

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 1996

TIME: 12:00 PM to 1:15 PM
DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 1996
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Stockton, New Jersey



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

ATTENDING:

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

STAFF: Mr. Amon, Ms. Holms
Mr. Lewin Weyl, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS: Kay & Larry Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey
Abe Shaikh, NJ Water Supply Authority
Fred Brown, D&R Canal Watch
Paul Stern, D&R Canal State Park
Bill McKelvey, Friends of NJRR & Transportation Museum
Jim Curran, Aldi, Inc.
Tom Price, NJ Water Supply Authority
Linda House, Canal Society of New Jersey

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

January
Mrs. Nash moved the approval of the minutes of the public hearing of ~~February~~ 17, 1996; Mr. Herzog seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Nash then moved approval of the minutes of the Commission meeting of ~~February~~ 17, 1996; Mr. Herzog seconded the motion and it also passed without dissent.

LEASES AND PERMITS *January*

Mr. Amon presented a permit application from the Department of Transportation for the purpose of improving the Scudders Falls parking area. Parking space would be expanded using a gravel surface and timber-rail guide rails. Mr. Amon recommended the Commissioners approve the plan as presented and to also approve

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR James C. Amon	COMMISSIONERS Benjamin B. Kirkland <i>Chairman</i>	Martin D. Jessen <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Winona D. Nash <i>Treasurer</i>	Sam Herzog R. William Pauley	Robert C. Shinn, Jr. Frank J. Torpey	Douglas H. Palmer Marfy Goodspeed
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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Christine Todd Whitman, Governor Robert C. Shinn, Jr. Commissioner

Mr. Amon's signing a permit based on the approved plan.
Ms. Goodspeed moved the approval of the Scudders Falls parking improvement plan and Mr. Amon's signing a permit based on the plan; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Pauley joined the meeting at 12:10 PM.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon presented the following "B" Zone applications:

95-2251 - Pennington Fitness Center - Pennington; .
fitness center on a 57,474 square foot lot with one detention basin to manage stormwater runoff.

95-2131A - Yorkshire Woods/Linton Drive Extension - Montgomery Township; 2,140 linear feet of new road that is 30 feet wide; an existing detention basin will be expanded to manage runoff.

95-2245 - Windsor Heights Shopping Center - East Windsor Twp.;
1.71 acres of new impervious surface as part of a shopping center expansion; an existing basin will be expanded to manage runoff.

95-2256 - Aldi Food Store - Ewing Township;
convenience store on 2.66 acres with one detention basin.

Mr. Amon said that all four applications conformed with the Commission's regulations for stormwater management and water quality and recommended approval. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the applications for Pennington Fitness Center, Yorkshire Woods/Linton Drive Extension, and Aldi Food Store; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Jessen then moved approval of the Windsor Heights Shopping Center application with Mrs. Nash seconding the motion. Messrs. Jessen, Kirkland, Marshall, Pauley, Mrs. Nash, and Ms. Goodspeed voted in favor of the motion; Mr. Herzog abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Amon then presented one "A" Zone application:

95-2205 - Lawrence Landscape Changes - Lawrence Township

Mr. Amon said that the applicant proposes to rearrange parking and display areas in a retail nursery sales yard next to the Canal Park. He would also put new facades on existing buildings and add decorative native landscape materials to the Canal Park edge. Mr. Amon recommended approval with the condition that the Park Superintendent and DRCC be notified before any work begins on park property. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the "A" Zone application; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR STREAM CORRIDOR MAPPING

Mr. Amon said that the a federally-funded program has made grant money available to groups in Mercer County for the purpose of natural resource enhancement. He said that the Delaware River Greenway has put together a grant application, with the aid of Commission staff, for the purpose of mapping the Canal Commission's protected stream corridors using Geographic Information System technology. As part of the grant application Mr. Amon said that a resolution of support from governmental agencies was required. The Commission agreed that this would be a good project and strongly endorsed it. Mr. Herzog moved approval supporting the grant application; Mrs. Nash seconded the approval, and it passed unanimously.

CONCEPT REVIEW OF PROPOSED EMBANKMENT REPAIR

Mr. Amon explained that there was a section of canal between Bull's Island and Stockton where vertical boards were installed in the embankment, possibly as part of an older repair project. There is presently leakage from the canal into the Delaware River in this area; the Water Supply Authority proposes to stiffen the embankment by building a concrete cutoff wall on the canal edge of the embankment, covering it with vertical wood planks and capping it with stone. Stone rip rap would be placed on the river side of the embankment. Mr. Herzog suggested looking into a composite material used on the Atlantic City boardwalk that replicates wood. Mr. Amon suggested that as part of the project, the Authority consider making a new access area at the Lockatong Creek, should a staging area be located there.

Ms. Goodspeed suggested notifying the county and municipality of the work that will be done.

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the conceptual design of the embankment repair; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

A discussion of the results of the floods took place; Mr. Herzog suggested that a map of flooding "hot spots" be prepared.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon reported that the Somerset County Freeholders unanimously agreed to share the cost of purchasing the Ingersoll Rand property in Montgomery Township. He explained that the purchase would involve Montgomery Township, Green Acres, and D&R Greenway.

Mr. Amon then said that the Development Plan is ready for distribution and suggested that after sending it to key people and groups, the Commission charge \$3 per plan. The Commission agreed.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stern reported that Bull's Island Campground was so severely damaged by the flood that it may not open in April--several roads were washed out. He said that the maintenance staff's time was taken up primarily with snow plowing.

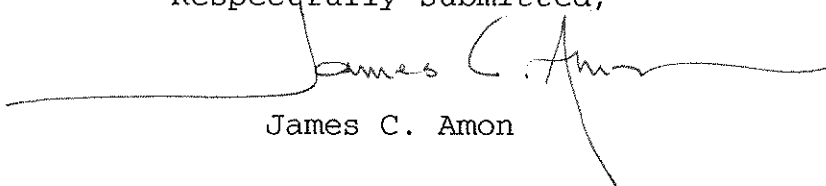
SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Mr. Amon presented a permit application from the Director of Community Gardens in Trenton to erect and maintain a sheltered vegetable garden in the railroad right-of-way west of Calhoun Street. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the permit application, Mr. Herzog seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Jessen announced that a Canal Symposium would take place at Lafayette College in Easton on March 9th.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James C. Amon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name. It features a long horizontal stroke at the beginning and a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

James C. Amon