



9 November 1984

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16 OCTOBER 1984:

TIME: 12:30 - 2:10 pm
PLACE: Canal House, 25 Calhoun Street, Trenton
DATE: Tuesday, 16 October 1984

ATTENDING:

- COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jones, Myers, Hamilton, Jessen, Holland, Torpey and Mrs. Nash
STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Baill, and Mrs. Greenwald
GUESTS: Messrs. Scannell & Jakubowski, South Bound Brook, Mr. Cook, Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Stern, State Park Service, Mr. Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey, Mrs. Buchanan, D & R Canal Coalition

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

MINUTES

Following a motion by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Jessen the minutes of the meeting of 18 September 1984 were unanimously carried with one exception, which is as follows:

Review Zone Project 80-0101 should read construct a quarry blend path between the canal wall and the tracks instead of a pea gravel path.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented the following leases to the Commissioners for their approval:

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR James C. Amon

COMMISSIONERS Benjamin B. Kirkland (Chairman), Martin D. Jessen (Vice-Chairman), Donald B. Jones (Treasurer), Robert E. Hughey, Stuart R. Zaikov, Winona D. Nash, Frank J. Torpey

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Thomas H. Kean, Governor Robert E. Hughey, Commissioner

Franklin Township
Terhune

Small park
Land - 15 acres

\$25.00 year
\$150.00 year

Following a motion made by Mr. Hamilton, and seconded by Mr. Jones the above leases were unanimously approved with the exception of the Terhune lease which Mr. Jessen abstained from.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon presented the following review zone actions to the Commissioners for their approval:

81-0079	Woodfield Estates
82-0129	Rudder East
83-0256	Princeton Overlook*
83-0322	Jimenez Medical Building
84-0396	Trenton Country Club**
84-0416	Cranbury Mini-Storage
84-0426	Allen's Oil Company
84-0428	345 Davidson Avenue Associates
84-0456	Poor Farm Road Office Building
84-0460	K/S Realty Company

CONDITIONS:

- * That the existing hedgerow along the boundary with the Canal Park be protected during construction with a snow fence placed at the drip line of the existing canopy trees.
- ** Conditioned upon approval of the New Jersey Water Supply Authority.

Mr. Jessen then moved approval with the above conditions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hamilton and passed unanimously.

CANAL PARK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The discussion on Canal Park improvements began with Mr. Kirkland's question to Mr. Myers about a letter written by Mr. Amon to Mrs. Blair. This letter reviews the Canal Park improvement plans and states that approximately \$24 million is available for capital improvement projects in all State Parks. Mr. Myers said he was not sure where that number came from but that otherwise the letter seems accurate. He then distributed a memo on Canal Park projects and reviewed it with the Commission.

Mr. Myers suggested that a number of the projects under discussion wait until dredging is completed. He had estimated price tags for several others. There is apparently \$135,000 for development at this time and Mr. Myers suggested that the Commission consider the list and recommend priorities to the Division of Parks & Forestry.

When asked about the process for allocating Green Acres funds to the various parks Mr. Myers said that there is a 10 year plan for all parks. He expressed surprise that the Commission was unaware of this document and offered to make it available to Mr. Amon.

Mrs. Ursula Buchanan of the D & R Canal Coalition spoke on behalf of a vigorous Canal Park improvement program. She pointed out that because the Canal Park traverses so many neighborhoods it is very often briefly used before and after work by countless people. She particularly opposed spending over \$300,000 on a maintenance barn when so many projects are put off for lack of funds.

HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT STUDY

Mr. Amon distributed a memo which outlines a proposed analysis of development in the canal region and how this development will impact on the roads that cross or run next to the Canal Park. After extensive discussion of the issue it was agreed that the Planning Director and Engineer of Somerset and Mercer Counties would be invited to the November meeting so that they can discuss their view of the future road patterns. Nothing was done about Mr. Amon's memo.

1:45 Mr. Hamilton left.

1:56 Mr. Holland & Mrs. Nash left.

2:10 Mr. Myers left, ending the quorum.

CANAL PARK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

See attached reports.