



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19 APRIL 1983

TIME: 12:00 to 2:55
PLACE: Canal House, Trenton, N.J. 08625
DATE: Tuesday, 19 April 1983

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Zaikov, Jones, Myers, Holland, Hamilton and Torpey

STAFF: Mr. Amon and Ms. Greenwald

GUESTS: Messrs. Galley and Kroeck, New Jersey Water Supply Authority
Messrs. Guidotti and Stern, State Park Service
Mr. John Dionisio, P.R.C. Harris Company

Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order and stated that all applicable provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law of 1976 had been met.

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of 15 March 1983 was made by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Jessen. The motion passed unanimously. (It was subsequently noted that Mr. Holland's name was omitted from the attendance list on page one of these minutes.)

LEASES

The following lease was unanimously approved following a motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

Philip Holcombe Land for Dwelling \$70 per year

Mr. Amon then distributed maps and drawings relating to a proposed construction project at Prallsville Mill. The Mill Society proposes to install a kitchen and lavatories in a garage building to the east of the main mill building. Mr. Amon pointed out that the building does not significantly contribute to the Mill Complex's

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historic qualities (it was built c. 1925) but the Mill Society will maintain vertical siding and the same color for the doors they will put in the building. Mr. Jessen moved to approve these changes contingent upon the approval of the Bureau of Parks and the Office of Historic Preservation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland and passed unanimously (Mr. Jones abstaining).

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

Mr. Amon presented the following review zone projects:

- 81-0093 Saint James Village
- 81-0095 The Lowe Company
- 83-0173 Bridgeboro Realty
- 83-0181 The Linpro Company - Section III
- 83-0187 Mr. Larry Rivetto
- 83-0188 Etra Lake Park
- 83-0189 United Jersey Banks
- 83-0190 Guardian Development Corporation
(Rossmoor Mutual 12)
- 83-0191 Vincent Stamile, Jr.

Mr. Jessen suggested that from now on the acreage for these projects should be noted on Commission action forms. Following a motion made by Mr. Jessen, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, all of the above projects were unanimously passed.

Mr. Amon then presented the Red Roof Inns project which he requested that the Commission waive. This project, located on U.S. Route 1 in West Windsor does not drain into the Canal Park. While it is within the A Zone it cannot be seen from the canal because of a thick stand of mature forest (on Canal Park land). Mr. Jessen moved that the project be waived from review. Mr. Zaikov seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FISCAL YEAR 1985 BUDGET

Mr. Amon presented the Canal Commission's proposed fiscal year 1985 budget to the Commissioners for their approval. The members of the Commission agreed that it might become necessary to add at least a part-time review zone officer to the staff if a real building boom develops. They agreed, therefore, to include an additional \$10,000 to the budget request with an explanation that it might be necessary to enlarge our staff in response to a better economic situation. Mr. Holland moved that the amended budget request be approved, Mr. Zaikov seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

REPAIRS TO SHEET PILING IN TRENTON

Mr. John Dionisio, consulting engineer to the Water Supply Authority, explained that sheet piling, which lines both banks of the canal throughout much of central Trenton, is in need of repair or replacement. He explained that the piling is leaning away from the canal

wall and needs to be re-anchored in place. Mr. Dionisio distributed papers to the Commissioners which locate the problem areas and indicate several different possible solutions. Mr. Galley said that no action was expected from the Commission this month but final plans would be prepared for the Commission to act on at the May meeting.

Mr. Galley said that his office was repairing the fence along the canal in Trenton. He said that they were also making a complete study to determine where additional fencing might be necessary.

Mr. Holland left at 2:10.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Mr. Kirkland appointed Mr. Zaikov to serve on the committee with Mr. Torpey to help plan the 150th anniversary celebration. The next Commission meeting will begin at 11:00 so that the Commissioners will be able to discuss their plans and ideas for this celebration. It was generally agreed that we should have as many individuals and/or organizations participate as possible. At this point, however, it was agreed that all ideas should simply be listed for future consideration. That list follows:

1. A general principle should be to make at least some of the celebratory actions lead to a permanent improvement of the Canal Park. An example of this kind of action would be the repair or replacement of broken or missing mileposts.
2. Each of the twenty-two municipalities that boarder the Canal Park should be encouraged to do something beneficial to their portion of the park or to hold a celebration there.
3. Compile an index to the material in various libraries that relates to the history of the D & R Canal.
4. Dedicate one of the buildings along the canal as a museum.
5. Programs to involve school children should be developed. These programs should not just be ways of informing children but should involve a response. A photo or essay contest might be good.
6. The "Friend of the Canal Park" certificate should be supplemented with a "Key to the Canal Lock". The certificate should use an old canal & railroad company stock certificate border to make it fancy.

