



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

10 September 1984

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 31 AUGUST 1984

TIME: 10:20 - 11:30 am
PLACE: Moore's Creek Dredging Site
DATE: Friday, 31 August 1984

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Jones, Hamilton, Zaikov
and Marshall

STAFF: Mrs. Greenwald

GUESTS: Messrs. Shaik and Gross, N.J. Water Supply Authority
Messrs. Hoodzow and Dunham, PRC Harris Engineering
Mr. Guertin, DBC
Mr. Taglarino, State Park Service
Messrs. N. Conti and K. Conti, Conti Construction

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

Mr. N. Conti informed the Commissioners of his recent meetings and discussions with Mr. Amon and Mr. Stern regarding tree removal and replacement. He felt that the number of trees that were going to be replaced would be in the vicinity of 75 - 100 trees. More specifically a ratio of 1 tree replaced for every 5 to 10 removed.

Mr. Hoodzow pointed out that all the trees were cleared from a section between Lambertville and Belle Mountain for the State's proposed barge ride.

Mr. N. Conti reminded the Commissioners that he had proposed to put picnic benches and picnic areas along this section in lieu of tree replacement. He said that extensive tree removal was necessary because he was not permitted to have his machines work in the bed of the canal for fear of damaging the original clay bottom of the canal.

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Mr. Jessen observed that stumps should be cut flush to grade.

Mr. Hamilton asserted that the trees are an aesthetic value to the park and should be replaced in some way.

Mr. N. Conti stated that if he had known that he would have to replace the trees on a one to one ratio he would never have cleared all the trees for the barge ride.

Mr. Jones suggested that the Commission request that the path from Belle Mountain up to and through Cavello Park in Lambertville be covered with stone dust in lieu of tree replacement.

Mr. N. Conti was questioned as to the cost of the tree replacement to which he responded that he didn't know. He said that he had understood that the replaced trees would be of 1 - 1½ inch caliper as opposed to 2 - 2½ inch caliper, as suggested by Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Jones felt that it would be easier to maintain for the parks personnel if the trees were down.

Mr. Marshall said that the Canal Park staff is insufficient to properly maintain picnic areas at the locations suggested by Mr. N. Conti.

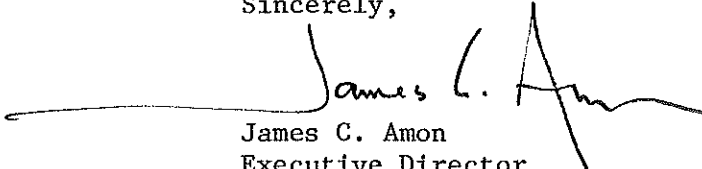
Mr. Hamilton moved that a replacement number be 1 tree per nine removed and the use of Princeton Nurseries recommendation of trees of 2 - 2½ inch caliper. This motion was never seconded so Mr. Hamilton withdrew his motion.

After some discussion regarding what would be the trade, Mr. Zaikov moved that in lieu of tree replacement stone dust be put on the path surface from Belle Mountain up to and through Cavello Park. Mr. Jessen seconded this motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Sincerely,


James C. Amon
Executive Director

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