Commission Meeting

of

STATE HOUSE COMMISSION

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Trenton, New Jersey

DATE: September 23, 2004
9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS OF COMMISSION PRESENT:

Daren Eppley, Chair
(Representing Governor James E. McGreevey)
Senator Bob Smith
Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski
James A. Falstrault
(Representing John E. McCormac)
Charlene M. Holzbaur

ALSO PRESENT:

Edward R. McGlynn, Secretary
Robert J. Shaughnessy Jr., Counsel

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MR. DAREN EPPLEY (Chair): Good morning.
We have a quorum now, so we'll begin.
Thank you for coming to the State House Commission meeting.
This is an open public meeting. It has been advertised in accordance with the
Open Public Meetings Act.
We'll begin.
M R. McGLYNN (Secretary): Director Falstrault.
I'm doing roll call.
MR. EPPLEY: Thank you.
DIRECTOR FALSTRAULT: Here.
MR. McGLYNN: Director Holzbaur.
DIRECTOR HOLZBAUR: Here.
MR. McGLYNN: Assemblyman Wisniewski.
ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Here.
MR. McGLYNN: Senator Smith.
SENATOR SMITH: Here.
MR. McGLYNN: Chairman Eppley.
M R. EPPLEY: Yes.
MR. McGLYNN: Special thanks to Senator Smith and to
Assemblyman Wisniewski, who both came today without having any other
committee meetings on them. And we appreciate your being here so early.
I need approval of the June 21, 2004, State House Commission
meeting.
SENATOR SMITH: So moved.
ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Second.
M R. McGLYNN: Director Falstrault.
DIRECTOR FALSTRAULT: Yes.
MR. McGLYNN: Director Holzbaur.
DIRECTOR HOLZBAUR: Yes.
MR. McGLYNN: Assemblyman Wisniewski.
ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Yes.
MR. McGLYNN: Senator Smith.
SENATOR SMITH: Yes.
MR. McGLYNN: Chairman Eppley.
M R. EPPLEY: Yes.
As a point of order, we will go to a voice vote on all votes, unless
one of the members so request a voice (sic) vote.
MR. McGLYNN: Perfect.
MR. EPPLEY: Thank you.
MR. McGLYNN: Item No. 2 is RPR No. 01-58, Block 901, Lot 6, Morris Township, in Morris County. The Department of Human Services requests approval to lease a parking area for the use of the soccer fields, located on the grounds of the Morris Regional Day School, to Morris Township for $1.00. This is an old matter. The State House Commission approved the access periods to run from September 1 to November 30. That's being changed and modified in a minor manner; plus Morris Township from Block 246, Lot 52A to Block 901, Lot 6.
MR. EPPLEY: So moved.
ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Second.
MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)
Item No. 3 is RPR No. 04-23, Block 2078-A, Lot J4, Jersey City, Hudson County. The Department of Education requests approval to dispose of a 15-foot-wide parcel of vacant land, located on the grounds of the Jersey City Regional Day School, to the city of Jersey City for a dollar. This transaction was required in order to complete a moderate-income housing project, and was supported by the city of Jersey City. The developer no longer needs the property, but the Jersey City now wants the property for a pedestrian walkway.
SENATOR SMITH: So moved.
MR. EPPLEY: Second.
MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)
MR. EPPLEY: Before you go on--
If there's anybody here to testify on any of these matters, please raise your hand, because we are, as you can tell, going to try and speed through the schedule as quickly as possible. So please get our attention if you would like to testify when your matter comes up.
Thanks.
MR. McGLYNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Under new business, I can do Items 4 through 8 together, or we can do them together. They're all residential leases.
Item No. 4 is RPR No. 93-52, Block 158, Lot 3, in Mount Olive Township, Morris County. The Treasury requests approval to lease a
Department of Environmental residential property, located at 26 Waterloo Valley Road, to James Smith.

Item No. 5 is RPR No. 93-63, Block 1002, Lot 47, in Allamuchy Township, Warren County. The Treasury requests approval to lease a DEP residential property, located at 675 Colony Road, to Saul and Diane Schlesinger.

RPR No. 93-66, Block 158, Lot 12, in Mount Olive Township, Morris County. Treasury requests approval to lease a Department of Environmental Protection residential property, located at 48 Waterloo Valley Road, to Toshie Shintani.

