



MINUTES OF MEETING 15 MAY 1979

TIME: 12 noon - 4:20 p.m.
 PLACE: The Meadows
 Van Wickle House
 Franklin Township
 DATE: Tuesday, 15 May 1979

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Sayen, Hamilton,
 Torpey, Sinclair, and Jones

STAFF: Mr. Amon, Ms. Mahoney

DEP: Mr. Myers, Mr. Wilson, Bureau of Water
 Facilities Operations

DAG: Mr. Gray

GUESTS: Gen. Whipple, consultant
 Mr. Kling, Mr. Baxter, Stony Brook Sewerage
 Authority
 Mr. Eden, Mr. Lubieniecki, Rutgers students

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Mr. 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 15 May 1979.

It was moved by Mr. Sayen and seconded by Mr. Jessen to thank Dr. Hamilton for the suggestion and preparation to meet at the Meadows. The motion was carried unanimously.

RUTGERS PROJECT

Dr. Hamilton introduced two Rutgers University students, Allen Eden and Ed Lubieniecki, who presented their study of the segment of the canal along Easton Avenue from Interstate 287 to Landing Lane. Four topics were covered in the study: topography, land use, visual analysis, and a conceptual development

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

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plan. Primary interest of the study group is in recreational development closer to suburban development. Their suggestion for more detailed study of recreational development potential was met with enthusiasm by the Commission.

Mr. Kirkland thanked the guests for their presentation.

It was moved by Mr. Sinclair and seconded by Dr. Hamilton to approve the minutes of the 17 April 1979 meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Stony Brook Sewerage Authority Mr. Kirkland welcomed Mr. Kling from the Stony Brook Sewerage Authority and Mr. Baxter from Metcalf and Eddy, the consulting engineers. Mr. Amon prefaced the discussion with an explanation that the Stony Brook Sewerage Authority had obtained permission to cross under the canal in two locations. The area of concern is the replacement of rip-rapping along the canal. Mr. Amon pointed out that the contract with Stony Brook Sewerage Authority stated that rip-rapping was to be replaced to restore the canal to authentic condition, not the condition found by the sewerage authority before the project was started.

The area in question consists of four banks, approximately 80 feet each, with rip-rapping 4 feet high and 1 foot thick.

Mr. Kling stated he did not see how the rip-rapping could be replaced historically because the original stone used is quite difficult to obtain now; however, the Stony Brook Sewerage Authority did intend to replace the rip-rap.

Mr. Jessen noted that the Commission was not so much concerned with the type of stone used as much as having the rip-rap replaced to protect the canal using stones large enough to prevent vandalism and to have an appearance similar to the original wall.

Mr. Amon commented that the canal is a state and federally registered historic site, therefore some attention must be paid to the historical aspect as well as the construction of the rip-rapping.

Mr. Jones suggested that the replacement stone be purchased from the Delaware Quarry in Lumberville, Pennsylvania. The quarry carries the type of stone originally used on the canal.

It was suggested by Mr. Baxter that the Commission inspect the rip-rapping at Heathcote Brook as an example of what the contractor intended to do on the canal.

It was agreed that Mr. Amon, Mr. Jessen, and Mr. Myers inspect the Heathcote Brook and also what has already been done by the contractor on the canal. If the rip-rapping is acceptable, Stony Brook Sewerage Authority can proceed as they have been.

If it is found to be unacceptable, the parties will have to meet to reach a new solution.

Mr. Kirkland thanked Mr. Kling and Mr. Baxter for coming.

Mr. Sayen moved to appoint a committee to set detailed engineering specifications for restoration of rip-rapping to avoid further misinterpretation. It was seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously. Mr. Amon stated that he has obtained information from BWFO and is presently drawing up plans for such a standard operating procedure.

2. Executive Director's Salary Mr. Kirkland met with Mr. Hofgesang, the Budget Director, and Mr. Ytkin to discuss the raise the Commission had approved for Mr. Amon. Mr. Hofgesang stated first that the State Budget takes precedence over the law allowing the Commission to set salaries. Mr. Hofgesang had authorized a 5% retroactive raise for Mr. Amon rather than the 10% raise requested by the Commission, subject to approval by the Salary Adjustment Committee. It was also stated, Mr. Kirkland said, that the committee could do nothing until negotiations with the labor unions are settled. At that time the same request may be made. Mr. Kirkland felt it would be worthwhile to try again when a contract had been made.

