

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 MAY 1989

TIME: 12:15 - 2:55 PM
DATE: Wednesday, 17 May 1989
PLACE: D & R Canal Commission
Prallsville Mills
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Jessen, Jones, Pauley, Torpey,
Zaikov; Mrs. Nash

STAFF: Messrs. Amon and Dobbs; Ms. Holms
Deputy Attorney General Stephen Brower

GUESTS: Charlotte Wengel, Blackwell's Mills Canal
House
Ursula Buchanan, D & R Canal Coalition
Abigail Barrows, D & R Canal Coalition
Kay & Larry Pitt, Canal Society of NJ
Bill McKelvey, Canal Society of NJ
Melanie McManus, Lambertville Beacon
Milton Levin, Lawrenceville Historical
Society
Robert von Zumbusch
Barbara Thomsen, Canal Watch
John Kraml, Jr., Div. Parks & Forestry
Paul Stern, D & R Canal State Park
Eugene Gross, NJ WSA
Lee Cunningham, Westinghouse, RESD
David Testa, Westinghouse, RESD
Lauren Moore, Mercer County Improvement
Authority
Steven J. Golembuski, Mercer County
Improvement Authority
Norm Mathis, Somerset County Eng. Dept.
Joe Skupien, Somerset County Eng. Dept.
Linda Barie, Fellows, Read & Assoc., Inc.

Mr. Jessen 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 approval of the minutes of the meeting of 19 April 1989. Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Application for a lease was made by Public Opinion Surveys, Inc., for \$65, for rights to use the bridge across the Prallsville Lock. Mr. Pauley moved approval, Mr. Zaikov seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

Mr. Amon presented two A Zone projects:

- #89-1497A - Gager Subdivision
- #88-1663 - State Police Retirement Plaza

Mr. William Gager proposes to subdivide property and build a single residence. The State Police Retirement Plaza will be an 11-story apartment building, a home for retired police officers. The building will be located about 990 feet from the Canal Park. Neither project will have a harmful visual impact on the Canal Park, according to Mr. Amon. Mr. Zaikov moved approval, Mr. Pauley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Dobbs presented seven B Zone projects:

- #88-1680 - Jeffrey Albert
- #89-1731 - Winding Meadows
- #89-1718B - South Middlesex Industrial Park
Project SM1150
- #88-1711 - Constitution Centre
- #88-1726 - Heritage Park at Cranbury
- #88-1720 - Hampton Arms
- #86-0938 - Carnegie Center II

Mr. Dobbs recommended approval for the above projects since they all meet the Canal Commission's storm water management standards. Mr. Zaikov moved approval, Mr. Torpey seconded the approval, and it passed unanimously.

SOMERSET COUNTY PROPOSAL FOR CANAL ROAD BRIDGE

The proposed two-lane bridge will replace an existing one-lane bridge on Canal Road spanning Ten Mile Run. According to Somerset County Engineer Norm Mathis, the present bridge is in very poor repair and needs to be replaced soon. Mr. Mathis stated that his plans are in accordance with regulations determined by the Federal Government and Franklin Township. The Township requires thirty feet for any two lane road. Federal law requires 4 steel guide rails. Mr. Amon said that the Historic Sites Council's staff will recommend two 11-foot lanes, two 2-foot shoulders, and no sidewalks at

their next meeting to be held 18 May. Mr. Mathis stated that Franklin Township probably would not approve the Council's recommendation, because it does not have the necessary liability coverage. Mr. Pauley stated that the new bridge would be lower than the existing bridge, and that the visual impact would be minimal on the Canal Park. He suggested saving the larger trees near the bridge. Mr. Zaikov moved approval of the application contingent upon saving designated trees.

Mrs. Abigail Barrows asked the Commission to decide if they want the character of Canal Road to change by "beefing up" its bridges. She pointed out that if all of the bridges on Canal Road are improved there will be no impediment to truck traffic and to heavy automobile use. Mr. Robert von Zumbusch stated that Canal Road should not be a major circulation road--that it should be a park road.

Mr. Pauley suggested council from Franklin Township on a new design. Mr. Zaikov withdrew his earlier motion. Mr. Jones moved tabling the application for further discussion. Mr. Torpey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DUCK ISLAND MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

Ms. Linda Barie of Fellows, Read & Associates presented a Master Plan for the area near the Duck Island Resource Recovery Facility and Incinerator. She said that although Duck Island was a heavily-industrialized area right now, the focus of the Master Plan would be to enhance the existing resources; for example building a tree-lined boulevard instead of a highway, creating a river walk with a natural amphitheatre, and generally revitalizing the neighborhood.

Mr. Lee Cunningham and Mr. David Testa of Westinghouse answered questions concerning the Incinerator and Resource Recovery Facility. The power plant will be air-cooled; the DRBC would not allow river water to cool the plant. The plant will process 975 tons of waste per day, with an architectural provision to potentially increase to 1300 tons per day. Westinghouse will supervise the design, erection, starting, and maintaining of the plant for twenty years. Storm water will be discharged to the river. There will be no outside storage; an average of 180 trucks per day will use the plant. Inside storage has a capacity of three days. Mrs. Nash asked about air quality. Mr. Testa stated that both Westinghouse and the State of New Jersey must meet EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and that Westinghouse was well within those standards, even with the surrounding industries. Mr. Jones asked who would finance the Master Plan. Mr. Cunningham replied that townships, the county, Green Acres, and private sources would contribute. Mr. Amon

requested a more detailed presentation of the facility and information on how it specifically affects the Canal Park, to be given at the next meeting of the Commission.

ADOPTION OF THE SECOND EDITION OF MASTER PLAN

Mr. Amon stated that although the second edition of the Master Plan was ready to be approved by the Commissioners, there would not be enough money in this year's budget to have it printed. Mr. Stern suggested starting by printing a few copies, selling them at cost, and using the proceeds to print more. Mr. Zaikov suggested a quick-print method, and Mr. Amon agreed that perhaps 200 could be printed in this fashion. Mrs. Nash moved that the Commission adopt the second edition of the Master Plan, Mr. Zaikov seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon announced an invitation to the Commissioners to attend a benefit for the new transportation museum being planned by a committee of state legislators and prominent citizens. He also reviewed the results of New Jersey Audubon's World Series of Birding Birdathon and the participation of the D & R Canal team; the team saw 148 species of birds and expects to get over \$1000 in pledge donations.

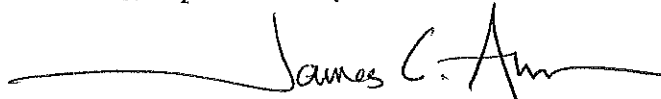
CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Stern stated that heavy rains and flooding washed out the road to the campsites at Bull's Island and that the campsites remain closed. Chief Ranger Auciello is presenting talks about the park at various community meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Nash moved that the meeting be adjourned, Mr. Jones seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


James C. Amon
Executive Director