Item No. 7 is RPR No. 93-94, Block 58, Lot 15, Franklin Township, Somerset County. Treasury requests approval to lease a DEP residential property, located at 104 Jacques Lane, to Augustine and Maureen Scafidi.

Item No. 8 is RPR No. 93-112, Block 82, Lot 34, in Jackson Township, Ocean County. Treasury requests approval to lease a Department of Environmental Protection residential property, located at 362 Butterfly Road, to Gladys Reynolds.

M. R. EPPLEY: So moved.
ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Second.
M. R. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)

Item No. 9 is RPR No. 04-27, Block 601, Part of Lots 11 and 12, Woodland Township, in Burlington County. Treasury, on behalf of the Department of Human Services, requests approval to lease property on the grounds of the New Lisbon Development Center to VisionQuest of New Jersey, Inc., a social service agency under contract with the Department of Human Services. It is a 25-year lease. There will be infrastructure improvements which will benefit the program. The annual rental will be $1 per year.

SENATOR SMITH: So moved.
M. R. EPPLEY: Second.
M. R. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)

For purposes of disclosure, Mr. Chairman, Item No. 9 -- VisionQuest has represented my firm. I had nothing to do with that representation and don’t deal with VisionQuest at all. But I just wanted to--

M. R. EPPLEY: I appreciate your disclosure.
Item No. 10, RPR No. 05-01, Block 166, Lot 1, Pitman Borough, in Gloucester County. The Department of Treasury, on behalf of the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs, requests approval to lease improvements, to Pitman Borough, on the grounds of the Pitman Armory, to cover the cost of improvements paid for by the State. The lease term will be for three years, annual rental of $45,000. And at the conclusion of the three years, the improvements will revert to Pitman Borough.

Directors FALSTRAULT: Second.

MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

Item No. 11, RPR No. 05-03, Block 901, Lot 6, Morris Township, Morris County. The Treasury, on behalf of the Department of Human Services, requests approval to grant easements located on the grounds of the Morris Regional Day School to Morris Township, to allow access to Township-owned soccer fields and a pedestrian easement for access to the soccer fields for $1 per year.

SENATOR SMITH: So moved.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Second.

MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

Item No. 12, RPR No. 05-04, Block 157, Lot 19, Marlboro Township, Monmouth County. Treasury requests approval to dispose of a 6-plus-or-minus-acre parcel of vacant land located on Igoe Road on the grounds of the Marlboro Psychiatric Hospital, but separate from the main campus.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: So moved.

MR. EPPLEY: Second.

MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

Opposed? (no response)

Item No. 13, RPR No. 05-05, Block 21, Lot 153, Trenton City, in Mercer County. Treasury requests approval to dispose of a three-story townhouse, along with associated property, located across from the State House, at 134 West State Street. The property will be sold for fair market value to be determined by appraisal.

MR. EPPLEY: So moved.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Second.
MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)  
Opposed? (no response)  
MR. EPPLEY: I’d like to hold Item No. 14 for right now, please.  
MR. McGLYNN: Fine, thank you.  
Items No. 15 through 27 are all Department of Transportation requests from the Bureau of Right-of-Way.  
I think we can do them together. Perhaps, Mr. Chairman, you might want to ask if anybody’s here in opposition to those. The agendas are available.  
MR. EPPLEY: Anybody here wishing to testify? (no response)  
SENATOR SMITH: Wait, but I do have a question.  
Twenty-four and 25 referred to a direct sale -- value to be determined by a staff appraisal. Is the recipient of the sale known at this time?  
MR. McGLYNN: I think someone is here from Property Management that may be able to answer that question.  
MR. EPPLEY: Please come forward and identify yourself.  
MICHAEL KUZMA: Mike Kuzma, Department of Transportation, Right-of-Way.  
There are three marinas in a row. I believe one is Lightening Jacks, one is Brennan’s, and we have just sold one of these from a previous task commission. There are three in a row. They are all marinas.  
SENATOR SMITH: Right. But do we know who is going to buy the property?  
MR. KUZMA: The Marina owners.  
SENATOR SMITH: Oh, the Marina owners.  
MR. KUZMA: The Marina owners.  
SENATOR SMITH: Okay. The only reason I asked the question -- lawyers always have to be a little careful here. You want to make sure, if the recipient is known, it’s not a client.  
MR. KUZMA: Right.  
SENATOR SMITH: And I don’t represent any Marina owners, so it’s not a problem. But I wanted to ask the question.  
MR. McGLYNN: Perfect.  
I’ll do my best to read these as quickly as I can.  
Item No. 15: Route 287, Section 9, Parcels V49B and V55B, in Morris County. It’s a request for approval to sell an irregular-shaped parcel of
vacant land containing .259 plus-or-minus acres, or 11,282 square feet. It will be sold via direct sale, with the value to be determined by a staff appraiser.

