



BOARD MEETING NOTES

Wednesday January 20, 2021

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Online via ZOOM

ATTENDING:

Dave Engle – Chair

Michael Scott – Vice Chair

Michelene Scott – Treasurer

Dan Mumford – Secretary – Editor

Lisa Engle

Dave Kowalewski

Ruth Rode

Lisa Wilcox

Tom Yarnall

Bill Kocher – Manager, Worlds End State Park

Pam Metzger – Pa Parks and Forest Foundation

PA PARKS AND FORESTS FOUNDATION REPORT:

Pam Metzger provided the following updates:

- All in-person programs are cancelled through March 31.
- All visitor centers are closed through March 31.
- Limit for volunteer events is 10; events cannot be advertised.
- All meetings have to be “virtual.”
- Annual reports are due soon.
- New PPF website is coming.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

- Needs everyone volunteer hours ASAP for the annual report.
- Also needs treasurer’s report and budget for the annual report.
- Also – if anyone’s contact info has changed – please let Dave know ASAP.
- Everyone on the board has to complete a conflict-of-interest form and submit it by the end of January. Form is available online: [Conflict of Interest Affirmation & Disclosure \(paparksandforests.org\)](http://paparksandforests.org)

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Amphitheater Improvement Project:

- Unfortunately, Covid-related supply issues have substantially increased the costs; bids are coming in much higher than initial estimates. Initial estimates were \$30,000; bids are \$52,000; \$56,000.
- Will these costs come down? No one knows; bidders are not optimistic.
- We will not be breaking ground this spring; will monitor the situation and keep banking funds.
- Park staff has started site preparation work.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Fundraising in 2020 was very successful; \$24,000 was raised.
- In the bank: \$ 44,895.25.
- \$36,650 in project fund; \$8,000 in the general fund.
- Mic will send the financial data to Dave E. for the annual report.

SECRETARY-EDITOR'S REPORT:

- November 2020 Annual Meeting minutes approved without additional revision or dissent.
- Winter 2021 edition of the Vista was distributed and posted in early December.
- Will start work on Spring edition of the newsletter soon. Planning a feature article on waterfalls of Sullivan County. Anyone with pictures to contribute, please do so - especially need Cottonwood Falls and Dutchman Falls.

PARK MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- Visitation has slowed a bit; cabins booked on weekends, but some weekdays are available.
- Had initial conference on the dam replacement project. Hope is to start in March and completed by Memorial Day in time for summer swimming season – but this is dependent upon weather and creek levels.
- Route 154 repairs: it appears funding has been pulled – so the status of this project is up in the air.
- Jane is expected to return in February; but the Office of Administration now has to sign-off on the return of all seasonal staff.
- Third woodshed on loop B of the campground will hopefully be built this Spring – but park is down one maintenance staff – so cannot be assured.

RUTH R. AND DAVE K. TRAILS REPORT:

- Ruth and Dave reported that they have been meeting and are finalizing work on the map.
- Introduction and disclaimer still need to be done.
- There will be 5 sections on one sheet of paper – both sides.
- Ruth is in discussion with Paulhaumus Printers.

PIONEER ROAD EASEMENT:

Ruth informed the group that the Sullivan County Commissioners, as a condition for taking ownership, want someone to take responsibility for the easement (.4 miles). Tom reported that he has been doing this for several years and it takes about half an hour work. The Friends agree that we can assume responsibility.

MOTION:

Vice-Chairman Michael Scott moved to have the Friends of Worlds Ends State Park assume maintenance responsibility for the Pioneer Road easement of .4 miles.

Lisa Engle seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously adopted without dissent.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

February meeting is not needed; may convene again in March via ZOOM. Monitor your email for future meeting plans.
