



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18 May, 1977

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 10:45
PLACE: Canal House, 25 Calhoun Street,
Trenton, N.J.
DATE: Wednesday, 18 May, 1977

ATTENDING:

COMMISSION: Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Jones, Mr. Sayen,
and Mr. Hamilton

Staff: Mr. Amon and Mrs. Max
DEP: Mr. Alfred Guido, Acting Director,
Division of Parks and Forestry
Mr. Michael Galley, Chief, Bureau of
Water Facility Operations

ABSENT: Mr. Burns, Mr. Torpey, Mr. Jessen,
Mayor Holland, Ms. Wilson

Due to the lack of a quorum needed for a formal meeting, informal discussions were held on the Canal Park development projects. Mr. Amon opened the discussion by suggesting that the Commission should now begin to provide more detailed plans to build upon the conceptual framework of the Master Plan.

Mr. Guido stated that he felt the single most important thing the Commission could do would be to give suggestions for projects and fix an order of priority. Conceptual ideas should be recommended by the Commission, leaving detailed planning to the Division of Parks. He defined a "conceptual idea" as delineating an area and stating its proposed uses.

Mr. Sayen asked if general funds were available for cosmetic work on park areas so that the public could have current use of the canal. Mr. Kirkland explained that supervision was necessary if

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James C. Amon	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	Bruce A. Hamilton	Arthur J. Holland	Frank J. Torpey
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general funds were to be used and that, at the present time, supervision was not available.

Mr. Guido stated the priority for his department would be to establish a maintenance and administrative facility on the six-mile run property, so as to have control at both ends of the canal and to eliminate travel time.

Mr. Galley mentioned that an area of priority for the Bureau of Water Facility Operations was to demonstrate to the people whose water supply depends on the canal that a program is being established to rehabilitate the canal. One area to be dredged regularly is in Stockton and an access point will be needed to enter the area for dredging. The access point could thereafter be used for recreation.

Mr. Guido stated that coordination is necessary between these two departments and Mr. Amon agreed to clear all plans with Mr. Galley and Mr. Guido to insure harmony.

Mr. Jones introduced the idea of having an "in-house" employee design the proposals and submit them to Mr. Amon. It was generally agreed that rather than do this, Mr. Amon would do the preliminary sketches, and each department would be responsible for the more detailed planning.

Mr. Guido said that by August or September, the staff of the Division of Parks and Forestry will have copies of completely detailed plans plus cost estimates ready for Mr. Amon. He will then need a significant block of time at one of the meetings so that he and his staff can present plans, sketches, and maps for informal discussion. The plans will subsequently be revised and resubmitted for approval.

The subject of the Princeton Basin project was introduced by Mr. Sayen. He explained that after years of work on the proposed Alexander Road park, the Princeton Township Council has shelved the plan. He asked for recommendations from the Commission regarding this problem. Mr. Guido suggested that Mr. Sayen review the township's applications for Federal and State monies. If the township is not living up to its commitments, Mr. Sayen may elect to make a citizen's complaint to the State. The State has the option to recall the funds.

Mr. Guido was asked if he would agree to utilize the Design Vocabulary Booklet and he responded that he would, as long as it is compatible with the rest of the State Park.

Mr. Galley mentioned that Federal funds have recently been made available through E.P.A. and that, possibly, they could be used for a pilot program on how best to remove silt from the canal without damaging the canal and its environment.

Mr. Amon closed the meeting by asking the Commission members to notify him by memo of any projects they would like to have included.