Item No. 16 is Route 280, Section 4, Parcels VXR22B2 and VXR23B2, in West Orange, Essex County: requests approval to sell a rectangular-shaped parcel of vacant land containing .24 acres, 10,536 square feet. It will be sold by auction at a recommended minimum bid price of $36,000.

Item No. 17 is Route 1, Section 5, Parcel 33, in North Brunswick, Middlesex County: approval to sell (sic) a rectangular-shaped parcel of vacant land containing 1.45 acres, or 63,000 plus-or-minus square feet. Property will be leased by auction with a minimum bid price of $3,150.

Item No. 18 is property located at Route 34, Sections 6 and 7, Parcels VX1D1, in Brick, Ocean County: approval to sell an irregular-shaped parcel of vacant land containing .152 plus-or-minus acres, or 6,643 square feet. It will be sold via direct sale at a value to be determined by a staff appraiser.

Item No. 19 is property Route 1, acquired as Route 35 Extension, Section 7, Parcel VX147, in Woodbridge, Middlesex County: approval to sell a rectangular-shaped parcel of vacant land containing .08 acres, or 5,904 square feet. The property will be sold via direct sale at a value to be determined by a staff appraiser.

Item No. 20 is Route 25, Section 38, Parcels VXR6, VX7B, VX7C1A, and VX7C1B, as in “boy,” in Kearny, Hudson County: approval to sell an irregular-shaped parcel of vacant land containing .671 acres, or 29,229 square feet. The property will be sold via public auction at a minimum bid price of $10,000, as recommended by a staff appraiser.

Item No. 21 is Route 29, Section 6, Parcels VX27B, VX28B, and VX29B, in Lambertville, Hunterdon County: approval to sell a rectangular-shaped parcel of vacant land containing .002 acres, or 880 square feet, to be sold via direct sale at a value to be determined by a staff appraiser.

Item No. 22 is Route 37, Section 8, Parcel VX83B, in Dover, Ocean County: approval to sell a triangular-shaped parcel of vacant land containing .032 acres, or 1,000 plus-or-minus square feet. The property will be sold via direct sale at a price of $1,000, as recommended by a staff appraiser.

Item No. 23 is Route 13, Section 1, Parcels VX23, VX26B, VX27A2, in Brick, Ocean County: approval to sell an irregular-shaped parcel of vacant land containing .12 acres, or 6,092 square feet. The property will be sold via direct sale at a value to be determined by a staff appraiser.
Item 24 is Route 40, also known as Route 70, Section 11A, Parcels VX19A2 and VX19B1B, in Brick, Ocean County: approval to sell an irregular-shaped parcel of vacant land containing 1.063 plus-or-minus acres, or 46,304 square feet. The property will be sold via direct sale at a value to be determined by a staff appraiser.

Item No. 25 is Route 40, also known as Route 70, Section 11A, Parcels VXR16B and VX17B, in Brick, Ocean County: approval to sell an irregular-shaped parcel of vacant land containing 1.0 plus-or-minus acres, or 43,560 square feet. The property will be sold via direct sale at a value to be determined by a staff appraiser.

Item No. 26 is Route 24 Freeway, Section 10, Parcels VXR14E4 VX20B, in Morris, Morris County: approval to sell a rectangular-shaped parcel of vacant land containing .145 acres, or 6,316 square feet. The property will be sold via direct sale at a value to be determined by a staff appraiser.

