

Columbus Monument Goes to Onondaga Park

Topmost Peak Is Approved For Memorial

Ciciarelli Accepts Site on
Behalf of Syracuse
Association

Closes Controversy
Decision Is Reached at
Special Meeting in
City Hall

The long drawn out controversy over a site for the proposed new Columbus monument was terminated today with the selection of Onondaga Park as the place where the memorial is to be erected.

The Planning, Parks and Recreation Commission chose the new site at a special meeting at the City Hall at noon today.

It was revealed after the commission meeting that Mayor Rolland B. Marvin previously had interviewed John G. Ciciarelli, president of the Columbus Memorial Association, Inc., and that the Onondaga Park site was approved by him on behalf of the association.

John W. Barnell, chairman of the monument building committee, said that erection of the memorial will be started as soon as the new site is formally approved by the association.

The monument, under the terms of the program adopted today, will occupy the topmost point in Onondaga Park and will be visible within a radius of several miles.

The pinnacle on which it is to stand is just west of the all-weather tennis courts. A roadway circles the mound on which the monument is to stand.

Agreement on Onondaga Park as the site for the monument ended a controversy extending over several weeks.

The climax in the fight was reached after the commission had decided to have the Columbus monument erected on the site of the Hamilton White monument in Fayette Park, the White memorial to be moved to the east end of the park.

An uproar greeted the proposal, the sponsors of the White monument coming out unqualifiedly against moving the memorial to the former chief and hero of the Syracuse Fire Department.

Mayor Marvin stepped in and ordered the program scrapped. The commission rescinded the resolution and chose the center of Fayette Park. That site was turned down and the mayor then directed a survey for a new site which led to a decision in favor of Onondaga Park.

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