



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 JUNE 1986

TIME: 12:45 - 2:35 PM
DATE: Tuesday, 17 June 1986
PLACE: Canal Commission's Office
Prallsville Mills
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jones, Zaikov, Jessen and Guidotti

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Moore and Mrs. Greenwald

GUESTS: Bill McKelvey, Canal Society of New Jersey
Larry Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey
Mr. & Mrs. Gleason, Rossmoor Residents
Paul Stern, D & R Canal State Park
Rich Famularo, NJ Water Supply Authority
Steve Hardwick, NJ Water Supply Authority
Ursula Buchanan, D & R Canal Coalition
Rosemary Blair, 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

Mr. Zaikov moved and Mr. Guidotti seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of 20 May 1986. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER'S LIABILITY

Mr. Zaikov questioned if Mrs. Highland, DAG, had responded to his request to check each Commissioner's personal liability with regard to decisions that are made by the Commission. Mr. Amon informed him that he had not received such information and that Mrs. Highland was sick and would not attend the meeting. Mr. Zaikov then stated that he wanted this answer by the next meeting.

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EXECUTIVE	COMMISSIONERS					
DIRECTOR	Benjamin B. Kirkland	Martin D. Jessen	Donald B. Jones	Stuart R. Zaikov	Richard T. Dewling	Winona D. Nash
James C. Amon	Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Treasurer	Arthur J. Holland		Frank J. Torpey

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Thomas H. Kean, Governor Richard T. Dewling, Commissioner

Mr. Jessen didn't feel that the Commission would have any liability problems as long as the Commission did not act outside of their jurisdiction.

Mr. Amon is to contact Mrs. Highland and to have the decision on this issue by the next meeting.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners of the following leases which he recommended for approval:

Trenton - Roebling, land
Land adjacent to Finkle Hardware

The leases passed unanimously following a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Guidotti.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

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

85-0678	Tiffany Woods
85-0912	Panorama Park
86-0924	State Police Headquarters
86-0952	Vantage - Pierce Street
86-0962	Vantage - Building #2
86-0978	Snook Farm
86-0986	Hopewell Township Municipal Building

Mr. Zaikov moved approval of the above projects. His motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously passed with the exception of Mr. Jessen who abstained because of an interest in the Vantage projects.

ASSIGNMENT OF DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES FOR FY 87 MONEY

This issue will be discussed at further length once the Commission finds out what types and amounts of monies are available to them.

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners that an engineer has been hired to design the pedestrian bridge footings.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY PROJECTS

Mr. Famularo informed the Commissioners of the WSA's proposed project to remove a sediment stockpile that was used for prior work by the WSA in the Port Mercer area. He stated that it amounts to 4,000 cubic yards of sediment. The Division of Law is requiring the action because the stockpile is in a wetland area. The approximate cost of this work is \$60,000. Mr. Amon questioned what type of landscape work would be done at the end of this project. Mr. Famularo said that the area would be mulched and seeded.

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the above project. His motion passed unanimously following Mr. Kirkland's second.

Mr. Famularo then informed the Commissioners of a leakage problem along Edgewood Avenue in Trenton. The WSA is proposing to reline a 500 foot stretch of the canal in that area. This will involve reshaping and regrading, patching, and putting a 4 inch layer of bentonite and sand mixture and 6 inch gravel layer up to the top of the water level. The approximate cost of this project is \$112,000. The WSA has installed coffer dams and has dewatered this section.

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the above project. Following a second by Mr. Guidotti, the motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY GUARD RAIL

Mr. Amon reported that Franklin Township wishes to erect highway guard rail on Canal Road and they have proposed a special wooden design. Mr. Amon distributed copies of the proposed guard rail and recommended that the Commission adopt this design as a standard for all roads along the park. Mr. Famularo felt that wolmanized wood would be better than kreosote along the canal. Mr. Jessen then approved the design for use along the canal. This motion carried unanimously following Mr. Kirkland's second.

DISCUSSION OF REVIEW ZONE REGULATIONS REVISIONS

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners of his proposed changes to the Review Zone Regulations. He said that he felt some changes were needed because it has become apparent that there are areas where present regulations do not adequately protect the Canal Park.

Mr. Amon said that the procedure for changing the regulations is for the Commission to agree to changes that can be taken to public hearings. After the hearings and publication of the proposed changes the Commission will have a final opportunity to adopt, modify, or reject the new regulations.

The first proposed change involves the discouragement of major projects from selected sections of the A Zone.

Mr. Jessen warned against "blackmailing" developers into doing things in order to get their permits.

Mr. Zaikov questioned the policy of establishing a zoning ordinance for the entire Review Zone. Mr. Amon agreed, saying that guidelines and performance standards are more appropriate.

Mrs. Blair stated that she had been asked by the Coalition and by several effected municipalities to speak in behalf of more stringent regulations.

Several specific changes to the draft revision were suggested and approval was given for taking this change to public hearings. Agreement was also reached that the stormwater management regulations should be changed to include a general statement endorsing on-site recharge of stormwater wherever feasible.

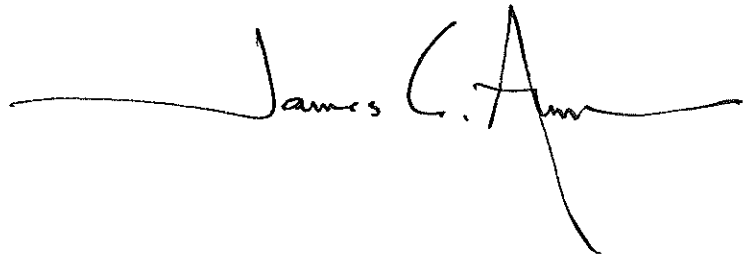
Mr. Amon then presented his proposal to prohibit major projects from corridors along selected streams that interact with the Canal Park. This suggestion drew heated debate, with Mr. Zaikov and Mr. Jessen strongly objecting while Messrs. Jones, Guidotti, and Kirkland gave the concept their support. The main issue seemed to be the propriety of this kind of enforcing regulation by the Commission.

Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Buchanan spoke in support of this proposal.

It was agreed to table this matter until the meeting of 15 July 1986.

ADJOURNMENT

2:34 The meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James C. Amon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the left and a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the name.