

# DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 21, 2008

TIME:

10:05 AM - 10:35 AM

DATE:

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

PLACE:

Canal Commission Office

Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Chairman David DelVecchio, Messrs. Martin Jessen,

John Loos, David Knights, Richard Albert, and Al Payne

STAFF: Mr. Hahn, Ms. Guru and Ms. Holms

Ms. Barbara Conklin, Deputy Attorney General

**GUESTS:** 

Bill Bogosian, NJ Water Supply Authority

Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply Authority

Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch

Patricia Kallesser, D&R Canal State Park

Darryl Rounsaville, Stickel Properties

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 APRIL 16, 2008

Mr. Loos moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2008; Mr. Albert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the following "A" Zone project applications as presented by staff:

08-3653 Wordehoff Deck & Hot Tub, City of Lambertville

08-3652 Marley Shed, City of Lambertville

07-2733A Hennessey O'Connor Residence Improvements, Franklin Township

05-3475A Brandywine Parking & Site Modifications, Lawrence Township

08-3651 Stony Brook Sewerage Authority Afterburner, Princeton Township

08-3662 Seabridge Sunporch, Hopewell Township

08-1939A Mercer County Firearms Range Improvement, Hopewell Township

08-3645 Curtiss Garage Expansion, Hopewell Township

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Jon Corzine, Governor Lisa P. Jackson, Commissioner

Mr. Payne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hahn presented the following "A" Zone project application for review:

05-3171 - Swan Creek Rowing Club Boat Storage Permit - Lambertville

Mr. Hahn said the club has been storing boats on Canal Park land; this application is to approve the permit by the Division of Parks and Forestry to allow them to continue that use. Although the club requested as part of the application the installation of a utility pole and the construction of a future boathouse, Mr. Hahn recommended those requests be denied. Mr. Albert moved approval of the Parks permit to allow boat storage with the following conditions:

- 1. The Club shall submit a landscaping plan for the installation of a row of evergreen trees along the eastern side of the lease area to partially mitigate visual impacts of the use.
- 2. No further ground disturbance be permitted; and
- 3. Approval from the State Historic Preservation Office must be obtained.

Mr. Knights seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Albert then moved approval of the Tillett Porch Roof (#08-3657, in Lambertville). Mr. Loos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Knights moved approval of the following "B" Zone applications as presented by staff:

07-3582 Rider University West Village Housing, Lawrence Township

08-2436V BMS Central Utilities Expansion, Hopewell Township

08-3249A Catherine S. Graham Square, City of Trenton

08-3654 Dunn Deck Extension, City of Lambertville

04-3089 Medicia Corporate Expansion, South Brunswick Township

07-3484 Berry Street Commons, Franklin Township

07-696B Wiley Drive Warehouse Expansion, Franklin Township

07-3568 Hillsborough Estates, Hillsborough Township

Mr. Loos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Albert expressed concerns about the synthetic turf field that is proposed as part of the application known as Peddie School Athletic Center Expansion (#07-3006B, in Hightstown). He asked whether studies had been performed on the proposed field to determine the lead content, and said it could affect the water quality of stormwater runoff leaving the field. Mr. Hahn said he would alert the applicant about the Commission's concerns and request documentation verifying the safety of the turf's materials. Mr. Albert moved approval of the Peddie School application with the condition that the above-mentioned documentation be submitted; Mr. Loos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### REPORT ON PATH PROGRESS FROM LOCK ONE TO LOCK TWO

Mr. Hahn reported that he visited the new path from Lock One in Bordentown to Lock Two in Trenton and said that it was almost complete and looked good. Mr. Payne said he expects construction to be complete in two months.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn reported on the staff's monthly work tally.

## CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Kallesser reported that Bull's Island campground will remain open until October 30<sup>th</sup>. She said that a dead body was discovered in the canal in Trenton on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. She said PSE&G will soon begin digging test trenches at Five-Mile Lock for the installation of the utility pole, and thus the parking lot would be closed off and on. She said that College of New Jersey students would be performing another cleanup in Trenton on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Shepherd said that the Authority resurfaced the path near Mulberry Street, and that they would start work on strengthening the floodguard embankment in Stockton soon. He said the Authority replaced the red shale fill in the towpath at the Landing Lane Spillway.

Mr. Jessen joined the meeting at 10:25 AM.

Mr. Loos moved approval of the project known as the Princeton University Carl A. Fields Center (#07-3563 in Princeton Borough). Mr. Albert seconded the motion. With Mr. Knights abstaining, the motion passed without dissent.

Chairman DelVecchio left the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Vice-Chairman Jessen presented the following "A" Zone project application for review:

08-3646 DelVecchio Deck, City of Lambertville

Mr. Albert moved approval of the application, Mr. Loos seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,