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acquisition of land for parks and recreational purposes; now, therefor, be it

Resolved, that it is hereby declared necessary by the Common Council of the City of Detroit to make the following described improvements in said City, and that the same is for the use or benefit of the public, viz.: Acquisition of land for parks and recreational purposes, and that they deem it necessary to take private property for the purpose of making such improvement, which said property is situated in area bounded by Detroit, and located in area bounded by Wabash, alley east of Vermont, Pine to Spruce Streets, and is described as follows:

Lots 71 to 102, both inclusive, and all of Lot 69, except part taken for Pine Street, of Plat of Larned Subdivision of the Lafferty Farm, as recorded in Liber 60, Pages 2 and 3 of Deeds of Wayne County Records.

And be it further resolved, that the Corporation Counsel be and he is hereby directed to institute the necessary proceedings on behalf of the City of Detroit in the Recorder's Court of the City of Detroit to carry out the object of this resolution in regard to taking private property by said City.

Approved:

WILLIAM E. DOWLING,
Corporation Counsel.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Comstock, Oakman, Rogell, Van Antwerp, and the President—6.
Nays—None.

City Plan Commission

May 15, 1947.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—In connection with our consideration of the request of Fred C. Schulze and Nellie M. Schulze and the West Side Tennis Club for special approval to use the unsubdivided property, lying northerly of Grove Avenue between Cheyenne and Littlefield Avenues and southerly of Schwass College Park Subdivision, for use as a recreational and social center, not operated for profit, our attention was directed to the fact that Cheyenne Avenue was not opened into Grove Avenue, and further that the north and south alley between Cheyenne and Littlefield Avenues and southerly of McNichols Road was dead-ended at the southerly line of Schwass College Park Subdivision.

It appeared desirable to this Commission to have an opening for the aforesaid alley provided, and also to acquire the land necessary for the westerly $\frac{1}{2}$ of Cheyenne Avenue, and we accordingly requested petitioners

to make such dedications. The petitioners acceded to our request and we are attaching hereto their quit-claim deed to the property as described above, which is more particularly shown on attached plan No. 853-1.

The City Plan Commission respectfully recommends that this deed be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. EMERY,
Planning Director-Secretary.

By Councilman Comstock:

Resolved, that the quit-claim deed of Fred C. Schulze and Nellie M. Schulze, his wife, et al., to the City of Detroit, covering property dedicated for street and alley purposes, described as "all that part of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 17, T. 1 S., R. 11 E., City of Detroit, Wayne County, Mich., more particularly described as follows: beginning at a point in the S. E. corner of lot 150 of Schwass College Park Sub. of the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 17, T. 1 S., R. 11 E., City of Detroit, Wayne County, Mich., as recorded in liber 56 of Plats, Page 12 Wayne County Records; thence southerly along a line, said line being the east line of said lot 150, extended southerly, a distance of 18 ft. to a point; thence easterly along a line 18 ft. southerly of and parallel to the south line of last mentioned sub. a distance of 125 ft. to a point in the west line, extended southerly, of Cheyenne ave., 60.02 ft. wide as now established; thence northerly along said proposed west line of Cheyenne ave. a distance of 18 ft. to a point in the S. E. corner of lot 151 of last mentioned sub. thence westerly along the south line of said sub., a distance of 125 ft. to the place of beginning, to be used for alley purposes.

Also all that part of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 17, T. 1 S., R. 11 E., City of Detroit, Wayne County, Mich., more particularly described as follows; beginning at a point in the S. E. corner of lot 151 of Schwass College Park Sub., heretofore mentioned; thence southerly along a line, said line being the westerly line of Cheyenne ave., 60.02 ft. wide as now established, a distance of 208.44 ft. to a point in the north line of Grove ave., 60 ft. wide as now established; thence easterly along said north line of Grove ave., 30.48 ft. to a point in the west line extended southerly of Cheyenne ave. 60.02 ft. wide as now established; thence northerly along a line parallel to the west line, extended southerly of Cheyenne ave. a distance of 202.13 ft. to a point; thence along a line, said line being the south line, extended easterly of lot 151 of last mentioned sub., a dis-

tance of 30 ft. to a place of beginning, to be used for street purposes."

Be and the same is hereby accepted, and the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to record said deed in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wayne County.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Comstock, Oakman, Rogell, Van Antwerp, and the President—6.
Nays—None.

Parks and Recreation

May 12, 1947.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We respectfully submit a new organization chart designed to effect a higher degree of efficiency in the operation of this department. Through this reorganization, Ground Maintenance, Forestry, and Floriculture will be brought under a Superintendent who will be responsible for both beautification and care.

The responsibility for Building and Mechanical Maintenance will be combined under one Superintendent. The chart further provides for a Superintendent of Recreation, a Director of Planning and Design, and a Director of Research and Information.

In the gathering and assembling of data for this proposed organization chart we have consulted with the staffs of both the Civil Service Commission and the Budget Bureau.

We believe this organization plan will make for greater efficiency. If your Honorable Body will approve the proposal on that basis we will initiate the necessary processes with the Civil Service Commission and the Budget Bureau for submission to you so the organization plan may be placed in effect.

Yours very truly,

J. J. CONSIDINE,
General Superintendent.

By Councilman Castator:

Resolved, that the reorganization of the Department of Parks and Recreation as outlined in the foregoing communication, be and the same is hereby approved.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Comstock, Oakman, Rogell, Van Antwerp, and the President—6.
Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

May 13, 1947.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Petition of Parker Wolverine Company, et al, (pet. No. 293) requesting the vacation of remaining portion of a north and south public

alley in block bounded by Clark, Scotten, Brandon Avenues and M. C. R. R. right-of-way was referred by your Committee of the Whole to this department for further investigation and report.

The Parker Wolverine Co. originally requested permission to construct a conveyor building across the alley in rear of their property, so as to connect their properties on both sides of said alley. It was then suggested to the petitioner that an attempt be made to obtain the approval of other owners in this block to the vacating of this alley. Such approval was obtained and the petition was amended requesting the outright vacation of said alley.

In their communication to your Honorable Body of March 26, 1946 the City Plan Commission approved and recommended said vacation.

We wish to advise that all of our investigations have been completed.

On May 9, 1947, the Parker Wolverine Company deposited the sum of \$23.31. Receipt No. 55814, credited to Public Works Maintenance Fund, Code No. 143-6221-1, to reimburse the City of Detroit for the original cost of paving the east and west public alley at the intersection of the alley requested to be vacated.

We are in receipt of satisfactory agreements executed by the owners in fee of the property abutting the alley requested to be vacated, granting the City of Detroit easement right to said alley to protect the City's interests in the lateral sewer located therein. These agreements were approved by the City Engineer as to description and by the Corporation Counsel as to form and execution.

All other City departments and private utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the proposed vacation, or that they have reached satisfactory agreements with the petitioners regarding their installations therein.

In view of the above, we recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST JONES,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, that all that part of north and south public alley, 10 and 20 feet wide, in block bounded by Clark, Scotten, Brandon Avenues and the M. C. R. R. right-of-way, more particularly described as all of said 10 and 20 foot north and south public alley as platted in Scotten and Lovett's Resubdivision of all that part of P. C. 583, lying north of the Dix Road and south of the M. C. R. R. Springwells, Wayne County, Michigan, T. 2 S., R. 11 E., as recorded in Liber 5 of plats, Page 42, Wayne County