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RENT SOLDIERS' FIELD FOR SKI RUNS IN WINTER

Artificial Snow Will Cover Stands

A concession to operate a snow bowl for skiing in the heart of Chicago was granted by park district commissioners yesterday.

They issued a five year permit for Winter Wonderland, Inc., to cover the arena of Soldiers' field and the seats around it with 26 inches of man made snow from mid-December thru March.

Soldiers' field always has been idle during these months. Erwin Weiner, park district special services director, said in recommending the project.

To Use Spray Method

The ski promotion is headed by Alty Oscar A. Brotman, 41, of 3466 Lake Shore dr. He said the snow would be formed by spraying a fine mist of water and compressed air. Snow making will be done at nights, when temperature generally drops below freezing.

There will be four to six rope tows to carry skiers to the top of the 60 foot high stadium. The ski slopes will descend about 150 feet at a 22 degree angle. There also will be four toboggan slides.

Brotman said admission will cost \$1 per person. Skis, boots, and poles will rent for \$4. Snow making and skiing equipment will call for a \$100,000 investment, he said.

Rent \$10,000 per Year

The permit calls for the corporation to pay \$10,000 a year to the park district, or 10 per cent of gross receipts if this sum is larger. Either party may cancel the contract on six months' notice.

The National Ski association reports that 50,000 skiers live in the Chicago area.

Brotman also heads the Tower Cabana club, which runs a swimming pool in summer and an artificial ice rink in winter on land leased from the sanitary district at 3209 Peterson av.

Eye Shorter Police Week

The commissioners also directed Police Chief George Otletwis to study the feasibility of putting park policemen on a 40 hour work week by Sept. 1, when city police are scheduled to make a similar change. Park policemen now work 44 hours a week.

In another action, the park commissioners agreed to discuss a proposal by Walter Wolfner, managing director of the Chicago Cardinal Football club, to open the 5,000 auto parking lot south of Soldiers' field to Cardinal football fans. The fans would be shuttled by bus to games at Comiskey park.