of the Mayor.

THE PRESIDENT replied that is correct, and that is why he read the Mayor's letter. He said there is nothing pending on the floor for discussion, and if Mr. Truglia has a point of order, to please state what it is.

For the reason that Mr. Truglia did not state his point of order, the President suggested that he wait until there was something on the floor and requested Mr. Nathanson to proceed.

(1) Concerning vote for appointment of the REVEREND CHARLES J. SARGENT (D), 15 Fifth Street, as a member of the newly created HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

MR. NATHANSON reported that the Appointments Committee at the last meeting perhaps did not go into the matter deeply enough to express their feelings. He said it was the general feeling of the Committee that Mr. Sargent was very well qualified for an appointment as a member of the Human Rights Commission.

A remark made by Mr. Nathanson was ordered stricken from the record at this point, at the request of Mr. Truglia.

There was some debate at this time. Mr. Selsberg requested that the meeting go forward with no further debate on what has already been ordered stricken from the record.

MR. NATHANSON MOVED for approval of the appointment of the REVEREND CHARLES J. SARGENT as a member of the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, Seconded by Mr. Bitetto and Mr. Ketcham.

MR. KANE asked if all members of the Appointments Committee were present at the time of their meeting.

MR. NATHANSON reported that four members were present of the five member committee.

The Tellers distributed the ballots to the members. After the tally, REV. SARGENT was declared appointed as a member of the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION by the following VOTE:

20 yes
17 no
1 abstention

(2) Concerning reconsideration of request for approval of FLOODLIGHTING FEES IN SCALZI PARK (Requested in letter from Robert Crosswaite, Chairman of Park Commission, dated 5/13/64). (Deferred 6/1/64)

The Park Commission's letter follows:

TO: Board of Representatives
FROM: Park Commission
SUBJECT: Floodlighting Fees

May 13, 1964

The Park Commission submits the following fees for your consideration and action at the June 1st meeting:

FLOODLIGHTED SOFTBALL FIELD (SCALZI PARK)

Sundays through Fridays: \$ 5.00 per night
Saturdays..... 15.00 " "

FLOODLIGHTED BASKETBALL (SCALZI PARK)

Sundays through Fridays..... 2.00 per night
Saturdays..... 4.00 " "

FLOODLIGHTED SMALL GAMES (SCALZI PARK)

(possible bocce, etc.)..... .50 " " (all nights)

The Park Commission also requests that you rule for the record that all floodlighting fees approved are MAXIMUM; that they may be REDUCED on the basis of our study and experience during the season without the necessity of re-submitting. It would also be understood that any reduction would be OVERALL applying to all users as a standard fee. Also, it would be understood that if fee is reduced, the Board of Representatives would be notified of such action, for the record.

We have had considerable urging from taxpayers, particularly boat owners in public marinas, that floodlighting fees be set at once so that there will be equitable treatment of all those using special facilities.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT L. CROSSWAITE, Chairman,
Park Commission

MR. KELLY presented his committee report. He said a meeting was held Friday evening, June 12, 1964 with the following members present: Mrs. Esposito, Edward Dombroski, Joseph Bitetto and Stephen Kelly on the above request.

MR. KELLY'S report follows:

The request by the Stamford Park Commission for floodlighting fees at Scalzi Park, which was held in committee for further study, and if possible, for additional information, was taken up and discussed at great length by the committee so that they could come up with a report at tonight's special meeting.

One letter that we are in receipt of a copy of, under date of Oct. 21, 1960, reads:

"At meeting of the Board of Recreation's Baseball Committee it was decided to write to you requesting that serious consideration be given to the dire need for more softball and baseball diamonds. As it would be impossible to construct all of the diamonds needed to eliminate this shortage problem, part of it would be solved by floodlighting for night games on some of the existing diamonds.

"As Capital Budgets are being prepared at this time, the Board of Recreation hereby requests that the Park Commission take this problem into consideration."

