



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2007

TIME: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
DATE: Wednesday, December 19, 2007
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Chairman David DelVecchio, Martin Jessen, John Loos, David Knights, Richard Albert, Al Payne; Ms. Alison Mitchell

STAFF: Mr. Hahn, Ms. Guru and Ms. Holms
Mr. Lewin Weyl, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS:

Patricia Kalleser, D&R Canal State Park
Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply Authority
Bill Bogosian, NJ Water Supply Authority
Howie Glick, Jerry and Stan's Bicycle Shop
Anne Kruimer, East Coast Greenway
Carl Andreassen, Somerset County
Tricia Smith, Somerset County
John Azzaro, DMJM Harris, Inc.
Timothy Hand, DMJM Harris, Inc.
Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch

Chairman DelVecchio 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 OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2007

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the minutes of November 21, 2007. Mr. Albert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Loos and Ms. Mitchell joined the meeting at 10:05 AM.

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REVIEW ZONE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Loos moved approval of the following “A” Zone application:

07-3262B Bull’s Island Entrance Repaving – Kingwood Township

Mr. Jessen seconded the motion. Mr. Payne recused himself from discussion and decision of the project. Ms. Mitchell, Messrs. Loos, Jessen, DeVecchio, Albert, and Knights voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Knights then moved approval of the remaining five “A” Zone applications:

07-3543A Lee Residence Addition Modifications, Stockton Borough

07-3121A McDonald Fence & Shed, City of Lambertville

07-3597 Stack Porch Replacement, City of Lambertville

07-3593 Burd Residence Addition, Hopewell Township

07-3577 Passaic & Spring Street Redevelopment, City of Trenton

Ms. Mitchell asked whether the McDonald fence and shed would be seen from the Canal Park path; Mr. Hahn said they would not. Mr. Payne asked whether any of the proposed houses in the Passaic and Spring Street Redevelopment project abutted the canal. Mr. Hahn said they did not. Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The following “B” Zone applications were presented for review:

04-3046 Holcombe Tract Residential Subdivision, West Amwell Township

07-3456 Scotch Road Hotel, Ewing Township

06-3391 Plaza Grande @ Hillsborough, Hillsborough Township

06-3339 Franklin Center, Franklin Township

Mr. Loos asked about the proposed stormwater management design for the Holcombe Tract Residential Subdivision. Ms. Guru said there would be several dry wells, rain gardens, and swales along the roadway to control runoff and maintain water quality. She said the design was in conformance with the Commission’s standards for water quantity and quality. Mr. Knights asked whether rain gardens required maintenance; Ms. Guru replied that if they were prepared properly and planted with wet-tolerant shrubs, maintenance would not be required. Mr. Loos moved approval of the four “B” Zone applications as presented and recommended by staff; Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A fifth “B” Zone application was presented for review:

07-3455 Amwell Road Improvements, Franklin Township

Mr. Loos recused himself from the discussion and decision of this project. Ms. Mitchell asked questions about the project design. Mr. Hahn said the County is proposing to widen the road, and in order to address stormwater management, they are proposing to build one new detention basin and will direct additional runoff to an existing basin on a neighboring property. He said the

design does not meet the Commission's standards for runoff reduction, but the amount of runoff after the project was built would be less than what it is currently. He said the County submitted an accident report for the locale which documented that the road widening would decrease the number of traffic accidents. He recommended that the project be waived from strict compliance of the Commission's standards for drainage, based upon public health and safety. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the application; Mr. Knights seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PSE&G SETTLEMENT

Mr. Hahn reported that the settlement agreement between the Commission and PSE&G regarding the monopole application in Franklin Township has been signed, and a check has been deposited.

APPROVAL OF THE 2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

A draft schedule of Commission meetings was distributed to the Commissioners, proposing that the Commission continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM. Mr. Loos moved approval of the schedule as proposed; Mr. Knights seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn reported that the Water Supply Authority will be removing two flood gages on the Wickecheokee and the Lockatong Creeks, because they have completed gathering data for a study. He reported that progress is being made regarding the Conrail/billboard settlement negotiations. Mr. Hahn concluded his report with the monthly staff work tally.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Kalleser reported that the Millstone Valley Scenic Byway Coalition recently received a federal Scenic Byway matching grant of \$200,000 to restore the Griggstown Bridgetender's House. The grant will be matched in kind by the Division of Parks and Forestry, to repair the roof. Ms. Kalleser said a meeting was recently held regarding handicapped access at Washington Crossing in Hopewell Township.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Shepherd reported that the path between Whitehead Road and Mulberry Street was being resurfaced. He said there was a drainage problem in Trenton near the Salvation Army and Clayton Block. Mr. Hahn said he would look into it.

PUBLIC FORUM

Anne Kruimer announced that a trail guide for the New Jersey section of the East Coast Greenway was recently published and is available.

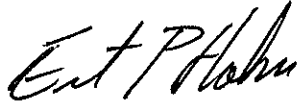
OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Loos asked about the status of the CVS application that was conditionally approved in November. Mr. Hahn replied that nothing has happened since the meeting.

Mr. Knights showed the Commissioners a report prepared by DEP about Bald Eagles in New Jersey, and commented on its thoroughness. He said there are now 70 nesting pairs in the state.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ernest P. Hahn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ernest. P. Hahn
Secretary