3. Car Mr. Amon gave the following information on the costs for a car: The purchase price of a new AMC compact car is \$4100; however, it is unlikely that any cars will be available before November, the time when orders are put in. Leasing is available on a 30-, 60-, or 90-day basis at a cost of \$4 per day plus \$.10 per mile--an approximate cost of \$250 per month. Mr. Amon suggested the most economic solution would be to lease a car for the historic survey work and reconsider the issue in November.

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Torpey to authorize Mr. Amon to provide transportation for the historic survey. The motion was carried without dissent.

4. Status of Projects for Canal Commission Mr. Sinclair distributed the report on the 1979 fiscal year Project Status. Referring to the news article on the bike path, Mr. Sinclair felt the article was misleading; that, according to Green Acres, the project is on schedule and construction will begin in the construction season of next year.

It was asked of Mr. Sinclair if the designers were being made aware of Mayor Holland's concern with the unpopularity of the bike path project with some residents of the city of Trenton. Mr. Sinclair assured the Commission that the designers are aware of the situation and everything is being done to resolve the problems with the city residents without wavering from the commitments of the Master Plan.

Mr. Amon expressed unhappiness that he was not included in the early discussions with park planners on the FY 80 projects.

Mr. Torpey felt that as developers of the Master Plan, the Commission should be establishing priorities to be pursued rather than the Department of Environmental Protection presenting the priorities to the Commission.

Mr. Sayen asked that Mr. Amon be included in FY 81 planning discussions.

It was suggested to Mr. Amon that he write a memorandum responding to the DEP report listing Commission priorities. This memorandum will be discussed at the next meeting.

LEASES

Mr. Jessen moved that all leases and permits presented to the Commission be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sayen and passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE STAFF

Mr. Amon announced that the bid waiver for Gen. Whipple has been approved and he can now begin his association with the Commission under the terms of the one-year contract.

Mr. Amon stressed the importance of beginning the process to have two additional staff positions approved. He pointed out that once the positions were established, the Commission could then begin filling them, but that establishing the positions would take quite some time. In addition, he suggested the Commission utilize another engineering firm on an "overflow" basis. It was recommended by Gen. Whipple to have bidding competition with respect to capabilities rather than cost and choose the one best suited to the Commission's needs.

Mr. Jessen moved to authorize Mr. Amon to prepare and submit to the Commission job descriptions to establish two staff positions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sinclair and carried unanimously.

The problem of a duplicate system of review was discussed. It was agreed that if a municipality or county informs the Commission that a plan has been reviewed and accepted, the Commission will not review the plan. However, if all criteria are not met in the plan, the Commission will review. It was pointed out that there may be certain projects over which the county has no authority, therefore the Commission must review.

The question was raised whether to adopt both the A and B zones, or concentrate on the A zone and postpone adoption of the B zone, continuing to work with the municipalities. The opinion was expressed that a great deal of momentum will be lost if both zones were not adopted simultaneously. Gen. Whipple

suggested that both zones be adopted with the A zone regulations effective immediately upon adoption and the B zone regulations effective at a later, pre-determined date, with the intervening time for municipalities to make their arrangements on the basis of the regulations.

It was agreed that a public hearing will be held the week of 10 September 1979. Whether the hearing will cover both zone A and B or just zone A will be determined at the next meeting after reviewing Mr. Amon's revised regulations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gray brought to the Commission's attention a water pollution case involving American Cyanamid monitoring ground water in the area of the Bound Brook Plant. The tests could possibly involve the installation of a monitoring well on the lock; however, they may be able to take samples from the existing well. Mr. Gray asked the Commission to delegate authority to the Executive Director to sign an agreement drawn up by Mr. Gray to allow American Cyanamid access to make the test and, if necessary, dig a new well subject to BWFO approval. Mr. Jessen moved that Mr. Amon be delegated this authority. Mr. Sinclair seconded the motion and it was carried without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.