MR. KELLY said the above letter was addressed to the Park Commission Chairman at that time. He said some three years ago there was need of floodlighting to supplement the lack of baseball fields, to cope with the ever-increasing sport of baseball, a spectator sport. Under date of May 4, 1964, he said, they received a typewritten sheet of paper, which reads as follows:

"SCALZI PARK FLOODLIGHTING

"In order to provide maximum availability of the floodlighted softball field throughout the season, and because of budgetary limitations, it will be necessary for teams using the lighted field to defray part of the utility costs. In this connection, please observe the following:

- (1) Charges will be in effect beginning Friday night, May 8th.
- (2) Sundays through Fridays, the charge is Five Dollars (\$5.00), Saturday nights the charge is Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00). Saturday night floodlighted games must be arranged for by Wednesday noon preceeding the Saturday night game.
- (3) If payment is by check, the check should be made out to 'Hartford Electric Light Company, Meter #00620'. If by cash, Park Department Control Board Attendant will give receipt with notation, 'For Meter #00620'.
- (4) Charge is for LIGHTING PERIOD to 11 P.M. and not for games or portions of games. Payment to be made BEFORE lights are turned on, unless other arrangements are made with Park Department.
- (5) Lights will be turned off at 11 P.M. unless there is an inning in progress, in which case play may continue, but not later than 11:15 P.M.
- (6) Lights will be turned on at the discretion of the Chief Umpire only.

May 4, 1964

PARK COMMISSION"

MR. KELLY said under date of May 13, the Park Commission decided finally to send a communication to the Board of Representatives regarding floodlighting fees. (NOTE: This letter was printed in the Minutes just before Mr. Kelly's report.)

MR. KELLY said there have been repeated requests to the Park Commission to have all requests for fees in the hands of the Board of Representatives in time to be voted on by the Board at its February meeting, and in time for the budget requests. He said the Board of Representatives have passed fees for tennis and other things and, for the record, the members of the Parks and Recreation Committee are not against fees as such, and for the proper reasons.

He said that charging fees for utilities at a spectator sport such as night baseball, may well be the cause for eliminating night games entirely, and if recreation is to be charged for, then sports in Stamford will soon be on their way out.

MR. KELLY said that throughout the winter season, basketball and other sports activities are conducted in most of the Stamford schools and the lights are left on for four-hour periods of time and the teams using the school Gyms are not being charged for the use of the utilities.

He said it is the unanimous vote of the members of the Parks and Recreation Committee at their meeting held last Friday evening, that the 'fees be DENIED and he SO MOVED.

Mr. Kelly's motion to DENY the Park Commission's request was seconded by Mr. Ketcham and Mr. Philpot.

MR. KETCHAM spoke in favor of Mr. Kelly's motion. He said he wished to state publicly for the record, that the question of the extreme urgency of establishing these fees at this late date was brought to his attention and to the attention of the Minority Leader (Mr. Truglia) and they had both agreed at that time (a week ago Friday) that this situation was not of such urgency that it was necessary to convene a special meeting of the Board of Representatives to consider these fees and that the whole situation was being "ballooned" and expanded by means of statements to the public press, radio, etc., far beyond its actual import.

MR. KETCHAM asked the Minority Leader to indicate whether or not he concurs with the above statement.

MR. TRUGLIA said he does agree and will have more to say on that later.

MR. KANE rose on a point of information. He wanted to know if Mr. Ketcham's statement was made by both the Minority and Majority Leader that they concurred with Mr. Kelly's report.

THE PRESIDENT said the motion was made by Mr. Kelly on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Committee and Mr. Ketcham was merely commenting after the seconding of the motion.

MR. KETCHAM stated that he was speaking on the motion and in this particular situation he wanted it clearly stated for the record how both he and the Minority Leader felt about calling a special meeting of this Board on this particular matter.

MR. KETCHAM continued speaking in favor of the motion.

MR. KANE rose to a point of order. He objected to Mr. Ketcham's comments as not being pertinent to the subject under discussion.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Kane to please state his point of order.

MR. KANE replied that it is his belief that Mr. Ketcham is "browbeating around the circuit" and should get to the motion.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Kane that he believes Mr. Ketcham to be speaking on the motion, that he has the floor and his remarks are in order.

MR. KETCHAM asked, through the Chair, if he could direct a remark to Mr. Kane.

THE PRESIDENT replied that he would not accept that, but he could speak on the motion.

