

be awarded to the owner or occupant of any lot or parcel of ground which will sustain damages, and any lot or parcel of ground which will be benefited; they shall meet at the time and place mentioned in said notice, and within three days, inclusive of the day of meeting, shall determine the amount of damages to be awarded to all owners and occupants, and the amount of benefit assessed to any lot or parcel of ground, and transmit their decision, with the explanatory map, to the clerk of the mayor and council, who shall file the same and record such decision in a book to be kept for that purpose.

1884, ch. 58.

186. After the filing of the explanatory map and decision of the board of street commissioners, the mayor and council may order and direct the said street, lane, alley, square, highway, water-course or drain so laid out, opened, extended, widened, straightened or closed up, to be established or closed up, as the case may be.

Ibid.

187. If any person or corporation to whom any damages have been awarded, or against whom any benefits have been assessed, shall feel aggrieved by the decision of the board of street commissioners, he shall have the right of appeal to the circuit court for Washington county; provided, written notice of an intention to appeal be served upon the mayor or one of the councilmen within ten days after the said decision shall have been filed; and the same proceedings shall be had on such appeal as in cases of appeals from the judgment of justices of the peace; provided, nevertheless, that the mayor and council shall not be compelled to accept the decision of the board of street commissioners, or the judgment of the circuit court for Washington county, but may decline to lay out, open, extend, widen, or straighten or close up any street, lane, alley, square, highway, water-course or drain; and in case of such refusal by the mayor and council, all costs incurred shall be paid by the mayor and council.

Ibid.

188. All benefits assessed against any lot or parcel of ground (or the owner or occupant thereof) shall be a lien against said lot or parcel of ground from the time the mayor and council shall