



MINUTES OF MEETING 16 OCTOBER 1979

TIME: 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: The Canal House
25 Calhoun Street
Trenton, New Jersey
DATE: Tuesday, 16 October 1979

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Holland, Torpey, Jones, Burns, Sayen, Hamilton
STAFF: Mr. Amon, Mrs. Perilli
DAG: Ms. Fields
GUESTS: Mr. Galley, WFSE
Mr. Ogren, Planning and Development, City of Trenton

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 16 October 1979.

It was moved by Mr. Torpey and seconded by Mr. Sayen to approve the minutes of the 18 September 1979 meeting as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Analysis Proposal

Mr. Amon presented Gen. Whipple's proposal for storm water management modelling, a study to be done by a graduate student of Gen. Whipple's for \$500. It was felt that this study would provide specific data to support the criteria used. Mr. Amon pointed out that this was also suggested by Princeton University at the public hearing. Mr. Jones moved to accept the proposal as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sayen and carried without dissent.

Proposed sewer pipe crossing - Brookville Creek

The Lambertville Sewerage Authority intends to hook in to Stockton's operations

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and must run a pipe under the Brookville Creek near where the creek is a tributary to the canal. To do this they need a stream encroachment permit. Stream Encroachment requests a resolution from the Canal Commission approving the concept of the project before it gives the project consideration. Mr. Amon explained that the sewer authority must conform to standards set forth by WFSE and that the Commission will be given the opportunity to review the job. Mr. Jones moved that the Commission finds the concept of running a sewer pipe under the Brookville Creek acceptable. Mr. Sayen seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Revision of review zone maps

Mr. Amon stated that the municipal maps indicating the A Zone at 1/2 mile should be revised to reflect the new zone (1000 feet). He requested a resolution approving up to \$300 to revise the maps. At this point, Mr. Thomas Ogren, of Planning and Development with the City of Trenton, questioned the advisability of the 1000-ft boundary of the A Zone in the City of Trenton. He felt that the regulations concerning the A Zone, specifically the visual standards, were too restrictive for an urban area and would considerably limit growth in Trenton. He requested that the language in the regulations be adjusted to give special consideration to urban areas. Discussion followed. It was explained to Mr. Ogren that there will be a visual review only when a site is visible from the canal within 1000 feet. It was also pointed out that there are no height and set back restrictions in urban areas, other than those established by the municipality, and that the purpose of these regulations is to protect the Canal Park, not prevent urban growth. The Commissioners agreed that the regulations with the A Zone at 1000 feet are reasonable and no change would be made.

It was moved by Mr. Sayen and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the revision of the review zone maps at a cost not to exceed \$300. The motion was carried without dissent.

It was also moved by Mr. Jessen that Mr. Amon write a letter to the Trenton Planning Board explaining that the review function may be turned over to the city providing Trenton's review is as stringent as the Commission's. Mayor Holland seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Staff Salaries

Mr. Amon reported that he met with Mr. Graham, Mr. Ytkin, and Mr. Russell concerning salary increases for himself and for Diane Perilli, the Administrative Assistant. It was explained to him that the unclassified status assigned to the two positions was generally considered to be for temporary positions, with starting salaries somewhat higher than the norm. Although this does not apply to the Commission employees' positions, automatic raises are not given in this category. It was suggested that, because of increased responsibilities, Mrs. Perilli's position be upgraded from Administrative Assistant IV to Administrative Assistant III with a salary increase of approximately 10%. The larger raise of 10% was suggested to compensate for the possibility that no other increment will be given in addition to the cost-of-living increment for the following year, again, due to the unusual status of "unclassified".

In regards to Mr. Amon's position of Executive Director, it was felt that not much could be done for several reasons. For example, the position salary exceeds most Park position salaries; and the position could not be upgraded unless there is a larger staff or larger budget.

Mr. Jessen moved to authorize Mr. Amon to submit a request to upgrade the Administrative Assistant position to be retroactive to 1 July 1979. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

Old Business

Property Acquisitions:

The Commission reconsidered the acquisition of two pieces of property: one in Stockton Borough at the Smith's Mill site (lot 1, block 5) and an abandoned quarry in Ewing Township (block 2-422, portions of lots 6, 9, 3 and 97). After a brief discussion, the Commission members decided to continue their recommendation to acquire the property that is part of the Smith's Mill property for several reasons: 1) the tenants of the building have allowed the condition of the house to deteriorate and use the surrounding property as a dump. If state-owned, there would be control over such behavior; 2) access to property only over land already owned by the state; 3) the house might be historically restored and used in relation to the Canal Park.

Mr. Amon reported to the Commission that he attended a meeting in Ewing Township where public opposition was expressed against the state acquisition of the abandoned quarry. For this reason and because the review zone will protect the area from harmful impacts of private development of the site, Mr. Amon recommended that the property be deleted from the list of scheduled acquisitions for the Canal Park. It was moved by Dr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Jessen to remove this property from the list of acquisitions at this time. The motion was carried unanimously.

Lease:

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Dr. Hamilton to approve the lease for the Kingston locktender's house as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

West End Avenue Residents:

Mayor Holland expressed his concern for the residents of West End Avenue whose homes were damaged due to canal flooding several months ago. These people have not been reimbursed as yet and many are without heat in their homes.

Review Zone Discussion

The Commission briefly discussed the advisability of taking the suggestion of Princeton University and establishing a special educational environment for their land in West Windsor. It was concluded that such special zoning was undesirable and that the meeting between the Commission staff and the university would resolve the university's reason for concern.

Mr. Amon told the Commission that the final set of rules and regulations will be distributed to be acted upon at the November meeting.

Public Forum

Mr. Galley reported to the Commission that the hydrologic and hydraulic study

by Rutgers University is completed and he suggested that the Commission might be interested in the presentation prepared for the study. It was agreed to put the presentation on the November agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.