MR. KETCHAM said when the question first came up of fees for soft ball earlier this year, he had remarked that it was extremely late in the year for the Board of Representatives to be requested to act, in view of the fact that it required advance team schedules to be made up well in advance and would work a hardship on the individuals concerned. He said he wished to point out that these fees had been published well in advance of the request to this Board for confirmation. He said he is not opposed to a proper fee being charged; the taxpayer is shouldering enough burden as it now is, and that people who enjoy these facilities certainly should contribute....however; he believes that there is a proper manner in which this should be done and that all concerned were well aware of the desires of this Board that the proper procedures be observed. He said it is evident that the desires of this Board were entirely ignored. He said he also wished to go on record that he is not exactly "enchanted" with some of the press releases which have appeared in the newspaper during the past two weeks.

He said that he has a great deal of respect for Mr. Kelly as a senior member of this Board and the fact that he is trying to carry out his duties as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee and is sincere in what he is doing and he also wished to point out that there are few people in the City of Stamford who have done more than Mr. Kelly as far as recreational activities are concerned. He said he resents attacks on members of this Board through the medium of the press.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Ketcham if he was supporting Mr. Kelly's motion.

MR. KETCHAM replied that he was.

MR. PHILPOT asked for permission to read a letter at this time. Permission was given and the letter follows:

INDUSTRIAL RECREATION COUNCIL

Mr. R. A. Philpot
15th District Representative

June 6, 1964

Dear Mr. Philpot:

The Industrial Softball Leagues wish to express their objection to the recent action of the Park Commission relative to the abrupt curtailment of the floodlights at Scalzi Field. The statement issued by the Park Commission to us was a fine example of "verbal Dodge-ball" as we have ever seen, and we base our objection on two counts:

- (1) The snap decision, and inconsiderate action of the Park Commission, whereby on 24 hours notice, we were told the lights would not be available to us. This left us little opportunity to readjust our schedule, reassign umpires, and relocate games to other fields. This "public be damned" attitude, using such short notice, indicates a lack of wisdom, and absence of good judgment on the part of the Park Commission.
- (2) The lack of communication, and preparatory information, regarding the Park Commission's intention of setting fees for the lights. Our budgets for softball are developed in January. Due to lack of information from the Park Commission, relative to setting a fee, our leagues are not budgeted to include same. Poor planning on the part of the Park Commission, in relation to fee adjustments, is responsible for the existing situation. Imposition of fees, in any situation, requires many months of prior notification which the Park Commission failed to do.

The Industrial Softball Leagues are an employee recreation program, conducted for some 30 local industries. At present, 25 teams are participating in this program, and affected by the Park Commission decision.

We object to the Park Commission's decision, whose impulsive action on abrupt discontinuance of the floodlights, has disregarded the recreational rights of the many employees of local industry involved in the Industrial Recreation program.

Approximately 400 employees are affected by their decision. We also are

not in favor of a fee charge for the use of lights, and hope the Board of Representatives disapproves same. The Industrial Softball Leagues are not prepared to supplement their budgets at this time, and it needs to be studied further by the Industrial Recreation Council.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. GAWLAK,
Industrial Recreational Director

(Headquarters - YMCA
369 Atlantic Street,
Stamford, Connecticut
Tel. 324-2193)

MR. PHILPOT said he cannot agree with the writer of the above letter as to fees. He said he believes that fees, with proper notification, are reasonable. However, he strongly supports the other sentiments expressed in this letter.

MR. KANE said he wished to speak against Mr. Kelly's motion. To start off with, he said the Parks and Recreation Committee never met with the members of the Park Commission, and since the information was in Mr. Kelly's Committee, it was his duty to obtain whatever information the Committee needed. He said he thought it might be due to a misunderstanding as to where the responsibility for obtaining the necessary information lies.

Several members spoke at once at this time. The PRESIDENT rapped for order.

MR. KANE said since the Park Commission was not approached for information, it was never received. He said whatever information was received by the Park and Recreation Committee was obtained elsewhere, rather than through the Park Commission itself. He said there also exists a problem of lack of communication between the Board of Recreation and the Park Department. However, he pointed out that none of this is what is before this Board tonight - the question now confronting this Board is whether or not to accept the matter of fees to be charged for floodlighting, and it would seem relevant that we stick to that point and not wander off base.

MR. KANE said, from the information he has obtained from the Park Department, the \$15.00 fee can always be lowered if they find it works a hardship and would not be inconsistent with other things that have been done in the City in the past.

