

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1994

TIME: 12:15 PM to 1:10 PM
DATE: Wednesday, September 21, 1994
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Prallsville Mills, Stockton, NJ



ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Marshall, Pauley, Zaikov;
Mrs. Nash, Ms. Shaddow (representative for
Mayor Palmer)

STAFF: Mr. Amon, Ms. Holms
Ms. Carol Blasi, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS: Paul Stern, D&R Canal State Park
Kay & Larry Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey
John Auciello, D&R Canal State Park
Fred Brown, D&R Canal Watch

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 the approval of the minutes of August 17;
Mr. Pauley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
Mrs. Nash then moved the approval of the minutes of the Executive Session held on August 17; Mr. Pauley seconded this motion and it too passed without dissent.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented an application to the New Jersey State House Commission to grant land to Lawrence Township as part of the Provinceline Road realignment and new bridge. Terms are: .701 acre to be sold in fee for \$5,000. Mr. Pauley moved approval of the land grant; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon presented five "B" Zone applications:

94-2179 - West Windsor-Plainsboro High School - Plainsboro Twp; 190,000 square foot high school on 132 acres.

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY
Christine Todd Whitman, Governor Robert C. Shinn, Jr. Commissioner

A portion of the detention basin and some of the athletic fields are proposed to be located in a regulated stream corridor, on presently-existing farmland. Mr. Amon recommended approval with the condition that the applicant submit materials that assure that the stream corridor will be preserved in the future as required by N.J.A.C. 7:45-7.6, and that the Certificate of Approval not be released until such proof is received.

- 94-2171 - Mercer County Airport Taxiway G - Ewing Twp.; 3.2 acres of new impervious surface; stormwater runoff will be managed by the construction of 2 detention basins.
- 94-2168 - Trenton Psychiatric Hospital Forensic Center - Trenton; construction of a forensic center and small parking lot on 17+ acres.
- 93-2119 - Royce Brook Golf Club - Hillsborough Twp.; golf course with 2 buildings on 429+ acres with 2% impervious coverage. A DRCC designated stream corridor is on the site; Mr. Amon recommended approval with the condition as stated for application #94-2179 (see above).
- 94-2170 - Pennington Point Senior Housing - Pennington and Hopewell Twp.; 102 senior housing units on approximately 18 acres with 49.6% impervious coverage.

Mr. Amon stated that the above applications showed conformance with DRCC's standards for stormwater management and recommended approval with the conditions as stated for #94-2179 and #93-2119.

Mr. Zaikov moved approval of the five "B" Zone projects with conditions as stated; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented three "B" Zone projects for re-approval (current approvals will expire after December):

- 89-1718C - South Middlesex Industrial Park Projects SM 1160 and 1170 - Monroe Twp;
- 90-1925 - SM-1190 - Monroe Twp.
- 90-1892 - Matrix SB-3 and SB-5 - South Brunswick Twp.;

Mr. Amon said that the projects had not been changed from when they had been formerly approved by the Commission. He said that in the case of #90-1892, Matrix SB-3 and SB-5, a stream corridor along Drinking Brook presently did not have protection for future preservation, as is now required by the Canal Commission. Mr. Amon recommended that the Commission re-approve all three with the condition for 90-1892 that the applicant submit materials that assure that the stream corridor will be preserved in the future as required by N.J.A.C. 7:45-7.6, and that the Certificate of Approval not be released until such proof is received. Mr. Zaikov moved

approval of the three projects with the above-stated condition for 90-1892; Mr. Pauley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented two "A" Zone projects for review:

- 91-1964A - Dailey Carport - Stockton; proposal to erect an open carport attached to the side of the house.
- 94-2185 - Angevine and Ritter Garage - Hopewell Twp.; one-story frame garage on lot that backs onto the Canal Park. The rear wall of the garage would be 11 feet from the rear lot line; a thin hedgerow of trees and shrubs partially screens the project site from the Canal Park path.

Mr. Amon said that in both cases there would not be a harmful visual impact on the Canal Park and recommended approval. Mr. Zaikov moved approval of the two "A" Zone projects; Mr. Pauley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Brown inquired about the status of the Laurel Avenue Bypass. Mr. Stern replied that there was no opening date yet. Mr. Amon said that the path portion from Rocky Hill to Kingston and parking lot was just beginning to be constructed.

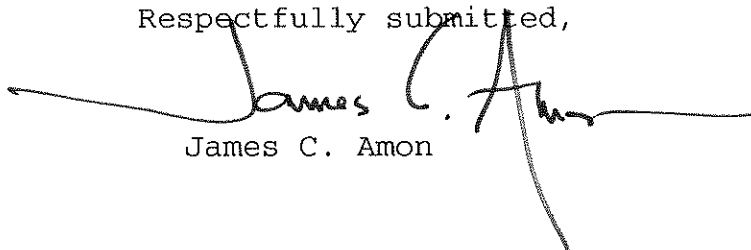
CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stern said that an annual canoe race was held on the feeder canal. A new heating system was being installed at the former Bernard residence. A collapsing bulkhead between Bridge and Coryell Streets in Lambertville has prevented vehicle access; Mr. Stern said that finding a source for funding the repair was still uncertain. Fences are being installed at the Kingston Locktender's House and at Wilburtha Road. Mr. Stern also commented on the installation of park boundary signs by the State Park Service.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon said that he regretted to announce that Ms. Blasi would no longer be representing the Canal Commission after today's meeting. He said that she has done extremely valuable work for the Commission and that the Commission is in her debt for everything she has done. Ms. Blasi said that she was grateful for the opportunity to work for the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,



James C. Amon