

City Council



Calendars

Your City Government And What It Is Doing

City Council Pledges Support To Harbor Project; Further Extension of All Night Street Lighting Considered.

The proposed Highland Park harbor project which has not been in the public eye for some time was once again brought into the limelight at Monday evening's council meeting. This interesting and important subject as far as Highland Park is concerned was introduced by Commissioner Bowes who in turn called upon Major Rufus Putnam to further explain it to the council.

As readers of THE PRESS will recall, the Highland Park harbor project is an outgrowth of a survey conducted by the War Department in an effort to provide suitable refuges for small boats along the shores of the Great Lakes. After an exhaustive study eight possible spots on Lake Michigan were selected for further consideration. Highland Park was the only site in Illinois to get on this preferred list.

Park Front place at the foot of Park avenue was chosen as the most likely spot available for harbor purposes in this area. Preliminary plans called for an outer breakwater of crushed rock enclosing some 14 to 15 acres of water. An inner harbor with berths for boats and fueling facilities was also included in the plans. The whole project, including dredging called for the expenditure of some \$450,000. Major Putnam pointed out that the government, if the plan was approved by Congress, expected the regional and local areas where these harbors were constructed to contribute in some way, either by funds or service, towards defraying the expenses of their installation.

In line with this thought Commissioner Bowes read a motion to the council pledging the city's support to the project and as its part in helping the cause along would grant the necessary easements over city owned property and would see that the intake pipes of the water plant would be lowered or changed in some way as to remove all obstructions that would interfere with the operation of this area as a harbor.

Major Putnam intimated that the immediate granting by Congress of sufficient funds to construct these harbors was rather remote since all the money usually flowing through these channels has been diverted to the national defense program. However, he stated that it would be well for the community to be in a position to present a sound case to the government when the time for ultimate action arrived.

Major Putnam has been retained by a group of men in this area interested in the harbor project to direct and advise it in its efforts to bring this much sought after improvement to the city. Included in this group are: Leo J. Sheridan, Milton Stei, William Babcock and Duncan Hodges of Lake Forest.

The all night operation of the overhanging street lights in the city has worked out so well that the conversion of the ornamental type of light in the Deere Park and similiar areas to this plan is being considered by the council. Commissioner Swanson stated that a survey of the ornamental type lights conducted by the Public Service company revealed that if 31 of the 64 lights of this type were serviced with 100 watt instead of 250 watt bulbs they could be left on all night and the city would save \$50 on its annual light bill. In order to provide ample illumination at street intersections the plan calls for leaving the 250 watt bulbs in at these spots.

Some of the members of the council were uncertain as to the attitude of the majority of the residents in these areas to the proposed change. In order to give all concerned a chance to express their opinions on the subject final action was deferred until the council's next meeting.

To assist the present committee working on revision of the city code the mayor announced the addition of several members. Those added included, Norman J. Schlossman, Raymond W. Flinn, William D. Mann, Leonard E. Dunlap and John S. Van Bergen.

City Clerk Musser read a letter from the Briargate Community club asking the council's cooperation in getting a stop light installed at the corner of Berkeley road and Skokie boulevard. The communication stated that this crossing was one of the most dangerous in the city and was particularly hazardous as far as children going to and from school was concerned. In answer to the letter Commissioner Swanson stated that the city had already advised the State Department of Highways of this situation and made a motion to the effect that the city take further action in bringing pressure to bear on the state for the installation of this light.

Commissioner Bowes reported that a survey conducted by City Engineer Cole revealed that the sidewalks on Central Ave., west of the tracks had been repaired by the railroads and that similar repair work east of the tracks was scheduled for next Spring. Replacement of the sidewalks on Roger Williams Ave., is awaiting approval of the North Shore railroad.

During the past fortnight numerous complaints have been received by the street department over the icy condition of the sidewalks. As it is next to impossible for the street department to remove all the ice and snow it appears to this writer that an educational campaign to persuade the home owner to do this work is in order.

Highland Park Events for Coming Week

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12—

- 10:00 a.m.—Creative Writing Class at YWCA.
- 12:15 p.m.—Lions Club Meeting—Sunset Valley Club.
- 2:00 p.m.—D.A.R. Regular Meeting.
- 7:00 p.m.—Chess Club, Community Center.
- 7:30 p.m.—Special Meeting A. O. Fay Lodge, Masonic Temple.
- 8:00 p.m.—American Legion, Legion Hall.
- 8:00 p.m.—Young Men's Club, Highland Park Community Center.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13—

- 10:00-4:30—Red Cross Meeting, Trinity Church Parish House.
- 2:00 p.m.—Ravinia Garden Club (Mrs. Oliver Turner, hostess).
- 7:45 p.m.—Scout Leaders Christmas Party, H. P. Community Center.
- 8:00 p.m.—Rifle and Pistol Club.
- 8:00 p.m.—Community Orchestra, Community Center.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15—

- 3:30 p.m.—High School Concert, High School Auditorium.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16—

- 12:15 p.m.—Rotary Club Luncheon, Sunset Valley.
- 4:00 p.m.—Boys-Girls Stamp Club Community Center.
- 6:30 p.m.—Kiwanis Club Dinner.
- 7:30 p.m.—C.A.R. Board Meeting.
- 8:00 p.m.—City Council.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17—

- 2:00 p.m.—Highland Park Woman's Club Xmas Party, Club House.
- 8:00 p.m.—Community Choral Club, Community Center.
- 8:00 p.m.—Briargate Community Club.
- 8:30 p.m.—Highland Park Elks, Elks Hall.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18—

- 8:50 a.m.—High School Christmas Play, High School.
- 10:30 a.m.—League of Women Voters Board, YWCA.
- 1:15 p.m.—League of Women Voters Board Lunch.
- 2:30 p.m.—Highland Park Music Club, Glencoe Union Church.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19—

- 12:15 p.m.—Lions Club, Sunset Valley Club.
- 3:30 p.m.—Presbyterian Church Children's Party.
- 7:00 p.m.—Chess Club, Community Center.
- 7:30 p.m.—Ravinia P.T.A. Christmas Carols.
- 7:30 p.m.—A. O. Fay Installation of Officers, Masonic Temple.
- 8:00 p.m.—Elm Place School Christmas Play.
- 8:00 p.m.—American Legion, Legion Hall.

Deerfield Events for Coming Week

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13—

- 7:45 p.m.—Bethlehem Church Choir.
- 9:00 p.m.—Bowling League.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16—

- 3:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Troop 1.
- 7:00 p.m.—Businessmen's Bowling League.
- 7:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts, Troop 2.
- 8:00 p.m.—American Legion Auxiliary Meeting.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17—

- 7:00 p.m.—Women's Bowling League.
- 8:00 p.m.—Holy Cross Service.
- 8:00 p.m.—Stagers.
- 8:00 p.m.—Masonic Lodge.
- 8:00 p.m.—Townsend Club.
- 8:30 p.m.—Holy Cross Choir.
- 9:00 p.m.—Chamber of Commerce Bowling League.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18—

- 7:30 p.m.—St. Paul's Choir.
- 8:00 p.m.—Presbyterian Choir.
- 8:00 p.m.—Bethlehem Mid-week Service.
- 8:00 p.m.—Badminton.
- 9:00 p.m.—Chamber of Commerce Bowling League.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19—

- 12:15 p.m.—Rotary Club Meeting.
- 1:00 p.m.—Presbyterian Woman's Association Christmas Program.
- 8:00 p.m.—Presbyterian Young People's Club.
- 8:00 p.m.—Royal Neighbors Meeting.
- 8:00 p.m.—Order of Eastern Star Meeting.