



ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

Thursday November 12, 2020

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

Ruth Rode

Tom Yarnall

Bill Kocher – Manager, Worlds End State Park

Marci Mowery – Pa Parks and Forest Foundation

Pam Metzger – Pa Parks and Forest Foundation

PA PARKS AND FORESTS FOUNDATION REPORT:

- Marci thanked everyone for continuing to operate, function and adapt during these difficult pandemic times.
- The PPF strategic plan is still being worked on; hopefully will be wrapping this up in December and will then be able to share with everyone.
- A major priority, given the state's budget difficulties, is protecting funding sources and the DCNR budget – especially given the large increases in park and forest visitation this year. The General Assembly will be returning for a post-election session to adopt a 7-month budget. There have also been recent leadership changes.
- PPF's new TAKE ACTION section is up and running (<https://paparksandforests.org/get-involved/take-action/#/>). This can be used to monitor legislation and to contact legislators.
- The PPF board recently welcomed a new board member to represent the disabled community.
- The 2021 awards program will recognize pandemic-related accomplishments. (<https://paparksandforests.org/get-involved/2021-annual-awards/>).
- 2021 is the 50th anniversary of the Environmental Rights Amendment.
- Next PPF newsletter sometime in January – February. If we ever have anything for the newsletter – let them know.
- Upcoming seminars for Chairs, Treasurers and Secretaries - see below:
 - **Treasurers** : Wednesday, 11/18 at 6:00 PM

- <https://zoom.us/j/97900873927?pwd=Vk1RT0EyVDJuMXJFSkVLd0ZZeXlnZz09>
- Meeting ID: 979 0087 3927
- Passcode: 844979
- **Chairs/Vice Chairs:** Thursday, 11/19 at 6:00 PM
- <https://zoom.us/j/96808060687?pwd=a21YUDJEqzdyNk9VYWRaT1d5UFEydz09>
- Meeting ID: 968 0806 0687
- Passcode: 165496
- **Secretaries:** Monday, 11/23 at 6:00 PM
- <https://zoom.us/j/92253701958?pwd=N1A1ZGM1aUFHcGJDMY9tS1JJakpnQT09>
- Meeting ID: 922 5370 1958
- Passcode: 014039

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- The current board was formed in 2018 for a 3-year term. All current board members confirmed that they are interested in continuing on with their current positions.
- Third woodshed on loop B of the campground will hopefully be built before next season; but not certain given park staffing.
- Does the annual meeting have to be in November? A meeting in the warmer month with longer days may be more convenient for those that have to travel. Per the PPF bylaws, the annual meeting aligns with PPFs annual meeting – in November. Maybe use work-arounds in the future – such as online.
- **Everyone should submit 2020 volunteer hours to Diane before December 19; and at the same time give them to the Chair for use in the annual report he will be preparing.**
- What would the park like to see from us in 2021? Park management will consider; one thing that comes to mind is trail maintenance – a lot of tree-falls (ash trees). Trail maintenance projects have been hindered due to pandemic restrictions in 2020.

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Archery targets have been purchased (\$200) and donated to the park.

- Proposes a donation to the “Shop With A Cop” children’s holiday charity. Will would have to send a check request to PPF.

MOTION:

Tom Yarnal moves; seconded by Lisa Engle.

To donate \$200 for “Shop With A Cop.”

Motion approved without dissent.

- Mike S. is overseeing the amphitheater project – getting 3 bids from 3 different vendors. Will be getting concept drawings of structure. We will need to move quickly on this if we want to start construction work this spring (April) – to be completed in time for the park’s 90th anniversary in 2022. Marci mentions that we may want to look into the CCC Law – possible requirement that any structure not clash with the CCC aesthetic in the park (this has been in an issue in some parks/regions). However – the campground is not CCC era.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- Made approximately \$15,000 in firewood and ice sales in 2020.
- \$33,000 in project fund; \$7,000 in the general fund.
- 2021 budget has been prepared; basically added \$50 to each of our budgets. She will email us all the new budgets.
- “Worlds End Day” is still in the 2021 budget; but this is questionable.
- Dave Walker donated \$100.
- Will maintain the ice box outside the park office in 2021 – but we need to buy and install a cash box for it.
- Maps and patches are still selling well in 2020 – not as much as last year though.
- Can we explore wire-transfers between PPF and us? Sending large cashiers checks via the mail is of concern. PPF does not do this presently; but can be considered in the future.
- Emailing of invoices is working well with the firewood; ice is still done via US mail.

SECRETARY-EDITOR’S REPORT:

- September 2020 Board Meeting minutes approved without additional revision or dissent.

- First draft of the winter 2021 edition of the Vista was emailed to the board yesterday. Please submit any suggestions or contributions ASAP. Target is to get this final and distributed around mid-December.

PARK MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- Visitation continues to be very busy; cabins booked even during weekdays.
- New park brochure/map not yet available.
- Fiber optic line has been installed in the park office; but is not yet online. Once this is available, may be able to consider future meeting via online.
- Mineral spring road repairs are completed and the road is open.
- Dam repair project has been awarded; timeframe on this not yet available. Impact on swimming/beach season not yet determined.
- Route 154 repairs are coming – possibly next autumn – hopefully completed by Memorial Day 2022. This road will be closed during construction – cutting off the campground, Loyalsock Canyon Vista, etc. from the rest of the park. Will probably be closing the campground during this period.

RUTH R. AND DAVE K. TRAILS REPORT:

- Ruth and Dave reported that they have been meeting and are finalizing wording of the descriptions – hope to distribute a draft soon.
- There will be 5 sections.
- Will take the current Friends map and add on to it. Hillsgrove and Eagles Mere quadrants.
- May be some printing issues due to unfortunate management changes/deaths at Paulhaumus Printers.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

TENTATIVE PLANS – IF NEEDED (especially if we have bids to review for the amphitheater project – we need to keep moving on this).

IF NEEDED - DECEMBER MEETING: Wednesday December 16 at 4:00 via ZOOM.
