



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15 JULY 1980

TIME: 12:30 to 2:15 p.m.
PLACE: The Canal House
25 Calhoun Street
Trenton, New Jersey

DATE: Tuesday, 15 July 1980

ATTENDING:

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

DAG: Ms. Fields

STAFF: Mr. Amon, Mrs. Perilli, General Whipple

GUESTS: Mr. Kramb, Mr. Guidotti, Mrs. Buchanan and
Mrs. Wilson

Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order and stated that the Open Public Meeting Law had been properly met for the meeting of 15 July 1980.

Mr. Sayen moved to amend the minutes of the meeting of 17 June 1980, regarding the Division of Parks presentation, to clarify the resolution showing the intent of the Commissioners present to approve the Parks presentation for FY82-84. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jessen and carried unanimously.

Mr. Jessen then moved to approve the minutes of the 17 June 1980 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hamilton and carried with no dissenting votes.

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EXECUTIVE	COMMISSIONERS					
DIRECTOR	Benjamin B. Kirkland	Martin D. Jessen	Donald B. Jones	Jerry F. English	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 Jerry F. English, Commissioner

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kirkland read a letter to Karl Weidel thanking him for his support in amending the budget to include six (6) additional park maintenance positions.

Mr. Guidotti was asked the status of the permit applications for the bridges at Bogan Meadows and the Millstone Aqueduct. At this time, the applications have not been resubmitted.

Mr. Jessen moved to authorize the Executive Director to cash checks made payable to the Canal Commission in order to obtain a treasurer's check to be made payable to the Health Research and Educational Trust of New Jersey to cover the costs of the seminar held 5 May 1980. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sayen and approved with no dissenting votes.

Mr. Amon pointed out that, as yet, the Canal Commission has not received waiver approval for the Consultant Contract with General Whipple. He said that the contract was now in Julio Mazzone's office for his signature. Mr. Graham called Mr. Mazzone and informed the Commission that Mr. Mazzone had signed the waiver, which would now be sent to Earl Josephson's office for final approval.

LEASES

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Dr. Hamilton to approve the leases as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

The following projects were presented to the Commissioners for their review:

80-29-006	Ponderosa Steak House; restaurant
80-15-007	Lawrenceville Country Homes; single family homes
80-19-008	Trenton Country Club; golf cart bridge
80-26-009	FMC Corp.; office building and parking lot

Mr. Graham moved to approve all the projects as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sayen and carried unanimously.

Mr. Amon explained that Hunterdon County and Princeton Township have adopted storm water ordinances at least as stringent as those of the Canal Commission, and, therefore, were eligible to be granted peremptory approval status. Mr. Jessen moved to extend peremptory approval to Hunterdon County and Princeton Township. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graham and carried with no dissenting votes.

(At this point, Mr. Graham left the meeting.)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon said that at the January 1978 meeting, the Commission approved a recreational access node at the Griggstown Causeway that would include a small parking lot to accommodate 25 cars, 8 picnic tables, a swing set and sliding board, barbecue pits and a fence. The work is now underway.

Mr. Amon introduced Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Wilson, residents of Griggstown. Mrs. Wilson read a prepared statement to the Commission, written by concerned citizens in Griggstown. It was felt by certain residents that, because Griggstown is unique in its historical and natural qualities, a recreation area such as is being developed would destroy the ambiance of the Park in that area. Mrs. Buchanan felt that the playground equipment and barbecue pits would create an urban-style park in a natural setting. She also expressed concern that the node was almost entirely surrounded by water and would pose a threat to small children.

Dr. Hamilton stated that he had inspected the site and found that the clearing of trees that is being done is compatible with the sense of the site and that no trees of significance have been cut. He also commented that much litter and debris have been cleaned up and he felt that an improvement has been made to the area.

Mr. Sayen expressed the feeling that the node is important in that it provides facilities for people drawn to the park, and that with the playground equipment and barbecue pits, it supports family use.

It was stated that the scope of the node will not increase; the area is not intended to attract a large number of people.

Mr. Jones was sympathetic to the concerns of the residents of Griggstown, yet he felt, and it was the general opinion of the Commission, that this special node is a good location for a small public recreational access area.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.