

22 February 1985

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 22 JANUARY 1985

TIME:

12:30 - 2:40 pm

PLACE:

Canal House, 25 Calhoun Street, Trenton

DATE:

Tuesday, 22 January 1985

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS:

Messrs. Kirkland, Jones, Zaikov, Myers, Holland.

Torpey and Mrs. Nash

STAFF:

Mr. Amon, Mrs. Greenwald, & Ms. Rivera

Mr. Cook, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS:

Messrs. Sayen and Starr, Project Greenway Mr. Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey Messrs. Wilson and Famularo, N.J.W.S.A.

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

### MINUTES

Mr. Jones moved and Mr. Myers seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of 18 December 1984. The motion was carried unanimously.

# ELECTION OF OFFICERS - VICE-CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER

The Commissioners were informed that it was time again for the election of a Vice-Chairman and Treasurer. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Zaikov it was unanimously decided that Mr. Jessen would remain Vice-Chairman. Upon a motion made by Mr. Zaikov and seconded by Mr. Torpey it was unanimously decided that Mr. Jones would remain the Treasurer. Mr. Kirkland instructed Mr. Amon to inform all concerned parties.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR James C. Amon COMMISSIONERS

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#### REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

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

\* 84-0454 - Princeton Corporate Office Building #4

\*\*84-0418 - Carnegie Park

84-0340 - Lackland & Lackland

84-0335 - Reed Farm

80-0030 - Dow Jones

\* Conditioned upon verification of list of principals involved in the project.

\*\*Condition upon the Canal Commission's approval of the revised maintenance agreement.

Following a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Torpey the projects were approved as follows:

84-0418 - Carnegie Park - Unanimously carried with the exception of Mr. Zaikov who abstained.

84-0340 - Lackland & Lackland - Unanimously carried with the exception of Mr. Zaikov who abstained.

84-0545 - Princeton Corporate Office Building #4 - Unanimously carried with the condition as stated and with the exception of Mr. Zaikov who abstained.

84-0335 - Reed Farm - Unanimously with the exception of Mr. Zaikov who abstained.

80-0030 - Dow Jones - Unanimously carried.

## LAND ACQUISITIONS

Mr. Amon presented the Commissioners with information on land which he would like to have acquired as part of the Canal State Park.

Following a motion made by Mrs. Nash, seconded by Mr. Holland and unanimously approved, the Commission recommended the acquisition of a parcel of land off of Whitehead Road that is presently owned by the Department of Transportation.

Following a motion by Mr. Torpey, and seconded by Mr. Jones, the Commission moved recommendation of the acquisition of two short sections of the Belvedere-Delaware Railroad right-of-way on either end of the Black River and Western tracks. The Black River and Western acquired more right-of-way from the Bel-Del than they are using for track. This motion was carried unanimously.

#### CANAL PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The Division of Parks and Forestry has reported that \$50,000 is available this fiscal year for major maintenance on Canal Park historic structures. After lengthly discussion about which projects should be undertaken it was decided that Mr. Amon should incorporate Mr. Stern's needs into an entire package which will be reviewed by the Commissioners at a future meeting.

Several members of the Commission expressed serious disapproval of the over-all program of Canal Park capital improvement projects. It was pointed out that annual allotments of \$50,000 or even \$100,000 are totally inadequate to address the development needs of the Canal Park. Mr. Myers suggested, therefore, that the Commission prepare a program for capital improvements, maintenance, staff needs, and Canal Commission staff needs. This program, Mr. Myers advised, should be taken by the Commission directly to the Joint Appropriations Committee of the State Legislature. The Commission responded with great enthusiasm to this suggestion and asked Mr. Amon to prepare a draft document of this sort for the next meeting. Mr. Zaikov moved that the Commission give this project the highest priority. Mr. Holland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## PROJECT GREENWAY

Messrs. James Sayen and William Starr explained the idea of Project Greenway to the Canal Commission. Its purpose is the preservation of open space in a network along the streams that interact with the Canal Park, with highest priority given to the U.S. Route One Corridor because of the great development pressure in that area. Mr. Sayen explained that so far Project Greenway is simply an idea and that they need some money to get it rolling. Mr. Amon suggested that the Commission consider using the \$20,000 it has for a consulting project for this program. The Commissioners expressed great support for the program but serious reservations about spending its money this way. Mr. Cook pointed out that a contract would have to be prepared which would show a specific task or product in return for the expenditure of State funds. It was concluded that if such a product can be defined the Project Greenway people should come back and discuss it further with the Commission.

Mr. Zaikov moved that the Canal Commission give cooperation to Project Greenway as long as it falls within the scope of the Master Plan. Mr. Holland seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### PRALLSVILLE MILL BUILDING DESIGN

Mr. Amon informed the Commission of the design of the new building and requested the Commission's approval to proceed with the building as designed. Mr. Zaikov moved approval of the design as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Torpey and carried with the following vote:

Mr. Kirkland - Yes

Mr. Jones - Abstained

Mr. Zaikov - Yes

Mr. Myers - Yes

Mr. Torpey - Yes

Mr. Holland - NO

# CANAL PARK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

See attached report submitted by Paul Stern, Superintendent, D & R Canal State Park.

# ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Sincerely,

James C. Amon Executive Director

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MEMO

# NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

то	D & R Canal Commission	
FROM	Paul Stern	DATE January 29, 1985
SUBJECT	Report to Canal Commission#23	December 19, 1984 to January 22, 1985

Over the course of the last month we have:

- 1) Begun selective thinning at Blackwells Mills
- 2) Resurfaced parking lot at Griggstown Lock
- 3) Selectively thinned trees at Griggstown Lock

In the month to come we will be:

- 1) Continuing T.S.I. at Griggstown and Blackwells Mills day use areas
- 2) Begin demolition of floor and removal of heating system at the Griggstown Mule Driver's Barracks

3) Begin T.S.I. at Kingston day area

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