He said the Park Department has had to send two men up to the park on Saturdays to maintain the area and supervise the facilities and that service is included in the costs. He said he believes the burden of paying for these facilities should be placed upon those who use them, and generally speaking, the teams using them are adult teams who have the ability to pay. He said if later on it is discovered that it works a hardship, the fees can either be reduced or eliminated, if necessary. He said he will vote against Mr. Kelly's motion to deny the fees.

MR. ZEZIMA said he wants to go on record as being in favor of the request made by the Park Commission and that he wants to remind the members of this Board that golfers are charged a fee, boat owners are charged a fee, tennis players also pay a fee, and he believes the Park Commission renders a fine service by providing the

floodlights for night games. He said he spoke to several industrial ballplayers and none of them voiced any objection to the fees being charged for floodlights, but were just concerned with the fact that lights were turned off, which happened to be an unfortunate occurrence.

MR. BITETTO said he is a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee and resents the attacks being made on the Chairman of the Committee, as he has found Mr. Kelly to be a straightforward gentleman. He said he does not believe that any Committee should try to act upon facts that are passed around verbally and indiscriminately... that a committee cannot act upon hearsay. He said the Committee has a job that they are trying to do to the best of their ability - that they are not only responsible to this Board, but also to those who elected them to public office.

MR. KANE rose on a point of personal privilege. He said he knows the speaker's remarks were intended for him - that he was not trying to attack Mr. Kelly and that he merely stated that Mr. Kelly had not contacted the source of information, namely, the Park Commission.

MR. BITETTO said he wished to add that he mentioned no one's name, and that the Committee acted upon a written request that was given to them by the Park Commission. He said Mr. Kelly presented the Committee with all the knowledge that he had on the subject and had also requested an opinion from the Corporation Counsel as to whether or not the levying of fees was legal and proper and under the jurisdiction of the Park Commission to refuse to turn on the floodlights at Scalzi Park for night baseball games until such time as this Board rendered their decision.

THE PRESIDENT said he has been advised by the Corporation Counsel by letter, that he would render no opinion on this, because the lights have been turned on.

MR. BITETTO said he believes the Park Commission's request should be denied until more facts are presented and that he thinks all of this was brought about by a case of misunderstanding.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Bitetto if he was speaking in favor of the motion. He said he was.

MR. SHANEN said he wants to state several points. First, he believes that the Parks and Recreation Committee should possibly have exercised more discretion in the way this was handled, and that the Park Commission should also have exercised a little more discretion in the way they handled the situation by impulsive action in turning the lights off and also the Mayor should have used a little more discretion when he asked that this matter be placed on a special agenda for a special meeting of the Board. He said it appears that everyone is making a big issue out of something that is a very minor, minor function of this Board. He said he believes this Board is way out when this matter has to be discussed not only in a regular meeting, but to call a special meeting over it - that it is blown up out of all proportion.

MR. SHANEN MOVED TO AMEND Mr. Kelly's motion to read that all recreational facilities that are sponsored by the Board of Recreation, there shall be no fees charged for these facilities and any outside organization - any independent outside organization, meaning the lights in Scalzi Park, should be charged a maximum fee of \$15.00 for lights on Saturdays and \$5.00 during the week.

THE PRESIDENT said he would have to rule the motion out of order for the reason that he does not know whether this Board has the power to do what his amendment proposes - that once fees are established, he does not believe the Board has the power to revoke them. He said the Board does not have the power to set fees, but to reduce or deny.

MR. SHANEN withdrew his amendment. He said he agrees with what Mr. Zezima stated previously - that the only matter before this Board is to either accept or reject the Park Commission's request to set fees.

MR. SHERMAN said he does not believe all of the facts have been presented to this Board and one method he believes would work is to reduce the cost to an understandable level. He said two baseball teams represent 18 people and the cost divided between them would be somewhere around 28¢ per man - the cost of basketball is somewhere around \$2.00 and the cost of floodlighting the baseball field is three times the cost of floodlighting the basketball court, it would be the same to floodlight all tennis courts; the wattage used for a baseball game is five times that used for the tennis courts - all of the tennis courts; and these are the factors that we must consider.

