



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 1 AUGUST 1978

TIME: 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.
 PLACE: The Canal House, 25 Calhoun Street
 Trenton, New Jersey
 DATE: ~~Wednesday, 19 July 1978~~
 Tuesday, 1 August
 ATTENDING:
 COMMISSIONERS: Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Sayen, Mr. Sinclair,
 Mr. Jessen, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Jones,
 Mayor Holland
 STAFF: Mr. Amon, Mrs. Max
 DEP: Mr. Chase, Bureau of Water Facility Operations
 Mr. Stokes, Green Acres
 DAG: Mr. Gray
 GUESTS: Mrs. Goldbeck } Franklin Township
 Mrs. Post }
 Mrs. Bayless } Lawrence Township
 Mrs. Linker }

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Chairman Kirkland called the meeting to order and stated that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Law had been properly met for the meeting of the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission on 1 August 1978.

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Sayen to accept the minutes of the 19 July meeting. The motion was carried without dissent.

Mr. Kirkland suggested that each Commissioner submit a resumé to Mr. Amon in preparation for the public hearings.

Old Business

Letter to Commissioner O'Hern

Mr. Sinclair reported that he will be responsible for the response and that the Commissioner will address the problem of canal

EXECUTIVE	COMMISSIONERS					
DIRECTOR	Benjamin B. Kirkland	Martin D. Jessen	Donald B. Jones	Daniel J. O'Hern	Joseph H. Burns	James C. Sayen
James C. Amon	Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Treasurer	Bruce A. Hamilton	Arthur J. Holland	Frank J. Torpey

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Brendan Byrne, Governor Daniel J. O'Hern, Commissioner

maintenance.

Bikeway Proposals

A. Battle Monument to Washington Crossing

Mr. Stokes explained that Green Acres had received pre-application acceptance for this project from the federal government. The project is eligible for 90% federal funding.

Trenton area residents have complained vigorously about this bikeway passing near their property and thereby increasing the possibility of vandalism.

Mr. Kirkland recommended inviting representatives from the citizen group to attend a Commission meeting for dialogue on the matter. Mr. Hamilton asked that Green Acres first submit several designs for the bikeway.

One of the designs should include the possibility of rerouting the bikeway to the other side of the canal, away from the residents.

Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Sayen and Mr. Kirkland volunteered to look at the site following today's meeting.

Mr. Stokes agreed to prepare several designs, but said that these could not be ready for approximately one year.

B. Bordentown to Roebling Park Bikeway

The bikeway has received the endorsements of county Freeholders and neighboring municipalities.

Mr. Amon asked if the Commissioners desired to change any portion of the bikeway report before it was forwarded to the D.O.T.

Mr. Sayen suggested the addition of a phrase to this effect:
obtain maximum landscaping as the D.O.T. proceeds with the construction of the highway and bikepath.

REVIEW ZONE REGULATIONS

Mr. Amon presented two maps of the review zone:

Map #1 - to show zones A & B

Map #2 - to show streams which do and do not surface in the Canal Park. This map will effectively point out which areas will be affected by regulations regarding quantity and quality.

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Sayen that the Commission will be concerned with both quantity and quality for all streams on the map. Mr. Sinclair moved to amend the motion: in cases where there is no history of exchange of waters with the canal, the Commission will not be concerned with quality. The amendment to the motion was seconded by Mr. Jessen and carried unanimously. The motion with the amendment was voted upon and carried without dissent. Mr. Amon was directed to redraw the map with lines which would exclude the municipalities of Roosevelt and Manalapan.

Schedule of Fees

Mr. Kirkland appointed a committee to investigate fee schedules and present one to the Commission. Mr. Jones will head the committee; Mr. Sayen and Mr. Torpey will serve as members.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon stated that heirs of a Trenton estate have offered to give to the Canal Park two parcels of land situated between the Battle Monument and the canal. If the Canal Commission does not want the land, it will be offered to the City of Trenton. Industrial buildings exist on the property and while it may not be presently desirable to the Commission, Mr. Jessen believed it could be a future asset. Mayor Holland said he would investigate and report to the Commission. No action was taken.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon recommended approval of the following; Niece Lumber Company lease and Lawrence Historical Society lease of the Port Mercer Canal House. The Lawrence Historical Society lease is long-term and obligates the Society to restore and improve the property.

It was moved by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Jessen to approve both leases. The motion was carried unanimously.

[Mayor Holland left the meeting]

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Post and Mrs. Goldbeck brought maps of Franklin Township and pointed out 3 areas where large apartment complexes will be constructed. Since run-off from these constructions will eventually drain into the proposed Six-Mile-Run Reservoir and since the area will be part of the review zone, Mrs. Post asked if the Commission could take action. The Commissioners explained that this would not be possible because the review zone is not yet in operation. It was also mentioned that even if the Commission's review authority were in existence, it would only be concerned with the adequacy of the detention basins. All other design features would be reviewed by the municipal agency.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.