And Item No. 27 is Route 35 Freeway, Section 3, Parcels VX23B2, VXR24B2, VX42, and VX42B, in Howell, Monmouth County: approval to sell a rectangular-shaped parcel of vacant land containing 3.543 acres, or 154,333 square feet. The property will be sold via direct sale at a price of $231,500, as recommended by a staff appraiser.

M.R. EPPLEY: Catch your breath. (laughter)
So moved.
SENATOR SMITH: Second.
M.R. McGILYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)
We now turn to the Department of Environmental requests.

Item No. 28: The park name is Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park, Block 5, Lot 2, Stockton Borough, in Hunterdon County. The DEP requests approval to enter a 20-year lease with the Delaware River Mill Society for the restoration, preservation, operation, maintenance, and interpretation of the Smith Mill complex of historic buildings. There will be a one-time compensation in the amount of $20. The Delaware River Mill Society will provide the financial investment of $65,000 annually, in restoring, developing, interpreting, maintaining, improving, and preserving the premises, along with the utility expense and insurance coverage on the property.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.
M.R. EPPLEY: Second.
M.R. McGILYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
No. 29 is the Cape May Point State Park, Block 790, Lot 6, Lower Township, Cape May County. The DEP, Division of Parks and Forestry, requests approval to enter into a 20-year lease with Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts, Inc., for the preservation, improvement, operation, and interpretation of the Cape (sic) Fire Control Tower. Compensation shall include a one-time payment of $20. And in this matter, the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts will provide a financial investment of $50,000 annually, for the same items as indicated in the previous matter.

M R. EPPLEY: So moved.
SENATOR SMITH: Second.
M R. M cGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)

Item No. 30: Waywayanda State Park, Block 247, Lots 6 and Part of 3 and 7, now known as Block 17401, Part of Lot 1; and Block 17302, Part of Lot 7, in West Milford Township, Passaic County. The DEP requests approval to enter into a five-year lease with Project U.S.E., Urban Suburban Environments, for use as a wilderness center camp. Project U.S.E. shall provide financial investment to the property through development, patrolling, and maintenance, totaling $40,000 per year.

M R. EPPLEY: So moved.
DIRECTOR FALSTRAULT: Second.
M R. M cGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)

Mr. Chairman, Items No. 31 through 49 are all cases of cropland, or pastureland, or both. The compensation is determined by the State Farmland Evaluation Advisory Committee, and adjusted every five years. Each is a request by DEP, Division of Parks and Forestry.

How would you like to handle them? I could read them individually, or we can do them in tandem. However you wish.

M R. EPPLEY: Actually, do them as a group, but continue with your summary, if you would.
M R. M cGLYNN: Okay.
M R. EPPLEY: Take a deep breath.
M R. M cGLYNN: I’ll do my best.
M R. EPPLEY: You can skip the evaluation, if you want, if the evaluation is done in a uniform fashion.
M. R. McGlynn: It is. And, again, we don’t have any control over the evaluation, because it’s all done by the State.

Mr. Eppley: Right.

M. R. McGlynn: Thank you.

Item 31 is Six Mile Run Recreation Area, Block 36.01, Lot 4.02, in Franklin Township, Somerset County. It’s a request for approval to enter into a five-year lease with Ada Golaszewski, for five acres of pastureland.

I did that well, John, didn’t I?

Assemblyman Wisniewski: Very good.

M. R. McGlynn: Thank you.

Item No. 32 is Stow Creek State Park, Block 33, Lots 8 and 29; Block 34, Lot 17, Stow Creek Township, in Cumberland County: requests approval to enter into a five-year lease with Daniel Bitters, for 90 acres of cropland.

Item No. 33 is Stow Creek State Park, Block 33, Lot 14; Block 28, Lot 9, Stow Creek Township, in Cumberland County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with Leonard H. Ayars, for 40 acres of cropland.

Item No. 34 is Kittatinny Valley State Park, Block 18, Part of Lot 6, in Frankford Township, Sussex County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with Dr. Sam Castimore, for 35 acres of cropland.

Item No. 35 is Kittatinny Valley State Park, Block 134, Part of Lot 29, in Andover Township, Sussex County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with Sussex County Strawberry Farm, for 33 acres of cropland.

