

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 18 JULY 1990

TIME: 12:15 NOON - 2:15 PM
DATE: Wednesday, 18 July 1990
PLACE: D & R Canal Commission
Prallsville Mills
Stockton, NJ



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Jessen, Jones, Guidotti,
Kirkland, Zaikov; Mrs. Nash

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

GUESTS: Paul Stern, D & R Canal State Park
Barbara Thomsen, D & R Canal Watch
Eohrab Marashlian, Perini Corp.
Jesse C. Jameson, Perini Corp.
John Kraml, Jr., Div. of Parks & Forestry
Kay and Larry Pitt, Canal Society of NJ
Joe Bird
Charles Alder
Abe Shaikh, NJ Water Supply Authority
Eugene Gross, NJ Water Supply Authority

Mr. Kirkland opened the meeting and announced that this was a regular meeting of the D & R Canal Commission and that all provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law of 1976 had been met.

MINUTES

Mrs. Nash moved approval of the Minutes from the meeting of 20 June 1990; Mr. Zaikov seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ms. Holms stated that there were corrections to be made to the minutes of 6 June 1990; 1) the name of Janine Bauer is to be added to the list of guests, 2) the name Neylane Rizzuto (guest) should be Neljane Rizzuto, and 3) Laylor Street should be spelled Lalor Street. With these corrections, Mrs. Nash moved approval of the Minutes of 6 June 1990, Mr. Guidotti seconded the approval and the motion passed unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR James C. Amon	COMMISSIONERS Benjamin B. Kirkland <i>Chairman</i>	Martin D. Jessen <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Donald B. Jones <i>Treasurer</i>	Stuart R. Zaikov R. William Pauley	Judith A. Yaskin Frank J. Torpey	Winona D. Nash
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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
James J. Florio, *Governor* Judith A. Yaskin, *Commissioner*

PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented one permit application from Perini Corporation, a construction company that was awarded the contract to do preliminary construction on the Highway 295 bridge across Crosswicks Creek. According to the original contract, a stockpile of dredging material from Crosswicks Creek would be placed on DOT's right-of-way, to be used later for embankment. The Perini Corporation is requesting use of a 60' x 68' piece of Canal Park property to move the dredging material to the right-of-way. This would involve the clearing of trees--mainly locusts and wild cherry. Mr. Amon recommended that the Commission pass a resolution authorizing him to sign a permit that the Division of Parks and Forestry would prepare.

Mr. Jessen moved that the Commission approve the permit on the condition that the Division of Parks and Forestry approves it. Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE

Mr. Amon presented the following three "A" Zone projects:

- 90-1908 - PSEC School Garage - 1-story frame garage in Titusville, to replace an existing small masonry utility building; a thick hedgerow is between the path and the proposed garage.
- 90-1912 - Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority Addition - 27' x 14 1/2' building in Lawrence Twp.; although adjacent to the park, this addition would be part of a large existing plant fence in Titusville.
- 90-1907 - Kingston Presbyterian Church - addition to an existing church, not visible from the park.

Mr. Amon recommended approval of the three projects. Mr. Stern suggested that as a condition of approval for the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority Addition, they be required to remove the fence that is on Canal Park property. Mr. Jessen moved their approval with the forementioned condition; Mr. Guidotti seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Dobbs then presented four "B" Zone projects:

- 88-1715 - BRW Properties, Hopewell Borough; 12 houses on 6+ acres with 10% impervious.
- 90-1905 - Summerfield Suites Hotel, South Brunswick; nine hotel buildings on 6+ acres with 49% impervious surface.
- 89-1830 - United Jersey Shopping Plaza, Franklin Twp., Somerset County;

3 commercial buildings on 2 acres with 80%
impervious surface.
86-1006 - Yorkshire Estates, East Windsor;
75-lot single family development on 48+ acres.

Mr. Dobbs stated all applications met stormwater management and water quality requirements. He noted that Yorkshire Estates had been approved earlier, and was up for recertification, but that there were no streams on the property in which the stream corridor regulations would apply. Mr. Amon stated that he does not make recommendations on "B" Zone projects (with specific regard to BRW Properties in Hopewell).

Mr. Zaikov suggested notifying all applicants whose Certificates of Approval may be nearing their expiration date, that stream corridor regulations could be a factor in considering re-approval. The Commissioners agreed, and Mr. Dobbs stated that this would be done.

