

Heretofore, such investigations were made only when the Smoke Abatement Bureau reported violations. (See attached letters.)

Interviews with residents in the area further revealed that a major source of complaint is fly-ash and cinders from the remaining steam engines. There is no known method for stopping (or reducing) the emission of fly-ash and cinders from the type of coal-fired steam engines that are in service in this area. There are extensive studies being made on this subject which this Bureau is following with interest, so that if a practical solution results, these corrective measures will be applied here.

We also attach the minutes of the railroad committee on smoke abatement for your perusal.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH P. WOLFF,
Commissioner.

Received and placed on file.

Buildings and Safety Engineering
April 18, 1949.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—As per request of your Honorable Body, a survey has been made of the railroad smoke abatement requirements and standards in all U. S. cities of 500,000 population or greater. Only San Francisco failed to furnish its ordinance to date.

The smoke allowed in each city is summarized in the attached table. It is evident that Detroit's ordinance is stricter than any other; i. e., it allows fewer minutes of low-density smoke emission.

None of the cities' ordinances as submitted ban coal-fired switch engines.

Detroit's system of allowing the railroads to discipline their own firemen and engineers for initial smoke violations before the Bureau resorts to court action seems to parallel the procedure in many other cities.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH P. WOLFF,
Commissioner.

RAYMOND J. KELLY,
Corporation Counsel.

Received and placed on file.

Board of Education

January 16, 1949.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—At its meeting on January 13, 1948, the Board of Education directed that your Honorable Body be requested to close Rosemont Avenue, where it crosses the Everett School Site, between Dover and Cathedral Avenues.

Your Honorable Body has heretofore approved the closing of Faust

and Penrod avenues, and the alleys east of those streets, between Dover and Cathedral Avenues, intersecting this school site. At that time all public utilities affected by the closing of these streets and of Rosemont Avenue, were satisfactorily adjusted with the city departments.

Very truly yours
EDWARD M. LANE,
Secretary

Department of Public Works

April 18, 1949.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are returning herewith petition of the Board of Education requesting the vacation of Rosemont Avenue, between Dover and Cathedral Aves., and the vacation of the alley east of Rosemont and south of Cathedral Avenues.

The vacation of said street and alley was approved and recommended by the City Plan Commission in their communication to your Honorable Body of February 3, 1949. The petition was then referred to this office by your Committee of the Whole for investigation and report.

Please be advised that all of our investigations have been completed.

As per our directive, on April 11, 1949, the Board of Education issued a purchase order to the City of Detroit, No. 84649, in the amount of \$415.00 to be credited to Fire Department Fund Code No. 106-9400-0, covering the cost of relocating a fire hydrant from the northeast to the southeast corner of Rosemont and Dover Avenues.

A satisfactory right of way for the maintenance of a water main in Rosemont Avenue is reserved for the Department of Water Supply in the vacating resolution.

All other City departments and privately owned utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the vacation of the street and alley.

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

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS C. HANSON,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Kronk:

Resolved, That all of Rosemont Avenue, 60 feet wide, between Dover and Cathedral Avenues, as platted in Dana Park, a subdivision of the S. E. 1/4 of the S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 35, T. 1 S., R. 10 E., City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 57 of plats, Page 91, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining the east line of lot 155, east of and adjoining the east line of the alley south of Cathedral and west of Rosemont, east of and adjoining the east line of lots 158 to 169, both in-

clusive, west of and adjoining the west line of lot 154, west of and adjoining the west line of the alley south of Cathedral Avenue and east of Rosemont Avenue, and west of and adjoining the west line of lots 140 to 151, both inclusive, all lots being the same as platted in last mentioned subdivision;

Also, all that part of east and west public alley south of Cathedral Avenue and east of Rosemont Avenue, as platted in Dana Park Subdivision, heretofore mentioned, lying north of and adjoining the north line of lot 151 and south of and adjoining the south line of lots 153, 154 and the west 35 feet of lot 152, all lots being the same as platted in last mentioned subdivision;

And the same are hereby vacated as a public street and alley to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property subject to the following provisions, reservations and regulations:

1) An easement or right of way is hereby reserved to the Department of Water Supply over the east 30 feet of said vacated Rosemont Avenue for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, removing or replacing the presently installed water main or its appurtenances;

2) No buildings or structures of any nature whatsoever shall be built upon said right of way or any part thereof, so that said right of way shall be forever of easy access for the purposes named above.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Connor, Edgecomb, Garlick, Kronk, Miriani, Oakman, Smith and the President—8.
Nays—None.

Parks and Recreation

April 23, 1949.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Reference is made to the Cathedral-Westwood Site No. 134 which this Department recommended to your Honorable Body on March 23 be deleted from the Master Plan.

Pursuant to your directive of April 13th that the Department of Parks and Recreation and the City Plan Commission confer to determine if an agreement could be reached on retaining or deleting this playground I wish to report I appeared before the City Plan Commission on April 21st and reiterated the Department's former stand that this playground be deleted. The City Plan Commission informed me that they would take the matter under advisement.

In this connection and in conformity with your directive of April 20th I wish to bring to the attention of your Honorable Body that we are endeavoring to correlate our plan-

ning with that of private owners in the acquisition of land for recreational purposes. That special why we take the stand that the ground space at the St. Joseph School, the use of which has been assured by the Church, will be available indefinitely, will be for the area planned to be vacated by the Cathedral-Westwood ground.

I wish, further, to bring to the attention of the Common Council an attached list of private properties which have been currently used by the Department for recreational purposes or have been conditioned by the Department for recreational use.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. CONSIDINE,
General Superintendent.

CITY OF DETROIT DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Private or Institutional Properties Under the Supervision of the Department for Recreational Use Where Department Has Conditioned for Use:

- Property of State, East of State Fair Grounds.
- McCabe Field, Boston and Petoskey.
- Third near Stimson—Private.
- State Fair and Gratiot, Saratoga Hospital.
- Von Steuben School Playground.
- State Property on Linwood south of Fenkell.
- Property of the Archdiocese at Mound and Casmere.
- Canyon and Chester Church Property.
- University of Detroit, Florence and Holmur.
- Wabash south of Warren.
- Bayside Recreation Center, U.A.W.-C.I.O.
- Burlingame and Prairie, Baptist Church.
- Longview and Chalmers, St. Juliana's Church.
- Solvay and Melville, the Green Estate.
- Brooklyn and Sixth, Detroit Housing Property.
- Temple and Fifth, Detroit Housing Property.
- Mt. Vernon's Boys' Club, Fire Department.
- Cardoni and Lynn, Detroit Housing Property.
- Emerson Homes, Detroit Housing Property.
- Catallo Homes, Detroit Housing Property.
- Fisher Homes, Detroit Housing Property.
- Herman Gardens, Detroit Housing Property.
- Parkside, Detroit Housing Property.
- Moseley Homes, Detroit Housing Property.
- Ebenezer Church, Willis and Broad.