Item No. 36 is Kittatinny Valley State Park, Block 1501, Part of Lot 17, in Blairstown Township, Warren County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with Wesley Jones, for 28 acres of cropland.

Item No. 37 is Waywayanda State Park, Block 61, Part of Lot 6, Vernon Township, Sussex County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with George Lee, for crop and pasturelands on 30 acres.

Item No. 38 is Waywayanda State Park, Block 42, Part of Lot 12; Block 43, Part of Lot 4, in Vernon Township, Sussex County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with William Becker, for 75 acres of cropland.

Item No. 39 is Waywayanda State Park, Block 41, Part of Lot 9, in Vernon Township, Sussex County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with Edwin Wiley, for 5 acres of pastureland.
Item No. 40 is Waywayanda State Park, Block 41, Part of Lots 4 and 9; Block 42, Part of Lot 4, in Vernon Township, Sussex County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with Martin Theobald, for 45 acres of cropland.

Item No. 41, Waywayanda State Park, Block 91, Part of Lot 6, in Vernon Township, Sussex County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with Robert Sipila, for 4 acres of cropland.

Item No. 42, Waywayanda State Park, Block 33, Part of Lot 4, in Vernon Township, Sussex County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with Andrew Borisuk Jr., for 42 acres of cropland.

Item No. 43, Waywayanda State Park, Block 11, Part of Lot 3.03, in Vernon Township, Sussex County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with Larry Predmore, for 5 acres of cropland.

Item No. 44 is Hacklebarney State Park, Block 3, Part of Lot 17, in Chester Township, Morris County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with Scott Clucas, for cropland, 54 acres; pastureland, 24 acres; and barn rental, on a total of 78 acres.

Item 45 is High Point State Park, Block 158, Part of Lot 3; Block 163, Part of 13, in Wantage Township, Sussex County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with Ulf Kintzel, for 45 acres of pastureland.

Item 46, High Point State Park, Block 127, Part of Lot 7; Block 158, Part of Lot 7, Wantage Township, Sussex County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with Mike Cooper, for crop and pastureland on 28 acres.

Item 47, High Point State Park, Block 127, Part of Lot 7; Block 128, Lot 1.01, in Wantage Township, Sussex County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with Roger DeGroat, for 30 acres of cropland.

Item 48, High Point State Park, Block 156, Part of Lot 3; Block 158, Lot 3; Block 157, Lot 1, in Wantage Township, Sussex County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with William Systema, for cropland, 50 acres; and pastureland, 24 acres; for a total of 74 acres.

And Item 49, High Point State Park, Block 146, Part of Lot 6, Wantage Township, Sussex County: approval to enter into a five-year lease with James Ferguson, for cropland, 31 acres; and pastureland, 15 acres; for a total of 46 acres.

MR. EPPLEY: Is that it?

MR. McGLYNN: That deals with all of the cropland and pastureland.

MR. EPPLEY: So moved.
Item No. 50 is -- and I hope I'm saying this right -- Capoolong Creek Wildlife Management Area, Block 28, Part of Lot 41, in Franklin Township, Hunterdon County. The Department of Environmental Protection, on behalf of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, requests approval to transfer ownership of the historic Pittstown Railroad Station to the township of Franklin. The transfer of this property is contingent on the successful completion of the Department of Treasury's Real Property Review process. The acreage of the property being transferred is subject to change, but will not exceed one acre.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.
SENATOR SMITH: Second.
MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)
MR. EPPLEY: Judith, did he pronounce it right?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM AUDIENCE: Close.
MR. EPPLEY: What is it?
MR. McGLYNN: What's the pronunciation?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM AUDIENCE: Capoolong.
(indicating pronunciation)
MR. McGLYNN: Thank you.
MR. EPPLEY: Thanks.
MR. McGLYNN: Item 51, Great Egg Harbor Wildlife Management Area, Block 120, Part of Lots 1, 1.01, 1.02, 1.04, in Weymouth Township, Atlantic County. The DEP, Division of Fish and Wildlife, requests approval to convey a 15-foot-wide permanent subsurface natural gas pipeline easement to South Jersey Gas Corporation. Compensation shall be in the amount of $50,000. Final acreage in the proposed easement is subject to change due to site conditions, but such changes will not exceed 10 percent of the proposed acreage.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.
MR. EPPLEY: Second.
MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)
Item 52, Cape May County Park and Zoo, Part of Block 99.02, Lots 41 and 42; Part of Block 125, Lot 8.01; Part of Block 126, Lot 10.01, in Middle Township, Cape May County. The DEP, on behalf of Cape May County, requests approval to dispose of, and/or divert, approximately 0.64 acre of parkland for the widening of the Crest Haven Road and Route 9 intersection by the Department of Transportation. The approximately 2.0 acre replacement parcel is near the county park and will be used as a future trail corridor.

