



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19 JULY 1983

TIME: 12:00 noon to 3:25 p.m.
PLACE: Canal House, 25 Calhoun Street, Trenton
DATE: Tuesday, 19 July 1983

ATTENDING:

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

STAFF: Mr. Amon and Ms. Greenwald

GUESTS: Mr. M. Galley, N.J. Water Supply Authority
Ms. C. Drake, Division of Natural Resources
Messrs. F. Guidotti and P. Stern, State Park Service
Mr. Cliff Crawford
Mrs. Rosemary Blair and Mrs. Betty Davison
D & R Canal Coalition
Mrs. Ursula Buchanan, Griggstown
Mrs. Winona Nash, Lawrenceville Historical Society

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

The minutes of the meeting of 21 June 1983 were unanimously passed in a motion made by Mr. Sayen and seconded by Mr. Jones.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners of a proposed pipe that P.S.E. & G. wishes to put over the canal attached to the Montgomery Street Bridge in Trenton. The pipe will be nearly hidden from view on the underpart of the bridge but will not be lower than the bottom of the bridge. The New Jersey Water Supply Authority will have to issue a permit for the pipe and the Commission will act on that permit. Mr. Zaikov moved to approve the New Jersey Water Supply Authority's permit. The motion

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was unanimously passed following a second by Mr. Sayen.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon presented the following review zone projects for Commission approval:

83-0175	Wispering Woods
83-0202	East Pointe
83-0207	East Park at Exit 8A

A motion was then made by Mr. Jones and second by Mr. Sayen that the above review zone projects be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

GRIGGSTOWN CAUSEWAY

Mr. Amon told the Commissioners that in June, 1980 they had approved a proposal from the Somerset County Engineering Department to replace a bridge on the Griggstown Causeway with a culvert. The approval, however, carried certain conditions that were not complied with when construction was undertaken in May of this year. The County failed to build a proper rip-rap wall and they did not leave room for a pedestrain walk behind the guard rail. Furthermore, they constructed guard rails along extensive sections of the causeway which was not part of the application.

After extensive discussion it was concluded that the Commission was disturbed by the County's actions but that before taking any further action themselves they would meet with the County Engineer to discuss remedies. Mr. Torpey and Mr. Hamilton agreed to join Mr. Amon in such a meeting.

SOMERSET EXPRESSWAY

Mr. Amon introduced Ms. Patricia Cherry of the Delaware and Raritan Girl Scout Council to the members of the Commission. Ms. Cherry then informed the Commissioners of a proposed expressway that would cross the canal near their camp in Franklin, following the former route of I-95. She spoke about the harmful effects this road would have on the Oak Springs area which is used for girl scouts, boy scouts and various other civic groups. Ms. Cherry stated that she is working with Dennis Keck who is the public relations person at the Department of Transportation. Mr. Amon reported that sometime ago the Commission had met with DOT to discuss I-95. Following this meeting the Commission approved a response letter which was sent to DOT. The letter pointed out that the proposed highway would severly harm the aesthetic, ecological, recreational, and historic qualities of the Canal Park. The proposed Somerset Expressway would presumably result in the same problems. Mr. Amon was asked to call Mr. Keck to see if he will attend the next meeting to discuss the status of this road as well of two other proposed crossings of the canal, I-295 and Route 92A.

MEETING DATE CHANGE

Mr. Jones moved that henceforth the meeting date of the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon. Following Mr. Torpey's second the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holland left at 1:45 p.m.

REVIEW OF CANAL PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Mr. Amon distributed materials relative to a map of the Canal Park that highlights Canal Park improvement projects that have either occurred recently or that are imminent. This map points out places of interest for camping, hiking, restoration of canal houses, boat launches, canal and river accesses, picnic areas, historical districts, etc.

Mr. Zaikov left at 2:15 p.m.

CANAL HOUSE PICTURES

Mr. Amon showed the Commissioners a collection of old canal pictures which he had put together for use as loan material for museum exhibits. A motion was made by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Sayen to loan the pictures to the Blackwell's Mills Canal House and to the Meadows Foundation. The motion was passed unanimously.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Mr. Amon introduced Mr. Clifford Crawford to the Commissioners. In the early 1970's Mr. Crawford made a film on the canal which has won national awards and has been frequently shown on local TV. He is considering a new canal movie which would update the earlier film.

The idea of cataloguing all of the Canal information then arose. The Commissioners expressed an interest in putting together a grant application for a matching grant to have a person do this job. Further details will be presented to the Commission later.

Mr. Amon then discussed the brochures that will be printed in New Jersey Outdoors Magazine. The total cost of the brochures should run approximately \$6,500. This amount will be split between the Canal Commission and the Division of Parks. Mr. Jones moved to authorize Mr. Amon to expend up to \$3,500 to have these brochures printed. This motion was unanimously passed following Mr. Torpey second.

Mr. Amon then sought the Commissioner's assistance in trying to contact all of the municipalities in the canal region. He is asking that the Commissioners contact individuals within their own counties in order to assist Mr. Amon's efforts. He would like ideas and commitments on the sesquicentennial celebrations.

CANAL PARK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Stern reported on the following projects:

FOR THE PAST MONTH:

1. Continued with grass mowing operations.
2. Continued with the brushing back of the towpath between Rt. 1 and 10 Mile Lock.
3. Continued with trash pick ups along the towpath and in the day use areas.
4. Continued with repairs to equipment damaged by the public.
5. The cottage crew three (3) corrections crew worked for about 15 days this month brushing back between Rocky Hill and Griggstown.
6. Finished with the removal of the tree stumps at Griggstown which were left over from t.s.i. operations last fall.
7. Removed overhanging tree limbs from around the Park office and the Sherman house.
8. Volunteer activity has been light this month.
9. There were no major visitor/use problems reported this month.

IN THE MONTH TO COME:

1. Continue with grass mowing, trash pick up and brushing back operations.
2. Continue with the painting of the Belle Mead office.
3. Install barracks at Kingston Lock and Maddock Road.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.