



BOARD MEETING NOTES

Thursday September 30, 2021
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Playground Pavilion
Worlds End State Park

ATTENDING:

Dave Engle – Chair

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; and requested the noon-time slot.
- 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.
- Michael Scott has discussed with Falconer Michael Kuriga. Has also been in contact with Reptiland.
- That gives us 4 programs for the day: Klock; Reptiland; Kuriga and Van Wagner. Should be enough to fill the day.
- The pavilions have been reserved, but Bill K. will double-check.

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING:

- Is supposed to be on Wednesday November 17 at 4:00 pm in the park office – as we noted in *The Vista*. However, does the pandemic make this a problem? The LCWA just cancelled their annual meeting this week due to pandemic concerns. Bill K. will soon be attending a regional meeting where he may get more guidance on this. We can also look for guidance from PPF. We will wait to hear back from Bill K. before deciding. If we have to do via ZOOM, this is not a problem. Attendance at the annual meeting has

been small. And the notice we placed in *the Vista* did note that the meeting location/format could change due to pandemic restrictions – and that people should check our social media for updates prior to the meeting.

- Our 3-year terms expire – will need to be re-elected.
- 2021 annual volunteer hour reports will be due by end of December. The groups annual report is due by the end of January.

FUTURE PROJECTS:

Lisa Engle recently discussed future post-amphitheater projects with park staff. Bill K. also offered some thoughts:

- Roof over the park Chapel on Double Run.
- Bathroom for the section of the park across the highway. This section of the park is very underutilized because there is no bathroom and no parking. There is some existing infrastructure for a bathroom.
- Playground for the cabin area. The campground and day-use areas have playgrounds already.

Dave Engle will be on vacation the second half of October.

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

(Report via email as read into the record by the Chairman):

- **MONUMENT RE-DEDICATION:** The recently relocated monument commemorating the first forest ranger and first game protector in this area was rededicated on September 18. Approximately 25 attended. Dan will include article and pictures in the next *Vista*.
- **AMPHITHEATER:** Kenny has committed to one concrete pour per week for the amphitheater. As everyone has seen, it's looking great.
- **FIREWOOD:** We took a load of firewood last week for the cabin area and Rich will be filling the A Loop shed tomorrow morning. Bill K. said they'll be pretty busy on the weekends through October.
- **CROSSWALK:** Per the suggestion of PennDOT, he reached out to the Forks Township folks and put in an email what we wanted to accomplish regarding the crosswalk. Mike is waiting to hear back.

- **NEW TRAIL DONATION:** Mike sent a thank you email to the folks at New Trail for the generous donation. The marketing guy said he looks forward to an even bigger donation in the future. Dan has also prepared a thank-you letter for Dave E. signature.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(Report via email and spreadsheet as read into the record by the Chairman):

- Full payment has been made on the amphitheater/Ely. Final \$11,000 installment was just paid – so it is not on the spreadsheet.
- Just paid 1 of the 5 cement floor bills. The next 4 bills should be coming in once a week. The cement pours are \$954 each. We are good for money in the project fund for the cement and we are good for money through the winter and start for next spring with wood and ice.

SECRETARY-EDITOR'S REPORT:

- August 2021 Board Meeting minutes approved without additional revision or dissent.
- Autumn edition of the Vista was distributed in early September. My thanks to everyone who assisted and Kyle for posting/distributing.
- Will attempt to have a draft of the winter Vista for review by Thanksgiving. Will feature park history, 90th anniversary, summer teasers, save-the-dates, etc. Thanks to Ruth - she provided me with extensive park / Loyalsock historical information and photos. If anyone else has any interesting history and photos, please forward to Dan.

PARK MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- **DAM REPAIR PROJECT:** Done – for now. The swimming area was closed early – before Labor Day – due to high water levels and approaching tropical systems. There are still safety concerns related to the dam. The state may, via a change order, have more work done to improve safety, including stairs/walkway on the right (looking downstream), so that both sides will have walkways/stairs.
- **AMPHITHEATER PROJECT:** The concrete floor is being installed – one tier per week. The Friends are paying for the concrete. Electrical work was installed; cost \$3,000 on park credit card (would not take check). Due to all the recent rain and more on the way, would like to get gutters installed. Cost approximately \$1,200. Finding a contractor is a challenge – they all appear to be busy. If anyone knows of a contractor, please let Bill know.

MOTION:

Dave Kowalewski moves that the Friends of Worlds End State Park provide the funding needed to get gutters and down-spouting installed for the new amphitheater.

Lisa Wilcox seconds the motion.

The Board approves the motion with no dissenting votes.

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.

- **CAMPGROUND:** Is busy – almost fully booked for the next 4 weekends.
- **HALF MARATHON:** was last Saturday; 300 racers; very wet and muddy. There was a runner that required assistance due to an injury on the Butternut Trail segment of the race.
- **CROSSWALK WHERE WORLDS END TRAIL CROSSES RT. 154:** Tom Y. expressed concerns about putting a crosswalk there – too many drivers ignore crosswalks and it might provide a false sense of safety. Liability concerns? We should discuss further.
- **LAND/BUILDING ACQUISITION:** The Park is in the process of acquiring the parcel next to the entrance of Mineral Spring Road. Includes a building that was originally thought as a possible site for an environmental education center – but it may be in too poor a condition. May use the parcel for parking for the Canyon Vista Trailhead and the new amphitheater.

RUTH R. AND DAVE K. TRAILS REPORT:

- Ruth was at Paulhamaus Litho – will be on “Paper Tiger” paper which is thin and waterproof.

- Dave distributed initial drafts of the guide/booklet. What do we want to do with blank spaces? Can insert photos, quotes, historical notes, and leave some blank areas for user notes.
- Cost? Unit cost still unknown – this will dictate the retail cost. Ruth will be financing.

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH:

(Report via email as read into the record by the Chairman):

- Distributed the latest copy of the Vista.
- Shared several posts via social media.
- Our outreach via social media and email continues to increase, growing nearly 10% this Summer to just under a combined 10,000 followers and subscribers.

NEXT MEETING:

ANNUAL MEETING:

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

Location/format subject to change due to pandemic restrictions; may have to be via ZOOM. We will decide sometime in October after Bill K's regional DCNR meeting. We will announce any changes on our social media in time for people to know.
