



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 MARCH 1981

TIME: 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: The Canal House
25 Calhoun Street
Trenton, New Jersey
DATE: Tuesday, 17 March 1981

ATTENDING:

- COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Sayen, Jones and Hamilton
STAFF: Mr. Amon, Mrs. Perilli, General Whipple
DAG: Mr. Gray
GUESTS: Betty Davison, Griggstown
Dick Barker, Frank Guidotti, John Kraml, Paul Stern,
Division of Parks
Jeanne Donlon, Green Acres
Mel Myers, Don Kroeck, WSFE
Mr. and Mrs. Orcutt, West Windsor
Ms. and Mr. Delahanty, Scudders Falls
Elmer Bergman, Barbara Evans, West Windsor Township

Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order and stated that all applicable provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law of 1976 had been properly met for the meeting of 17 March 1981. An informal discussion was held due to the lack of a quorum.

Division of Parks Presentation

Mr. Guidotti introduced Paul Stern, who is the new superintendent of the D & R Canal State Park.

Mr. Kirkland pointed out that the signs at Bull's Island do not identify Bull's Island as part of the D & R Canal State Park.

Mr. Guidotti distributed a report on maintenance and operation of the Canal Park, including staff reports, major improvements, and proposed projects. He pointed out that the YACC will probably be phased out in fiscal year 82.

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Mr. Guidotti discussed the repair work to be done at Smith's Mill and stated that no restoration architect is now on the staff, but he hopes to have one soon to supervise the work done.

Mr. Guidotti introduced John Kraml, who distributed a status report on capitol improvements and proposed improvements through fiscal year 84. He explained each project in further detail.

Mr. Amon asked if \$650,000 in federal money is still available for the seven mile multi-purpose trail from Trenton to Washinton's Crossing. Mr. Kraml responded that the money is still there, but that it is not enough to cover the costs of the trail because part of the money is used for consultant fees. Mr. Amon reminded Mr. Kraml that the Commission must review the specifications for the trail before construction can begin.

Mr. Kirkland suggested that consultants for the proposed projects meet with Mr. Amon early in the planning stages to insure that the Commission's concerns are incorporated into the design process at an early stage.

Jeanne Donlon of Green Acres reported on the status of land acquisitions for the Canal Park.

The Division of Parks, at the request of the Canal Commission, has recommended the acquisition of land around the Lambertville Railroad station. The railroad, however, will not consider selling the land separate from the station.

Ms. Donlon informed the Commission that the Millstone River acquisition project has been added to the D & R Canal acquisition project.

She reported that 152 title reports have been ordered for properties on the list and that only 77 have been received.

Mr. Jones recommended that the balance of the property near Smith's Mill be acquired, but Ms. Donlon feels that the area is dangerous and would present a hazard to the public, and for this reason she would recommend disapproval of the request. It was then suggested that a development right easement might be obtained.

Ms. Donlon also reported that the Bel-Del right-of-way has been acquired from Trenton to Washington's Crossing, and negotiations are underway for the portion of land between Washington's Crossing and Bull's Island.

Mr. Guidotti answered the questions of Ms. Delahanty regarding the life rights leases for the year round tenants at Scudders Falls. He stated that a new lease will be drawn up that should prove satisfactory to the residents.

Mr. Kirkland thanked the Division of Parks for their presentation.

West Windsor Sewer Plans in Canal Region

Mr. Elmer Bergman, West Windsor Township Engineer, made a presentation on the Township plans for the alignment of sewer pipes in the canal vicinity. There are two separate phases to the project. The first, from the railroad bridge to Alexander Road, has already been approved by the Canal Commission. This

project will include the installation of a parking lot for about twenty cars. Subsequent to the completion of the first phase, the Township plans to run a sewer line from Alexander Road to Quaker Bridge Road. This line, Mr. Bergman pointed out, will probably be a minimum of two hundred feet from the canal at all times. There is one area where it may cross state property, but the alignment is yet to be resolved.

Presentation on Trenton Culvert by Water Supply Facilities Element

Mr. Kroeck of the Water Supply Facilities Element, brought the Commission up to date on the development of plans for dredging the Trenton culvert.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Amon told the Commission that the proper paperwork has been submitted to upgrade the salary for the engineer position, and that Mr. Kropp, the prospective engineer for this position, is aware of the delay. Mr. Kirkland suggested that a special meeting be held to interview Mr. Kropp.

Mr. Kirkland showed the Commission the book purchased from the rare book dealer. Mr. Amon suggested that a copy be made for the Canal Commission office, and the book be placed in the State Archives.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.