SENATOR SMITH: So moved.
ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Second.

Mr. McGlynn: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)

Item 53 is the Second and Erie Street Park, Block 17, Lots 10 to 22 and 36 to 40, inclusive, in Camden City, Camden County. The DEP, on behalf of the city of Camden, requests approval to allow the use of approximately 0.46 plus-or-minus acre for the reconstruction of the Cooper's Poynt Elementary School.

Mr. Eppley: So moved.
SENATOR SMITH: Second.
Mr. McGlynn: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)

Item No. 54 is the Hopewell Township Conservation Easement, Block 23, Part of Lot 9, Hopewell Township, Mercer County. The DEP, on behalf of the township of Hopewell, requests approval to release the Green Acres encumbered conservation easement, with .084 acre of property for right-of-way, slope easement, and temporary construction use, in connection with the improvement of the intersection of Route 518 and Route 31 by the Department of Transportation.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.
Mr. Eppley: Second.
Mr. McGlynn: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)

Item 55 is the Raritan River Greenway, Block 123.02, Part of Lot 4, in Somerville; and Block 117, Part of Lot 7, in Raritan, boroughs of Raritan and Somerville, Somerset County. The DEP, Green Acres, on behalf of Somerset County, requests approval to allow the conveyance of 0.417 plus-or-minus acre for the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority, for the installation of an interceptor relief sewer. Approximately 1.157 plus-or-minus
acres of temporary construction easement are also required to complete the project.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.
SENATOR SMITH: Second.
MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)

Item 56 is Chambers Park, Block 300, Part of Lot 12, in Bridgewater Township, Somerset County. The DEP, on behalf of Somerville Borough, requests approval to allow the conveyance of 0.221 plus-or-minus acre sewer line easement to the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority, for the installation of an interceptor relief sewer. In addition, approximately 0.407 plus-or-minus acre of temporary construction easements is required to complete the project.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.
SENATOR SMITH: Second.
MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)

Item No. 57 is the Raritan Valley Park, Block 123.03, Part of Lot 1.06, in Somerville; and Block 116.02, Part of Lots 10 and 11, in Raritan, boroughs of Raritan and Somerville, Somerset County. The DEP, Green Acres, on behalf of Raritan Borough, requests approval to allow the conveyance of 0.454 plus-or-minus acre of Raritan Valley Park to the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority, for the installation of an interceptor relief sewer. Approximately 0.902 plus-or-minus acre of temporary construction easement is also required to complete this project.

MR. EPPLEY: So moved.
SENATOR SMITH: Second.
MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)

Item No. 58 is the Riverside Park, Frank "Nap" Torpey Athletic Complex, Block 303, Part of Lot 1, Bridgewater Township, Somerset County. The DEP, on behalf of Somerset County, requests approval to allow the conveyance of 0.218 plus-or-minus acre utility easement to PSE&G, for the realignment of an existing utility easement to facilitate the county’s development of additional ballfields on the remaining developable portion of Block 303, Lot 1.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.
MR. EPPLEY: Second.
MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)
Mr. Chairman, can we go back to 14?
MR. SHAUGHNESSY (Counsel): Yes, if I may, Mr. Chairman, and Secretary. At this point, our office is requesting this matter be pulled from the agenda.
MR. EPPLEY: Okay.
MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Thank you.
MR. EPPLEY: Pending further investigation?
MR. SHAUGHNESSY: No, not at this point in time. But thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.
MR. EPPLEY: Okay. So we will hold action on that item.
MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Correct.
MR. EPPLEY: And continue with Item 59.
MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Thank you very much.
MR. McGLYNN: We now turn to Arts Inclusion projects.
Item No. 59: The New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Property Management and Construction-- The first Arts Inclusion project is the Department of Corrections, Project C0668-00, which is the new, 350-bed minimum-security prison unit at Southern State Prison -- a 9-11 commemorative sculpture. The proposed arts budget is $150,000. This is being resubmitted, as it was held on March 10, 2003. The reduction in the budget request was negotiated to $150,000. The original request was for $206,250.
MR. EPPLEY: So moved.
MR. McGLYNN: Do you want me to do these individually?
MR. EPPLEY: Yes.
MR. McGLYNN: Okay. There's been a motion. Is there a second?
ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Second.
MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)
SENATOR SMITH: Just a question on these arts projects. Who, ultimately, makes the decision as to which art?
MR. McGLYNN: It's an interesting question. As I understand it--
MR. EPPLEY: Come forward and introduce yourself for the record, please.


