



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 20, 1996

TIME: 12:10 PM to 1:50 PM
DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 1996
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Jessen, Kirkland, Torpey;
Ms. Goodspeed, Mrs. Nash

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

GUESTS: Kay & Larry Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey
Tom Price, NJ Water Supply Authority
Fred Brown, D&R Canal Watch
Paul Stern, D&R Canal State Park
Ben Zimmer
Lewis Goldshore
J.D. Hartlove
Paul Darmofalski

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 the meeting of February 21, 1996; Mr. Torpey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

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

96-2271 - Nannemen/Osborne Storage Shed - Lambertville

He stated that the proposed one-story shed would be approximately 250 feet from the Canal Park and would most likely not be visible from the park because it would be screened by a railroad embankment. Ms. Goodspeed moved the approval of the application; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Amon then presented the following "B" Zone applications for approval:

- 95-2233 - F.F. Enterprises Warehouse - Franklin Township, Somerset County; 22,500 sq. ft. office/warehouse plus parking on 2 acres; one detention basin will manage stormwater runoff.
- 96-2078B - Firmenich Building "M" - Plainsboro Township; office/research building and parking lots; total new impervious area is 1.65 acres; a new detention basin will manage stormwater runoff.

Mr. Amon said that the two applications meet the Canal Commission's criteria for stormwater management and water quality and recommended approval. Mrs. Nash moved approval of the two "B" Zone projects; Ms. Goodspeed seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented the following "B" Zone application for waiver from stormwater management review, and for approval:

- 95-2249 - TPC at Jasna Polana - Princeton and Lawrence Townships; private golf course.

Mr. Amon said that the project is subject to review for stream corridor preservation and stormwater management. It has been reviewed and approved by DEP's Stream Encroachment Division for stormwater management; therefore, Mr. Amon recommended it be waived from that portion of review by DRCC. Mr. Amon also stated that the golf course (a conditional use in the DRCC stream corridor regulation) would minimally disturb existing woodlands and would have compensating expansions in the corridor elsewhere. He recommended approval of the application.

Mrs. Nash moved waiving the project from stormwater management review, and then moved approval. Ms. Goodspeed seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF PROJECTS LISTED IN DEVELOPMENT, ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr. Amon discussed several projects in the Plan that were either in design phase, under construction, or completed. Projects included access areas, new paths, and path restoration.

The Commissioners then discussed a draft letter to the Governor and Legislature about the Plan; the Commissioners agreed that the letter should be brief, to the point, and more laudatory of the Canal Commission and Canal Park.

DOT BRIDGE DESIGN FOR SEVEN CANAL BRIDGES

Mr. Amon said that he received DOT plans for seven canal bridges the preceding week but did not have time to distribute his comments to the Commissioners before the March meeting. He said that according to the current legislation, the Canal Commission has 30 days to make comments on DOT projects upon receipt of plans.

The Commissioners felt it would be a good idea to meet with DOT representatives after Mr. Amon distributed his comments to the Commissioners, DOT, and Senator William Schluter (a member of the D&R Canal Transportation Safety Study Commission).

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stern reported that 20 campsites will open April 1 as a result of the tremendous effort the maintenance staff has made cleaning up after winter storms. He also reported incidents of vandalism at Six-Mile Run.

A general discussion followed concerning the lack of staffing for the Canal Park now that it has expanded to include Six Mile Run.

Mr. Torpey made the following motion:

Whereas the Open Public Meeting Act provides that a public body such as the Canal Commission may meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters and matters subject to attorney-client privilege; and

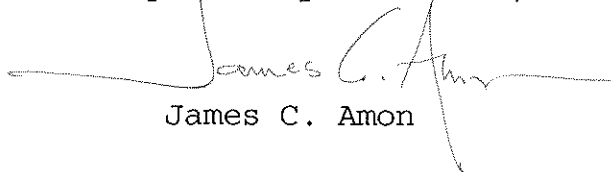
Whereas the Commission desires to retire to closed session to discuss such personnel matters and matters subject to attorney-client privilege; now

Therefore be it resolved that the Commission shall at this time meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters and matters subject to attorney-client privilege, the substance of which will be disclosed publicly only if it does not constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy and will not breach attorney-client privilege.

Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Commission entered Executive Session at 1:35 PM.

The open public session resumed and adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


James C. Amon