He said if this committee report is sustained and the Park Department's request rejected, you are telling the Park Commission that you have no confidence in its members and this attitude is already reflected in the resignation of one member of the Park Commission and could spread to other Boards and Commissions of this City, which have the proper jurisdiction over their given field, and would be a terrible thing in his opinion.

MR. KETCHAM said he would like to ask the speaker not to make unsubstantiated statements.

MR. SHERMAN asked if Mr. Ketcham is claiming a point of personal privilege and if so, what is the point of personal privilege.

MR. KETCHAM said he is merely stating that the speaker should not make statements which cannot be substantiated.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Sherman he could continue speaking.

MR. SHERMAN said his point is that this, an elective Board, must have confidence in the Commissions which it is directly responsible for and if it does not, then it is undermining the entire government of the city and should then take upon itself the powers and duties delegated under the Charter to those Boards and Commissions.

MR. SHERMAN said he urged that the Committee report be rejected.

MR. CONNORS said the thing he can't understand is why we are discussing this in the month of June - and why couldn't it have been brought before the Board in January and put in the regular budget and then the Board would have had three or four months to thrash it out. He said he was told the floodlighting amounts to something like \$1,700.00. He said the best way to solve the whole problem in his opinion would be to instruct the Park Commission to leave the lights on and come in and ask for an appropriation to cover the cost. He said if this is tabled tonight it will go on until July when it should have been before the Board in January instead.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Connors that no one has tabled this.

MR. KUCZO spoke on behalf of Mr. Kelly's motion. He said what we are discussing tonight are spectator sports which involves the fact that certain people derive recreational satisfaction from viewing the game.

MR. KANE rose on a point of personal privilege. He wanted to know if it is not a fact that the people who are playing the game are going to pay for it and not the spectators.

THE PRESIDENT said this is not before the Board at this time.

Several people spoke at the same time. The President called for order.

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that he has been extremely lenient in allowing speakers to rise on a point of personal privilege, but this does not cover some of the reasons why some speakers wish to speak and is not just a signal for someone to get up and start talking. He said Mr. Kuczo still has the floor.

MR. KUCZO MOVED the question.

THE PRESIDENT said he would ask that he please withdraw his motion as there are about five more people who would like to speak and in all fairness should be allowed to speak.

MR. MORRIS MOVED to TABLE this until the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Nathanson. (not debatable)

MR. SHANEN rose on a point of personal information. He said he wants to know what happens to the lights at Scalzi Park now?

THE PRESIDENT asked if there was any member of the Committee who could answer that question.

MR. CONNORS said all we have to do is suggest to the Park Commission that they ask for an appropriation.

MR. KETCHAM said he would suggest that they get the money from the same place they got it from last year.

THE PRESIDENT said he would not allow any debate, but he would try to answer questions on a point of information.

VOTE taken on TABLING by a rising vote. The vote was 19 in favor and 19 opposed.

THE PRESIDENT said he would vote in favor of tabling, changing it to 20 in favor and 18 opposed.

MR. ZEZIMA said he demanded a recount. The President asked him how he voted, as only a person who votes in favor can vote for a motion to reconsider.

MR. TRUGLIA said he would like to read a letter into the record.

THE PRESIDENT asked him if it was in regard to anything on the floor.

MR. TRUGLIA said it was in regard to the meeting.

THE PRESIDENT said only matters in the call of the meeting can be discussed.

MR. TRUGLIA said it has to do with the reasons why we are here tonight.

THE PRESIDENT asked him is he questioning the legality of the calling of this meeting, and if so, it must be done at the beginning of the meeting.

MR. TRUGLIA replied he was not questioning the legality of the call.

MR. RICH MOVED for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Lindstrom.

THE PRESIDENT called for a vote on adjournment, as there seemed to be some disagreement.

VOTE taken on adjournment by a rising vote. LOST by a vote of 13 in favor and 25 opposed.

MR. TRUGLIA said he wants to speak.

THE PRESIDENT asked him to please state what he has to say.

MR. TRUGLIA said he hasn't been given an opportunity to open his mouth.

THE PRESIDENT told him to state what he wishes to discuss.

MR. TRUGLIA said he has already stated that it is on the reason why we are here tonight.

THE PRESIDENT said that is not a proper reason - that the "Call" of the meeting states what may be debated - that one was in reference to the appointment of the Rev. Charles Sargent and the other is on the floodlighting for Scalzi Park which has been tabled, and we have now conducted the business of the meeting.

