

DELAWARE AND RARITAN

CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15 JUNE 1988:

TIME:

12:14 - 2:05 pm

DATE:

Wednesday, 15 June 1988

PLACE:

Griggstown Muletenders' Barracks Franklin Township, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

Messrs. Kirkland, Torpey, Jones, Jessen, Zaikov, COMMISSIONERS:

Torpey, Guidotti, & Mrs. Nash

Messrs. Amon, Dobbs and Mrs. Greenwald STAFF:

John Kraml, Jr., Parks & Forestry GUESTS:

Paul Stern, D & R Canal State Park Dorna Cooper, D & R Canal State Park Larry & Kay Pitt, Canal Society of N.J. Ursula Buchanan, D & R Canal Coalition

Babs Thomsen, Friends of Princeton Open Space

Abigail Barrows, D & R Canal Coalition Rick Potter, D & R Canal, Open Space John Mangan, D & R Canal State Park Alex Kaczorski, D & R Canal State Park

Joseph A. Bieniasz, P.S.E. & G.

Margaret Wilson, D & R Canal Coalition Bill McKelvey, Canal Society of N.J. Victor P. Burylo, D & R Canal State Park

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

MINUTES

Mrs. Nash made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of 18 May 1988. Mr. Jessen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented the Commissioners with the following lease renewals that he recommended for approval:

Kate Roebling Nicholas, McGruther & Syvertsen

PRALLSVILLE MILLS

P.O. BOX 539

STOCKTON, NJ 08559-0539

609-397-2000

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR James C. Amon

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Thomas H. Kean, Governor Richard T. Dewling, Commissioner

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the two lease renewals. His motion carried unanimously following Mrs. Nash's second.

Mr. Amon then presented the Commissioners with a permit request from P.S.E.&.G. for a crossing of the canal. Following some discussion Mr. Jessen moved approval of the crossing with the understanding that the DEP will determine the final nature of the permit. Mr. Guidotti seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

Mr. Amon presented the following A Zone project to the Commissioners with his recommendation for approval:

88-1633 - Borel Restaurant Addition

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the above project. Following Mrs. Nash's second the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dobbs presented the following B zone projects to the Commissioners with his recommendation for approval.

88-0817A - Oxbridge 88-1526A - Corporate Park, Building #7

Following a motion by Mr. Zaikov, and a second by Mr. Jessen the above projects were unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners that he had tried to have an update on the Commission's proposed regulations, but that they were still under review by the Office of Regulatory Services.

Mr. Amon then informed the Commissioners and the public of the historic importance of the building that the meeting was being held in and of the tremendous amount of work that has been done. He stated that he would like future Commission meetings to be held in other historic places along the Canal Park. He will try to arrange the next out of the office meeting be held at the Jimison Farm in Lambertville.

Mr. Amon praised Paul and his staff for the tremendous work that has been accomplished in the Canal Park. Mr. Amon stated that this meeting was being held at the Griggstown Barracks so that the Commissioner's could meet the Belle Mead staff and learn of their activities.

Mr. Kirkland then praised Paul for a job well done.

12:30 - Mr. Jones arrived.

Mr. Stern then introduced his staff to the Commission. Chief Ranger Auciello of the Belle Mead section reviewed the jobs that are undertaken by park rangers.

GARBAGE PROBLEM IN THE CANAL PARK

The problem of tires being tossed in the Canal Park was discussed. Mr. Stern informed the Commissioners of his constant battle to rid the park of these tires. He stated that is little money to dispose of them that he often does not pick them up.

Landfill operators do not want to accept tires because, Mr. Jessen explained, the tires tend to work their way to the surface of landfills and it is in violation of DEP regulations to have tires above the surface. Rather than face the fines that this violation would bring, landfill operators have discouraged dumping of tires through very high fees. The Commissioners concluded that a letter should be written to Governor Kean expressing our problems and suggesting that the regulations be looked into for possible solutions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Amon Executive Director

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