



MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF 17 NOVEMBER 1981

TIME: 12:00 noon
PLACE: The Canal House
25 Calhoun Street
Trenton, New Jersey
DATE: Tuesday, 17 November 1981

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Bridges, Sayen, Jones

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Kropp

DAG: Mr. Gray

GUESTS: Parks: Mr. Stern, Mr. Guidotti
WSFE: Mr. Galley
Mr. Hazen

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 November 1981.

Mr. Guidotti suggested the following corrections for the minutes of the meeting of 20 October 1981:

- On page 3 : 1) paragraph 2 - change Mr. Guidotti's name to Mr. Stern.
- 2) paragraph 5 - change Mr. Stern's name to Mr. Guidotti.
- 3) item numbered four under Ms. Donlon's presentation was presented by Mr. Guidotti.

Mr. Jones moved that the corrected minutes be approved. Mr. Sayen seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Review Zone Action

The following projects were submitted for Commission approval:

81-0099 Turning Basin Park

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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

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Mr. Guidotti mentioned that there has been some discussion about opening the turning basin to the canal and bridging the tow path. Mr. Galley said that he believed there were plans for this bridge in his office and that he would want to be able to take his heaviest equipment over the bridge. It was agreed that this project would be given further consideration.

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Sayen to approve 81-0099 with the condition that the landscape design be approved at a later date by Mr. Amon. The motion was carried unanimously.

81-100 Princeton Landing

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Jessen to approve 81-0100. The motion was carried unanimously.

Leases

Mr. Amon told the Commission that he had received three leases since he prepared the memo on the Griggstown canal house (Mr. Victor Bernard). Those additions are:

- 1) Farmland leased to Lester Terhune
- 2) House at Scudders' Falls to Mr. Gribbins
- 3) House at Scudders' Falls to sporting club

Mr. Jessen moved and Mr. Sayen seconded approval of all four leases. The motion was carried unanimously.

Coffer Dam at Harrison Street

Mr. Galley presented plans for a coffer dam to be built across the canal to the north of the Harrison Street crossing. Mr. Galley said that this project had just reached his desk so he could not give the Commission advanced notice of the plan. He said that it might not be built but if the 10 Mile Lock pumps would stop working it would be necessary to have this dam to supply water in the Princeton area and -- through withdrawal at the Millstone aqueduct -- downstream.

Mr. Amon advised the Commission to not take action on the plan. He pointed out that there had been no opportunity for the Commission staff to review the details of the project or the full consequences of the coffer dam. Nor, he pointed out, had Parks been given an opportunity to review the project. Mr. Amon said that the Commission was given review authority in order to assure that all possible concern for the recreational, aesthetic, and historic aspects of the canal had been made. To approve this project now would, he said, ignore those parts of the Commission's responsibility.

Aspects of the project mentioned in the discussion included:

- * The waters between the coffer dam and the Kingston Lock could be as much as four feet below the normal level.

- * The dam would remain in place for three to four years -- until the dredging project is completed.
- * Both banks would be restored with the proper rip-rap.
- * If an emergency would arise Mr. Galley might have to build the coffer dam with or without Commission approval.

The Commissioners discussed the issue extensively until Mr. Jones made a motion that the Commission meet again on the 24th of November to resolve the issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sayen and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.