

PLAN TO CALL IN 1 MILLION OF PARK BONDS

Park district commissioners Tuesday authorized the retirement of a million dollars in revenue bonds for the Grant park underground garage on Sept. 1, more than two years ahead of the scheduled retirement date.

James Gately, president of the park board, said heavy patronage by motorists and good management by the district's staff, headed by Henry G. Kramer, make possible the early call.

He predicted that the district will retire the entire \$8,300,000 garage bond issue in 20 to 22 years, instead of the originally scheduled 30 years.

Mooring Survey Ordered

This lump sum retirement is in addition to the normal \$120,000 a year retirement sum and the \$720,000 reserve fund prescribed by the terms of the bond issue.

Gately ordered David Weiner, the parks' special services director, to survey the number of out of towners who have mooring permits in the lake front yacht harbors, after Commissioner John McGuane said that a July 4 check showed that many persons not residing in the city have slips in Belmont harbor.

"We are now at the point where we lack adequate recreational room for Chicago residents," McGuane said.

Weiner said he has been advised by park attorneys that under the state law the district must issue permits to anyone in Illinois who applies.

Dedicate New Lights

The district announced that the park board and Mayor Daley will lead a delegation of civic officials in the dedication of new mercury vapor lights along Garfield boulevard in ceremonies on July 17 in Sherman park.

Plans for the formation of a Chicago Planetarium society to obtain industrial and scientific backing for the planetarium were disclosed when the board approved issuing free admission passes to members of the society. Robert Adler, a trustee of the museum, said that plans and backers of the society will be disclosed in the fall.

Oscar Brotman, operator of the Winter Wonderland at Soldiers' field last winter, declined to pick up his option to operate skiing and tobogganing facilities at the field next winter. Park officials attributed Brotman's cancellation to Chicagoans' lack of interest in lake front winter sports accommodations.