

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 19, 1997

TIME: 12:10 P.M. - 2:10 P.M.
DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 1997
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Stockton, New Jersey



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Jessen, Kirkland, Torpey; Ms. Goodspeed and Mrs. Nash
STAFF: Mr. Amon and Ms. Holms
Mr. Lewin Weyl, Deputy Attorney General
GUESTS: Paul Stern, D&R Canal State Park
Abe Shaikh, NJ Water Supply Authority
Lisa Muentener, Isles

Mr. Torpey 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 of February 19, 1997; Ms. Goodspeed seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Nash then moved approval of the minutes of the Executive Session held on February 19, 1997; Ms. Goodspeed seconded the motion and it also passed without dissent.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented two permit applications. The Water Supply Authority is proposing to strengthen the "Barber's Farm Bridge" over the canal by Route 202 so that it will meet the Department of Transportation's new load limits. They propose to install channel beams on either side of the pile cap beams--these channel beams will be visible only to canoeists under the bridge, and the beams will not lower the bridge clearance. Mr. Amon recommended approval. Ms. Goodspeed moved approval of the permit; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented a permit application by the Division of Parks and Forestry to install interpretive signs about the Irishmen that helped build the canal. He said eight signs had been designed and built by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and that four had already been installed. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the Commission should have had the

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR James C. Amon	COMMISSIONERS Frank J. Torpey <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. Benjamin B. Kirkland	Douglas H. Palmer Marfy Goodspeed
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opportunity to review and approve the design and location of the signs before they had been built and installed. It was also suggested that the Commission staff create guidelines for future interpretive signs. Mr. Kirkland moved approval of the design and placement of the interpretive signs; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

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

- 97-2332 - The Square at West Windsor - West Windsor Township
- 96-2319 - Franklin Park Elementary School Addition - Franklin Twp., Somerset County
- 88-1263 - Princeton Metro Associates - Phases II & III - West Windsor Twp.
- 87-1565 - Country Hills - Millstone Township
- 93-2133 - Church & Dwight Corporate Headquarters Expansion - Princeton Twp.
- 95-2128B - Six Mile Run Villages D & E - Franklin Twp., Somerset County
- 96-2280 - Jilco Equipment Leasing Co. - South Brunswick Township

Mr. Amon reviewed each project application and said that they conformed with the Commission's stormwater management and water quality standards. Mr. Jessen said that he would recuse himself from voting on the Square at West Windsor, which resulted in a lack of quorum for this application. Mr. Kirkland moved approval of the remaining "B" Zone project applications; Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mr. Amon then presented two "A" Zone applications for approval:

- 97-2338 - Dimenna-Kaplen Deck - Lambertville
- 97-2339 - Warner Residence Addition - Lambertville

Mr. Amon said that both the deck and the two-story addition would be visible from the Canal Park, but would not create a harmful visual impact. He recommended approval. Mr. Kirkland moved approval of the two "A" Zone applications, Mr. Jessen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented an "A" Zone application for waiver from review. He said that the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority is proposing to repair an existing pipeline and stabilize the banks of Gold Run with a blend of rip rap, bank run gravel and a soil/seed mixture. Mr. Jessen moved waiving the project from review in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Regulations; Mr. Kirkland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIES FROM RETREAT

Mr. Torpey reviewed discussions that took place recently between himself, Mr. Amon, Mr. Marshall, Assemblyman Kavanaugh, and Michael Torpey, Chief Counsel to Governor

Whitman. Mr. Amon reported that he would be meeting with representatives from Green Acres and the Division of Parks and Forestry to discuss the Commission's priority list of acquisitions. He also researched the status of moving Rockingham, and reported that the Historic Structures Report about the building would be prepared this spring, and that subsequent to that report plans and specs would be prepared for moving the building. Mr. Torpey said that Assemblyman Kavanaugh agreed to ask Trap Rock to contribute to the move.

Mr. Torpey then said that after discussion with Mr. Marshall about seeking more funds for maintenance required by the D&R Canal State Park, it was determined that pinpointing maintenance allocations specifically for the Canal Park was problematic. Ms. Goodspeed felt that the Commissioners should still contact their congressmen about receiving more funds for the park; Mr. Amon said he would find out when Assistant Commissioner Jim Hall would be testifying before the Appropriations Committee.

A discussion ensued about whether to tap into the revenue that the Water Supply Authority receives as a water supplier. It was agreed that the Authority already contributes a great deal toward maintaining the Canal Park and should not be asked to contribute more.

Mr. Amon reported that he was preparing a report on issues about the Six Mile Run controversy. He said he would like to discuss improving relations with municipalities, as well as the presentation of a public forum at next month's meeting.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stern reported that the maintenance staff was repairing the drainage system along the path north of Bull's Island. He said that the new parking lot near Route 202 was underway, and that 70 campsites would be opening April 1st at Bull's Island.

PUBLIC FORUM

Lisa Muentner of Isles announced that Isles was sponsoring an Arbor Day Event that would include tree plantings at schools in Trenton, plus a Trenton Tree Tour Bicycle Ride, all taking place on April 19th.

Mr. Kirkland then moved the following resolution:

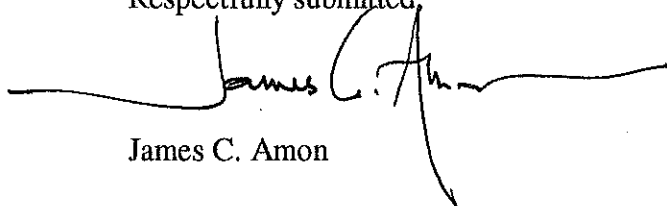
Whereas the Open Public Meeting Act provides that a public body such as the Canal Commission may meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters and matters subject to attorney-client privilege;

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. The Commissioners entered Executive Session at 2:00 PM. The public meeting resumed at 2:10 PM, and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Amon". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long horizontal line extending to the right. The name "James C. Amon" is written in a cursive script across the middle of the signature.

James C. Amon