7. An historic re-enactment of some kind would be good. Perhaps a re-enactment of the opening day canal trip could be worked out in part.
8. Canal boat rides of some kind should be worked out for the celebration, if not on a more permanent basis.
9. Races of various kinds should be held. These could include foot races on the tow path and canoe races in the water. The Commissioners, the D.E.P. Commissioner, the Governor, etc. could be involved in a "bumping race".
10. Boy and Girl Scouts should be notified and encouraged to participate. Corporate sponsors should be sought for some events.
11. The Coalitions's User's Guide to the Canal Park should be up-dated.
12. Bordentown must not be forgotten.
13. Fishermen and other outdoorsmen should be included in the celebration.
14. The Black River and Western Railroad should arrange special excursion trains.
15. The New Brunswick portion of the canal that has not been destroyed by Route 18 ought to be acquired for the Canal State Park.
16. Historic photographs should be etched onto metal plates and erected at places where the photographer was standing.
17. Theater productions should be encouraged.
18. A wagon ride on the abandoned railroad right-of-way from Lambertville to Bull's Island could be arranged.

Mr. Amon is to get in touch with the Canal Society and Coalition.

Mr. Myers left the meeting at 2:30.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES

Mr. Guidotti reported that all permits were cleared for the pedestrian bridges at Bogan Meadows and Millstone Aqueduct. He expects plans and specifications to be completed within 3-4 weeks, public bids to be in a month to 6 weeks from then, and construction to be complete this summer.

Mr. Jones requested that the July meeting of the Canal Commission be held at Waterloo Village. This was generally agreed upon.

Mr. Jessen requested that a future meeting of the Canal Commission should be held at Hugh Moore Park.

Mr. Zaikov left the meeting at 2:40.

CANAL PARK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Paul Stern reviewed the projects undertaken by his staff during the previous month. A complete list of those projects will be amended to the minutes of the meeting of 17 May 1983.

REPORT TO THE CANAL COMMISSION
MARCH 16, 1983-APRIL 18, 1983

REPORT #3
APRIL 25, 1983

Once again, the weather has played havoc on Park operations. The Blackwells Mills, Griggstown, and Kingston Day Use Areas have been flooded on three (3) separate occasions over the past six (6) weeks and the ground has been too wet for us to work in these areas.

The campgrounds flooded on the 16th of this month, damage is as follows:

1. Water damage is the washhouse.
2. Damage to the campground roadway.
3. Rutting and erosion to the river sites.
4. Damage to the spillway.
5. Damage to guard lock roadway.

Despite the weather, we were able to perform the following operations.

1. Remove stumps from Griggstown Day Use Area.
2. Construct and install a gate at the Park office.
3. Remove obstructions from towpath.
4. Install a gate at Carnegie Road.
5. Install a gate at Landing Lane.
6. Do some seeding and grading of office grounds.
7. Completed trash pick up from Blackwells Mills to South Bound Brook.
8. York raked towpath from Blackwells Mills to Griggstown, the campsite roadways, Scudders Falls, roadways and Byram Boat Launch.
9. Seeded and fertilized Bulls Island Day Use Area.
10. Finished a clean up of the Kupper Airport area and installed ballards to prevent further dumping in this area.
11. Cleared brush along towpath from Belle Mead to Griggstown with Bomford.
12. Volunteer activity.
13. Corrections program.

Spring will be here and you will notice a decrease in project work and an increase in our attempts to keep up with the garbage, vegetation, and people. Therefore, in the month to come, we will be spending our time on the following:

- A. Repairing flood damage including repairs to structures, reseeding, grading, and removal of flood debris.
 1. Mowing and maintaining our lawn, field, and trail areas.
 2. Continue with our brushing activities.
 3. Continuing with our clean up activities on the towpath and at Maddock Road and our Trenton properties.
 4. Begin painting of the office at Belle Mead.
 5. Continue with temporary standard improvement at Griggstown Day Use Areas.
 6. Continue with the grading and refinishing of the towpath tread.



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