



Minutes of Meeting of 19 August 1980

TIME: 12:00 noon to 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: The Canal House
25 Calhoun Street
Trenton, New Jersey
DATE: Tuesday, 19 August 1980

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Sayen, Holland and Jones

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

DAG: Mr. Gray

GUESTS: Mr. Myers, WSFE
Mr. Hazen

Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order and stated that the Open Public Meeting Law had been properly met for the meeting of 19 August 1980.

It was moved by Mr. Sayen and seconded by Mr. Jessen to approve the minutes of the meeting of 15 July 1980 as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Amon suggested that the park bench design discussed at last month's meeting be postponed until the Spetember meeting.

Review Zone Action

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

80-29-0010 Selody Sod Farm
80-10-0011 Riverside Townhouse Complex
80-29-0012 Julius Furrier residence

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Mr. Jessen moved to approve all projects as submitted (80-29-0012 approved with conditions). The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and carried with no dissenting votes.

Mr. Amon informed the Commission that Delaware Township has adopted drainage regulations at least as stringent as those of the Canal Commission, and was, therefore, eligible for peremptory approval status. It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Sayen to extend peremptory approval status to major projects in Delaware Township. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Amon presented to the Commission a plan for an outdoor stage to be built at the Meadows, recommending that review be waived for this project because the stage will not be seen from the canal park and there will be negligible additional impervious areas to affect drainage into the canal. It was moved by Mr. Jessen to waive review of this project. Mr. Sayen seconded the motion and it was carried with no dissenting votes.

Mr. Amon and General Whipple expressed concern regarding the lack of projects being received for review; they feel the Commission is faced with a problem of non-compliance. It was suggested that a letter be sent to each municipality (mayor, planning board chairman, building inspector, zoning board chairman, and municipal attorney) reiterating the Canal Commission requirements and stating the penalty for non-conformance.

General Whipple informed the Commission of the problem of construction of developments in flood plains. He distributed a draft explaining the situation and giving recommendations. After some discussion it was agreed that 1) Mr. Amon and General Whipple should meet with Dirk Hoffman, Acting Deputy Director of the Division of Water Resources to determine DEP's position and to discuss possible changes; 2) to prepare a document clarifying all issues; 3) ask Mr. Hoffman to attend the next Commission meeting; and 4) to request a representative of the Water Policy Supply Council be present at the next meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Amon presented the proposed Lambertville Sewerage Authority lease to build a sewerage plant to the Commission for its approval. Several stipulations of this lease agreement include: 1) final construction plans to be submitted for state review and approval; 2) construction of a public restroom to be maintained by the state; 3) construction of a new boat launching ramp; 4) construction of a public parking area to provide access to the Canal Park; and 5) the administrative office shall include an interpretive facility to be open to the public. Mr. Jessen moved to approve the lease as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sayen and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.