THE PRESIDENT said he had asked Mr. Truglia at the start of this meeting if he had anything further to say.

MR. TRUGLIA said he wants to say it now - that at that time he stated he would speak later in the meeting and now is the time he wants to say it.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Truglia if he wished to appeal from the ruling of the Chair and bring up something that is not on the agenda, he has that right.

MR. TRUGLIA said we are here tonight on the matter of the lighting for Scalzi Park and he wishes to speak on that particular matter.

THE PRESIDENT said if he wishes to speak on that, it has been tabled and he is clearly out of order.

MR. TRUGLIA appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT said if Mr. Truglia wishes to speak on the matter of floodlighting Scalzi Park, Mr. Morris made a motion to TABLE the matter and it is now no longer before the Board and we have accomplished the purpose of this meeting tonight.

MR. TRUGLIA said he still has not been allowed to state the exact point he wishes to discuss.

THE PRESIDENT said he had plenty of time in which to speak when the question was on the floor for discussion.

MR. TRUGLIA said the President had allowed the Majority Leader to get up and state the reasons why we are here this evening at which time his name was mentioned.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Truglia that Mr. Ketcham had been speaking on the motion as made by Mr. Kelly and now he is out of order as the matter has been settled.

MR. RUSSELL said it appears that there is a parliamentary problem here. He said he also had wanted to speak on the second part of the agenda in regard to the floodlights; however a motion was made to TABLE which takes precedence and takes the

privilege to speak on the question away from any other people who might wish to speak because the motion closes debate. He said for the reason that the matter was tabled, there is nothing new before the Board to discuss. He said the only way to bring it up again is by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

THE PRESIDENT said it is probably out of order on his part to say this, but if Mr. Truglia wishes to make a motion to suspend the rules, he will allow him to do so.

MR. MURPHY MOVED to reconsider the question of the floodlight fees at Scalzi Park.

THE PRESIDENT said he was out of order because a motion to reconsider cannot be made at the same meeting.

MR. MURPHY said "Why?"

THE PRESIDENT said it can be found in Robert's Rules of Order. He said when a motion to table has been made and passed, a motion to take it from the table cannot be made at the same meeting.

MR. SHANEN said he was one who voted possibly hastily on the motion to table. He said he would now MOVE to reconsider the motion to TABLE.

THE PRESIDENT ruled this motion out of order.

MR. SHANEN said he would then ask for a recount and SO MOVED.

THE PRESIDENT explained that a motion has been made for a recount on the motion to TABLE. Seconded, and CARRIED with one negative vote.

THE PRESIDENT said the Board will now take a new vote on Mr. Morris' motion to TABLE. He asked all those in favor of tabling to indicate by standing. The motion to TABLE failed by a vote of 12 in favor and 22 opposed, four abstentions.

THE PRESIDENT said the Board is now back to where they were before they voted on the question of tabling.

MR. SHANEN MOVED the previous question. Seconded by Mr. Sherman and CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT said the Board will now vote on Mr. Kelly's motion to reject the request of the Park Commission for fees for floodlighting Scalzi Park

MR. SHANEN MOVED for a roll call vote. Seconded and CARRIED.

THE PRESIDENT explained what is now before the Board. He said a vote of "yes" means that you are agreeing with Mr. Kelly that the fees be rejected. He said if you vote "no" then it's still puzzling.

MR. PHILPOT asked if there was any way that this Board may instruct the Park Commission not to turn off the lights, in the event the vote rejects the fees.

THE PRESIDENT said that is a question he cannot answer.

MR. KETCHAM, Majority Leader, requested a five minute recess at 9:50 P.M.

The recess was declared over at 10:15 P.M. and the members resumed their seats on the Board.

THE PRESIDENT explained the vote - that a vote of "Yes" is a vote to reject the fees and a vote of "No" is not to reject the fees


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MR. CONNORS MOVED to TABLE the matter. Seconded. A rising vote was taken. CARRIED to TABLE by a vote of 20 in favor and 16 opposed with two abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT:

MR. LINDSTROM MOVED for adjournment. Seconded and CARRIED. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P.M.


Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:


Ronald M. Schwartz, President
Board of Representatives

Note: The above meeting was not broadcast.
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