

land, but the returns thereof shall be made to Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County; all residents of said village of Northwest Park for six months previous to said election, and over the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible to vote at such election; said election shall be conducted by three judges of election and two clerks, to be appointed by said committee, who shall serve without pay; and the polls of said election shall be open from seven o'clock A. M., to nine o'clock P. M., on the last Monday in March as hereinbefore provided. Nothing herein shall be construed to exclude women as qualified in this section from voting, or holding office.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That said Northwest Park Citizens' Committee is empowered to grade, pave, macadamize, or otherwise improve any existing street, road, or lane, which has been or which may be acquired and open for public use, and to lay sidewalks and curbs thereon, and after determining the character of such improvements and the cost thereof the Board of County Commissioners shall upon written notice from said Citizens' Committee assess the cost of said grading, paving, macadamizing, or improving, against the property abutting on said street, road, lane, or sidewalk, in proportion to the frontage of said abutting property on the same; provided, that before any contract for work shall be entered into, or obligation with respect thereto incurred, 10 days' notice in writing shall be served upon the owners of said abutting property; or in the case of non-residents, mailed to their last known postoffice address, giving notice of the time and place upon which a hearing upon said proposed work will be held such hearing to be had before said Northwest Park Citizens' Committee, who shall decide the matters properly before them. Any party affected by the final decision of said Northwest Park Citizens' Committee, made after such hearing, shall have the right of appeal therefrom within ten days to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County; and provided further, that upon the petition of two-thirds of the resident property owners residing upon any streets, roads, or lanes, for the grading, paving, macadamizing, or other improvement of such streets, roads, or lanes, under the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of the said Northwest Park Citizens' Committee to make the assessments against the abutting property owners to provide the funds for the necessary work or construction to be done, in accordance with the provisions hereinbefore set forth. Any tax so assessed as above provided in this sec-