



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20 OCTOBER 1981

TIME: 12:00 noon
PLACE: The Canal House
25 Calhoun Street
Trenton, New Jersey
DATE: Tuesday, 20 October 1981

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Bridges, Holland, Hamilton

STAFF: Mr. Amon, Mr. Kropp, Mrs. Perilli

DAG: Mr. Engel

GUESTS: Parks: Ms. Donlon, Mr. Guidotti, Mr. Kraml, Mr. Stern
WSFE: Mr. Galley, Mr. Myers, Mr. Kroeck

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 20 October 1981.

It was moved by Mayor Holland and seconded by Mr. Jessen to approve the minutes of the meeting of 22 September as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

Review Zone Action

The following projects were submitted for Commission approval:

81-0096 Hillsborough Industrial Park

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mayor Holland to approve 81-0096 as presented. The motion was carried without dissent.

81-0097 River's Edge

Mr. Jessen moved to approve this project as submitted. It was seconded by Dr. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Brendan Byrne, Governor Jerry F. English, Commissioner

10 Mile Lock Pumping Station

Mr. Amon explained that the proposed pumping station will not be built and the temporary station will serve in lieu of the new pump. He distributed photos of the pipe running from the Millstone River to the canal.

Mr. Galley explained that WSFE has required a design consultant to adapt the scope of services for the proposed pumping station to suit the existing pump. He pointed out that the existing pumping station is not permanent but will be made "more permanent".

It was the general opinion that the pipe from the pumping station should be buried regardless of the permanence of this particular station, and that the Commission should be concerned with the station's impact on the park.

It was moved by Mr. Bridges to recommend that the pipe be buried. The motion was seconded by Mayor Holland and carried unanimously.

Mr. Kropp pointed out that drainage in that area will change from Class II to Class I watersheds which would require more stringent standards to be applied in this region.

Dredging Project

Mr. Amon told the Commission that he has met with the WSFE staff to discuss the project of rip rap repair in conjunction with the dredging project. He stated that the dredging of the canal will provide a rare opportunity to repair the embankment stone and possibly other canal structures. There is difficulty in determining the cost of this repair work, who will bear the cost, and how the repair will be seen as part of the whole dredging project. The dredging project will be reviewed by the Historic Sites Council as well as the D & R Canal Commission.

Mr. Amon stated that the embankment repair work would not be required the whole length of the canal but would cover approximately a 10-mile stretch between Whitehead Road in Trenton and Kingston. He also stressed that the condition of the rip rap varies and the project would not involve rebuilding the entire embankment, but merely replacing stones found in or near the canal.

Mr. Galley told the Commission that WSFE is completing spot surveys on the canal to determine the approximate size of the project.

Mayor Holland made the following motion:

"In accordance with our responsibility to preserve and restore the canal, we recommend to the New Jersey Water Supply Authority that, as it proceeds with the dredging of the canal, it assures that, to the maximum feasible extent, it preserve the walls of the canal and, where necessary, restore them in accordance with the original design; and that the design consultant or someone designated by him, working with the Canal Commission, be directed to insure that this policy be implemented."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jessen and carried unanimously.

Division of Parks Presentation

Mr. Amon asked the Division of Parks to prepare a presentation to inform the Commission of the status of improvements to the Canal Park.

STERN

Mr. ~~Guidotti~~ distributed a report on Park operations with a breakdown of monthly staff levels and man hours spent on various activities in the Canal Park.

Mayor Holland suggested that joint meetings be held annually between the Canal Commission and the entire park staff to discuss in detail maintenance and operation of the Canal Park. This would enable the Canal Commission to better understand what is done in the park and problems encountered by the staff, and would allow the Canal Park staff to learn what goals and practices the Commission considers to be of primary importance.

Mr. Kraml explained the status of improvement projects and distributed a report on them. He pointed out that Coast Guard permits have been received for the bridges at Bogan Meadows and the Millstone Aqueduct and that plans for the bridges are being prepared.

GUIDOTTI

Mr. ~~Stern~~ told the Commission that six new positions have been established for the Canal Park and distributed a report describing them.

(Mayor Holland left the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The following is an informal discussion due to lack of a quorum.)

Ms. Donlon discussed land acquisition in the Canal Park:

1. Three of the permanent residences in Scudders Falls have been appraised and offers have been made. She feels the owners are likely to sell.

2. The Office of Land Acquisitions is waiting for direction from Mr. Guidotti's office regarding the quarry north of Smith's Mill.

3. The two properties on Easton Avenue in Franklin Township will be condemned because of a problem of reaching a price agreement.

4. Princeton University is not willing to deal with the State to allow public access on their property to get to the Canal Park. It was suggested that Mr. Sayen contact Princeton University.

PRESENTED BY MR. GUIDOTTI →

Mr. Amon stated that he was contacted by Mr. Randy Bannerman, who has not heard from the Division of Parks concerning the deck being built along the canal in Titusville. Mr. Guidotti said that Park's is proceeding with the lease agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.