MR. McGLYNN: Just press the button. (referring to PA microphone)

SENATOR SMITH: Beauty being in the eye of the beholder--I’m wondering who makes the decision of which art to select.

MS. CHINEA: Which art to select?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, how do you decide?

MS. CHINEA: Each project gets a selection committee. It’s made up of representatives from the using agency, or client agency, our project management staff, and the Council on the Arts. Our committee then reviews portfolios of several artists that work in the medium that the client agency has said would be appropriate for that program and for that site. And then that committee makes a decision on what actually gets put into the facility. This committee here reviews the budget, in accordance with the law.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.

MR. EPPLEY: Maybe we can get Senator Smith on that committee. (laughter)

SENATOR SMITH: No, no, no. I can’t even help my wife pick the furniture. (laughter)

MR. EPPLEY: Thank you.

MR. McGLYNN: No. 2 on the Arts Inclusion project is Richard Stockton State College, Project 10157-00, extension of R (sic)-Wing; site and program appropriate artwork in the new atrium and/or gallery/causeway of the proposed new wing extension; proposed arts budget of $90,000.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move it.

MR. EPPLEY: Second.

MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses) Opposed? (no response)

Item No. 3: Department of Environmental Protection, Project P0910-00; new park office, Bass River State Forest; site and program appropriate artwork; proposed arts budget, $7,200.

MR. EPPLEY: So moved.

SENATOR SMITH: Second.

MR. McGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)

Item No. 4: Department of Environmental Protection, Project P0921-00, the new rest area facilities at Island Beach State Park; site and program appropriate artwork; proposed art budget of $7,455.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Moved.
DIRECTOR FALSTRAULT: Second.
MR. MCGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)

As I remember, this came about as a result of a Howard Stern plaque at one of the rest areas. I think that’s how this legislation came about, but I may be wrong. (laughter)

We now have to-- We now sit as--

SENATOR SMITH: This is Howard Stern’s contribution to civilization. (laughter)

MR. MCGLYNN: Can I leave that one alone?
We now sit in our capacity as the trustees of the Judicial Retirement System. And I need a motion for the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on June 21, 2004.

SENATOR SMITH: So moved.
MR. EPPLEY: Second.
MR. MCGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)
Opposed? (no response)

I need a motion to approve the confirmation of death claims, retirement survivor benefits, and terminations.

I guess there isn’t much we can do about the death claims.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Move.
SENATOR SMITH: Second.
MR. MCGLYNN: All in favor? (affirmative responses)

And, Mr. Gorman, do we need a motion to approve the financial statements?

PETER J. GORMAN: Not really.

MR. MCGLYNN: No?

MR. GORMAN: In other words--

MR. MCGLYNN: They’re just there for our--

MR. EPPLEY: Acknowledgment.

MR. GORMAN: It’s for your informational purposes.

MR. MCGLYNN: Okay.
I think, Mr. Chairman, unless there is any other business or a need to go into Executive Session, we are done.

M R. EPPLEY: Any other business before the Commission at this time? (no response)
Hearing none, we’ll adjourn.
Thank you all for coming.
M R. EPPLEY: Thank you, Senator, and--
Thank you, everyone, for attending, but Senator and Assemblyman, we appreciate it.
SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.
ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI: Glad to be here.

(MEETING CONCLUDED)