



BOARD MEETING NOTES

Wednesday August 18, 2021

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Via ZOOM

ATTENDING:

Dave Engle – Chair

Kyle Fawcett – Social Media Outreach

Dan Mumford – Secretary – Editor

Lisa Engle

Dave Kowalewski

Ruth Rode

Tom Yarnall

Bill Kocher, Manager - Worlds End State
Park

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Worlds End Day 2022:

- Saturday July 30, 2022.
- Talked with Carbon County Environmental Center re Franklin Klock and his eagles; has committed; but eagles are not “promised.”
- Has also contacted Van Wagner and he has committed – we have to decide what kind of program we want (historical, concert, etc.). Given the anniversary theme of the day – an historical program may be more appropriate.
- Reptiland? Michael Scott is waiting to hear back from Reptiland.
- Others: Mel Zimmerman (Clean Water Institute); Hellbender program; Susquehanna RiverKeepers; Audubon; NorthCentral PA Conservancy; Alpine Club.
- Michael Scott recently ran into Falconer Michael Kuriga at Mount Pisgah State Park. He and his Peregrine Falcons are available (along with a discussion on Goshawks). If interested, he'll reduce his fee from \$300 to \$150 for a program.
- Smokey the Bear? That is Craig Aldendorfer (sp?) at Forestry.
- Lisa Wilcox is working on sponsorships.

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING:

- Wednesday November 17 at 4:00 pm in the park office.

- The notice in *The Vista* and any other notice we post should note that this is subject to change due to pandemic restrictions – we have no idea what, if any, restrictions will be in place at that time. We may need a ZOOM as a back-up.
- Our 3-year terms expire – will need to be re-elected.

VICE-CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

(Report provided by Chairman):

Crosswalk where Worlds End Trail Crosses Rt. 154:

- Possible safety issue where the trail crosses the highway near the park office. Cars speed through this area despite the low speed limit; and the curves in this area limit visibility.
- Maybe a flashing light, improved signage, crosswalk, etc.?
- Met with PennDOT. A painted crosswalk comes with a lot of requirements, ADA sidewalks and curbs, line-of-sight (which may not be possible in that spot). Advice was to go with signage for now. Board agrees – once we have a cost of the signage – Board will review and approve/disapprove via a motion.
- We may want to pursue with the township lowering the speed limit throughout the park.

Memorial Move:

There is a 1941 memorial near the Cliff Pavilion commemorating the first forest ranger and first game protector in this area. Over time, this area of park gets less traffic – so most people do not even see this memorial. This has now been moved by park staff to the entrance of the park office parking lot. Meeting last month with PGC, Forestry and Park about a rededication ceremony on Saturday September 18. Details (time, etc.) still being worked on. As soon as we know, will let everyone know, post on social media, etc. Several of the Friends may be able to attend.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

(Report provided by Chairman):

- \$ 21,897 in project fund; \$4,592 in the general fund. Total \$ 26,490.
- On August 5 we paid the second installment on the amphitheater of \$11,000. Is now $\frac{3}{4}$ paid. One more payment of \$11,000. Also paid \$796 for stone. We did not need to rent a crane after all; Forestry provided needed equipment.

SECRETARY-EDITOR'S REPORT:

- July 2021 Board Meeting minutes approved without additional revision or dissent.
- Distributed second draft of the autumn edition of the newsletter earlier this week – please review and get back to Dan with any changes ASAP. Want to have this good-to-go by Labor Day weekend. If anyone has fall photos of the park, I could still use one or two.

PARK MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- **STORM REPORT:** Last Thursday, August 12 a severe thunderstorm rolled through the park and Sullivan County, downing numerous trees and powerlines. The park was without power throughout the weekend – only being restored the following Monday. The park office was powered via a generator. Sewage and water service was impacted. As a result, the cabins and campground were closed and all reservations were canceled. Fortunately, there were no injuries.
- **DAM REPAIR PROJECT:** Done – for now. The swimming area has reopened. There are still safety concerns re the process to lift the partitions in and out of the dam. There may be a change order to install a davit system to move the partitions and installation of a catwalk.
- **AMPHITHEATER PROJECT:** A concrete floor must be installed – is an integral part of the structure that helps support it. We have to decide if we want a flat floor – or a tiered floor. A flat floor may be less expensive and easier to do – and it would also be more flexible as to allow table placement, dining setups, greater variety of seating options. It may also make movement and placement of an AV stand and podiums easier and more flexible. It might also be safer in presenting less tripping hazards. However, a tiered floor may allow greater visibility – especially for children. Tiers would be 8 inch high and 5 feet wide. But if visibility is an issue, maybe can address by ensuring the stage is high enough – or at least make sure the screen is high. Kenny returns from vacation next week – ideally, we should have a decision ASAP. Also cost – estimate is \$4,000. Who will pay – park or Friends?
- Our thanks to the park management and staff for all the work they have put into this project – it is looking great. And thanks to our project manager, Michael Scott.

RUTH R. AND DAVE K. TRAILS REPORT:

- Ruth and Dave reported that they have been meeting and are finalizing work on the text – is close to being finished. Are in the “nitpicking” stage. Would like extra eyes to proof it. Can email to Dan and Dave E. for proofing.
- Plan to present a completed draft soon to the Board for review.

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH:

- Recent social media has been about last week's storm, closures, etc.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Engle's cannot make a 9/15 date.

TENTATIVELY DECIDE TO MOVE THE SEPTEMBER MEETING TO:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AT 4:00.

This may also allow us to cancel an October meeting – basically combining the September and October meetings. We can decide on this later.

PLEASE REVIEW YOUR CALENDARS TO DETERMINE IF THE SEPTEMBER 30 DATE WORKS FOR YOU.