Mr. Zaikov then moved approval of the B Zone projects, Mrs. Nash seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF CANAL PARK PROJECTS

Mr. Amon reviewed the status of the following projects:

Water Supply Authority projects:

1. Head Gates at Bull's Island - complete
2. Alexaukin Aqueduct - nearly complete
3. Swan Creek Aqueduct repair - complete
4. Aqueduct over Millstone - complete
5. Waste Gates at Kingston and Griggstown - complete
6. Randolph Brook Culvert - not yet started
7. Colonial Park pipeline break - 75 feet of embankment stone replaced by Texas Eastern.

Access Areas:

1. Belle Mountain area
2. Millstone Aqueduct area
3. South Bound Brook lock area
4. The Meadows (Franklin Township)

Mr. Amon stated that the final agreements were nearly complete.

Other Projects:

1. Completion of paths in Lambertville and Trenton - plans are not yet complete because of disagreements with ONJH.
2. Three Canal Houses - plans complete; waiting for funding.
3. Major access at Freda Marden Common - still in design stage.

Mr. Jessen mentioned that Landing Lane Bridge is to be torn down, and wondered if the Commission could work with Middlesex County to discourage this. Mr. Amon said he and Mr. Dobbs would look into it.

4. Towpath between Mulberry and Whitehead Avenue - Superintendent Stern is looking into bulldozing a drainage ditch to reduce water runoff.
5. Capitol City Renaissance Plan - according to Mr. Amon, Janine Bauer, an attorney from Trenton, informed him that once the Redevelopment Corp. agrees on a plan, they have the legal authority to implement it without other agencies' approval. The future of the proposed Canal Drive is still uncertain.
6. Yorkshire Village - the project involving a new bridge in Port Mercer is on hold, due to Lawrence Township denying a sewer extension.
7. Princeton Nurseries - Mr. Amon is working with a University representative to retain the 100+ acres between Mapleton Road and the Canal Park as open space.
8. Scudders Mills Extension - DOT is now proposing to build a grade separated interchange, but not the connector to Mapleton Road.
9. Prallsville Mills - a grant of \$146,000 has been awarded to the Delaware River Mill Society for restoration of the mill buildings.
10. South Princeton/Sun Oil Pipeline fire - negotiations for a lump sum for the State to restore the towpath between Port Mercer and Alexander Street are in progress.
11. Trap Rock - a new headquarters is now under construction; the re-routing of Route 601 should start in one to two years.
12. 6-Mile Run Reservoir - not yet determined, but it is unlikely that the area will be used for a reservoir.
13. 10-Mile Run Bridge - Somerset County Freeholders and Franklin Township Committee have suggested looking into the alternative of "repair" with some widening, rather than rebuild.
14. Bridge Safety - DOT, WSA, Parks and Forestry, ONJH, and the Commission are gathering criteria for bridges that cross the canal.
15. Aquisitions - DRCC, Green Acres, Princeton Township, and the Institute for Advanced Study are working together on

DRCC's first priority in acquisitions - land in the Port Mercer area.

Mr. Pitt asked whether the Commission was aware of Zarephath's plans for a village centered on Schoolhouse Road. Mr. Amon replied that he was not aware of it.

Mr. Kraml commented on the satisfactory completion of the Turning Basin Bridge.

Mr. Jones asked about the status of two canal houses in Trenton. Mr. Amon replied that Isles, an organization that promotes community self-help projects, is interested in leasing them. Mr. Guidotti said that arrangements are nearing completion.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stern commented on the closing of Bull's Island camping facilities due to storm damage; it was opened last Monday.

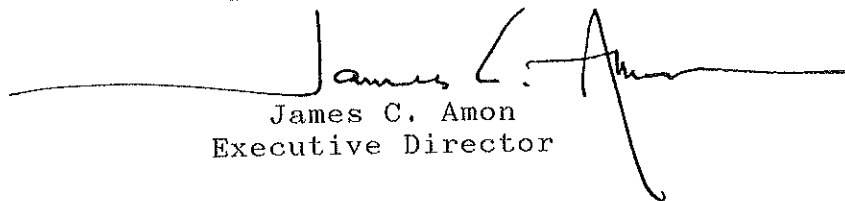
Mr. Jessen wondered whether it would be feasible to remove lower limbs of some trees to create "windows" along the canal. Mr. Amon said he would look into it.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Thomsen asked whether the public could see the review zone project applications before the day of the meeting. Mr. Amon stated that this would be difficult because it would mean making the deadline for application requirements earlier, which would present a hardship to the applicants. Mrs. Thomsen then asked what was the Commissioners' position on Mayor Palmer becoming a Commissioner? Mr. Kirkland stated that the Commission does not usually have any roll in the appointment of its members. Mrs. Thomsen said that Canal Watch was in favor of Mayor Palmer being a Commissioner, and recommended more meetings take place in Trenton.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


James C. Amon
Executive Director