

Engineer's Report

to the

Band Stand Committee

and to

The Board of Park Management

as to the

Best Location

of the

New Shell Bandstand;

The suggested alterations

and

the proposed improvements
to Victoria Park.

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To the Band Stand Committee
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Gentlemen:

Acting on the request of the chairman of the Board of Parks Management, I have prepared a sketch of a portion of Victoria Park showing the most advantageous location for the proposed shell band stand and the alterations and improvements that will be necessary should the bandstand be located as I have indicated.

In this my report to you, I will attempt to give a summary of the reasons for choosing this site.

The first point to consider is to have the building so located that the maximum area of the park will be covered by the sound waves. On my sketch the red shading lines illustrate this.

The next point taken into consideration is the visibility of the stand from the park entrances. In this location the stand will be in full view of the McGill Street entrance, Church Street entrance and the Arlington property should a new entrance be made at this point. There is however a very small area immediately north of the row of trees, from which the visibility of the stand would be poor. This can be partially eliminated by removing three to four trees nearest to the stand. Other trees may be trimmed if it was thought necessary. The trees will have no effect on the passage of the sound waves.

The stand, located in this position would not be favoring some particular individual or party, but would serve the general public to the best advantage.

The view of the lake from the north would not be blocked a great deal more than at present. A grove of trees are at present located immediately to the rear of the site.

The stand located in this position should not detract from the commercial value of the Pavilion.

I communicated with Fire Chief Turpin as to the fire hazard that ~~may be~~ created by having the stand located here. He recommended a space of sixty feet be ~~placed~~ kept between buildings. A hydrant fed by a six inch water main is located some 350 feet from the site. Taking other factors into consideration I decided on 45 feet clearance between buildings.

This site should not affect the sports playground immediately to the east of the pavilion.

Should the stand be located as indicated on the sketch, it will be necessary to close that part of Perry Street in front of the stand. The kinders may easily be removed, ~~the~~ ground graded and sodded or seeded.

The closing of this street brings additional problems to be considered. Parking space for the pavilion patrons ~~with~~ would have to be provided for; provision would have to be made for cars on the hill street to turn about. The solution to these problems is clearly pictured for

you on the attached sketch. The binders, now on Perry Street, may be dumped on the sand at the end of Mc Gill Street to form a traffic turn about. They may also be used to increase the parking area along Mc Gill Street.

I would further recommend that on Mc Gill Street, Queen Street and Church Street ~~from~~ these roadways be widened; the deep ditches be filled and replaced by shallow gutters and that ample provision be made for both traffic and the parking of cars along these streets.

These, gentlemen are the points as I see them for you to consider, and I trust that this is a solution to your problem of bond stand location.

Thanking you for the privilege and honor of serving you, I am,

your humble servant
Percy L. Collins.