

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 18 DECEMBER 1991

TIME: 12:20 PM - 1:15 PM
DATE: Wednesday, 18 December 1991
PLACE: D & R Canal Commission
Prallsville Mills
Stockton, NJ



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

ATTENDING:

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

STAFF: Messrs. Amon and Dobbs; Ms. Holms
Ms. Carol Blasi, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS: John Auciello, D & R Canal State Park
Joe Bird
Kay & Larry Pitt, Canal Society of NJ
Edward Buss, NJ Water Supply Authority
Laura Palumbo, NJ Water Supply Authority

Mr. Jessen 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

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of 18 November 1991.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon stated that Faherty's Pub in Hopewell Township is requesting a lease renewal for 220 square feet of park property which is used for access to the rear of the building, for a fee of \$75 per year. Mr. Pauley moved approval of the lease renewal, Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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James J. Florio, Governor Scott A. Weiner, Commissioner

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

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

- 91-2005 - Ibarra Residence
Lambertville, Hunterdon County
house addition
- 91-2021 - Meyer Residence
Hopewell Township, Mercer County
house addition
- 91-2018 - North Broad Street Improvements
Trenton, Mercer County
improvements to street, curbs, and sidewalks
- 84-0396A - Trenton Country Club
Ewing Township, Mercer County
1-story maintenance building
- 83-0171A - Easton Avenue Mall
Franklin Township, Somerset County
clock tower and facade improvements

Mr. Amon said that the Ibarra addition would be in character with the architecture of houses in Lambertville. The Meyer addition will not be visible from the Canal Park. North Broad Street improvements would not add any new impervious surface, and in the case of the Easton Avenue Mall, the clock tower would be only slightly visible from the park, and would not be intrusive. Mr. Amon stated that the Trenton Country Club's proposed maintenance building would be a one-story cement block structure, and recommended that the Commissioners approve the project on the condition that a landscape plan acceptable to the Commission staff show plantings of shrubs or understory between the building and the park.

Mr. Jones moved approval of the Trenton Country Club project with the aforementioned condition; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Jones then moved approval of the other four "A" Zone projects; Mr. Pauley seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Dobbs presented three "B" Zone projects for reapproval:

- 88-1704A - Forsgate Industrial Complex S-128
South Brunswick Township, Middlesex County
1-story building on 14+ acres with 54%
impervious coverage.
- 88-1432 - Bennetts Lane Estates
Franklin Township, Somerset County

- 27 houses on 36+ acres with 28% impervious coverage.
- 88-1729 - Enterprise Business Center
3-story office building on 11+ acres with 50% impervious surface.

Mr. Dobbs stated that these projects had been delayed due to bad economic times, but they continue to meet all requirements of the DRCC.

Mr. Dobbs presented the following new "B" Zone projects:

- 91-2010 - Forsgate S-153
South Brunswick Township, Middlesex County.
1-story office/warehouse on 14 acres with 50% impervious coverage.
- 91-2001 - Corporate Education Center for AT&T
Franklin Township, Somerset County.
1-story building addition and parking on 27 acres with 50% impervious coverage.

Mr. Dobbs said that stormwater management and water quality had been met for all projects. Mrs. Nash moved approval of all "B" Zone projects; Mr. Pauley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY PROJECTS

1. Draft Schematic Plan for Rehabilitation of Waste Gate in the Vicinity of the 10 Mile Lock

Mr. Amon reviewed the history of this waste gate; it was rebuilt in 1920--a concrete pipe was installed, new head walls and wingwalls were constructed, the timber foundation was cut, and the original timber foundation was no longer kept constantly wet, so that it deteriorated. The Schematic Plan is a proposal to put a concrete foundation under the headwalls, wingwalls and pipe, then rebuild them, and install a metal gate which would have the same design as the other metal gates along the canal. Mr. Amon commented on the fact that the present waste gate was one of only two wooden waste gates still in existence in the park. It was installed in 1949 and apparently leaked from the onset. He recommended approval of the draft schematic plan.

Mr. Jessen asked whether it would be possible to camouflage the metal with wood facing--Mr. Buss replied that the gate was curved, but that it would be the same configuration as the other metal gates along the canal. Mr. Zaikov moved approval of the draft schematic plan of the rehabilitation of

the waste gate near 10 Mile Lock; Mrs. Nash seconded the approval, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then reviewed plans for the rehabilitation of the Landing Lane Spillway, plans that had been conceptually approved by the Commission in April of 1991. After rehabilitation, the spillway will not pass water with the exception of 10-year floods (or larger), in which case water will spill over for a day or so. Mrs. Nash moved approval of the final plans for the rehabilitation of the Landing Lane Spillway; Mr. Zaikov seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1992

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to keep the meeting date the third Wednesday of each month, 12:00 noon. Mr. Pauley suggested continuing to have some of the meetings at different sites along the canal.

DISCUSSION OF PROMOTING AN INCREASED CANAL COMMISSION BUDGET

It was agreed that the Commissioners should write to legislators, informing them of the Canal Commission's worthiness.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon announced that the Lawrence Historical Society, along with D & R Canal Watch and the Port Mercer Civic Association, presented the Commissioners with coffee mugs showing the Port Mercer Canal House, the first in a series of mugs with historic motifs.

He also updated the Commissioners on the status of the Mansion Hill interpretive project; that although the developer had met all obligations, the site presently had illegal piles of stones on it; the owner of the stone has been given until April to remove them. He said that the Mansion Hill project sponsor may not be able to meet the deadline set by the Commission but that will not be her fault.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. John Auciello, Chief Ranger of the Canal Park, announced that Cook College students were designing two brochures for the park; a general brochure, plus information on mountain bike use on the towpath.

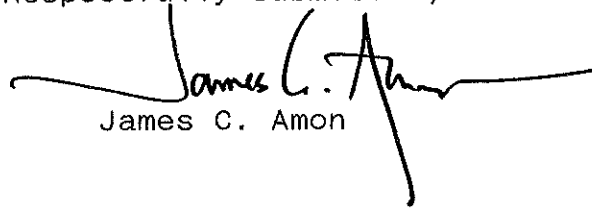
PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Pauley asked about the status of Nassau Park; Mr. Amon said the project application was up for public comment this week. Mr. Jones asked about the Wickecheoke Creek dredging project--Mr. Buss said it may begin by the end of 1992 or beginning of 1993. Mr. Pauley asked about the status of the Zarephath easement--Mr. Amon replied that it was still in the works, and was pending an appraisal. Mrs. Nash asked about the Institute for Advanced Study acquisition, and Mr. Amon replied that this project, too, was waiting for an appraisal.

Mr. Amon announced that the Somerset County Freeholders reversed their position on the new road being built by Trap Rock in Franklin Township, and that construction would begin in early 1992.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



James C. Amon