Friends of PGFSP

Board Agenda for Sunday Jan 28, 2018

1 PM at Park Office

- Park Manager’s comments

- Chair/Vice-Chair’s comments
  - invitation to join Board/discuss & vote: Crystal Hunt
  - new park manager at Caledonia
  - South Mountain Partnership annual “Power of the Partnership” breakfast, Jan. 26 in Carlisle
  - PPFF annual report
  - PPFF Chapter Retreat rescheduled for Sat. Feb 24 in Allentown area, and March 10 at Prince Gallitzin State Park; all Board members are invited
  - PPFF request for “ambassador” to speak on behalf of Keystone Fund projects over the past 25 years
  - thank you letter from CPC/Mansion for $1500 to support new “bridal suite” upstairs
  - Bureau of Forestry “Charcoal Hearth Trail” project in general area of Pole Steeple Trail
  - First Day Hike successful despite the extreme cold, with 45 attendees and $146 in sales
  - Adams County/Gettysburg “Walk With Me” event as in past 2 years: Saturday May 5, 1-5 PM

- Treasurer’s report

- Budget for 2018

- Membership
  - annual mailing
  - idea: special public meeting on Saturday afternoon April 7

- Fall Fest 2017 after-action and plan for 2018
  - Amazon $500 donation for Fall Fest 2017 finally received – electronic “Payee Central” mechanism
  - lack of paid advertising seems to have worked fine + good weather – turnout similar to last year
  - Financials
  - Vendors – the good, the bad and the ugly
  - Silent Auction
  - Merchandise sales at Friends Table: credit cards; get our own cash register?
  - Volunteers
  - Hayride – new location, new waiting line
  - Hairy Hand: loudspeaker; text detail: “Stay Off Our sand” vs. “Go Away”
  - continue to seek/invite special activities (broom guy as one example)
  - no pedal karts in 2017, not sure about next year – alternatives for furnace stack area?
  - probably will have Woodmobile in 2018
  - shuttle bus again in 2018? $350
  - 2018 locked in for two-day event; but what about 2019? Need to decide by next Summer

- Iron Run 2018
  - administrative paperwork
  - gifts & awards
  - shirt color
  - professional timer scheduled, same as last year

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• Merchandise
  • update on merchandise supplies
  • Purple Lizard map of Michaux SF @ $15 selling briskly
  • annual patch series – “Hiking along Mountain Creek” for 2018, need photo

• Firewood
  • split and stack to get ahead of the curve for next season
  • more logs from Maintenance dropped off at Fuller shed area, very much appreciated!
  • Mont Alto forestry students
  • leftover logs from Forestry timber sale? also Camp Michaux area? cabin owner logs at Murphy Rd.?

• Facebook, website, newsletter, other promotional efforts
  • next newsletter
  • Facebook very active
  • Friends website – addition of calendar via PPFF using Localist app

• Projects for 2018?
  1. fix furnace stack brickwork at northwest corner-- draft “Request for Bids”? seek Louis Appell grant?
  2. TRAIL WORK incl. Campground/Bendersville Rd connector, also Kopp Tr bridge across Mtn Creek?
     • review within DNCR pending for trail bridge to connect Koppenhaver with Mtn Creek
  3. Remove vegetation from 1934 Girl Scout pool to allow public recognition/historical interpretation?

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<td>Woodsy Owl, weekend of May 19 Saturday = volunteer morning + Friends potluck lunch</td>
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**Next Board Meeting?** We typically next meet in March
PIGR PROJECT WISH LIST from Friends group, for 2018 and beyond (in no particular order)

1. Handicap access/dedicated resources @ Laurel: (1) Fishing (2) Boat ramp (wheelchair users into boats).
2. Improvements to patio area in front of General Store.
4. Bridge/walkway below Laurel Dam for foot traffic (width of streambanks 250’ at dam, narrows downstream)

5. TRAILS
   a. General improvements in trailhead signage. (Also review/improve signage between major areas of park.)
   b. Bridge (suspension?) to connect Koppenhaver Tr to Mtn Crk Tr @ west trailhead just off Old RR Bed Rd.
   c. Koppenhaver Tr improvements: signage, walkway repair, fix upper/lower loop.
   d. New trailhead to Brickyard Tr at Bendersville Rd (route it along edge of OGTA?).
   e. Campground Connector Tr parallel to Bendersville Rd (safe passage btwn campgrounds and store/furnace)
      How cross along Bendersville @ Mtn Creek: dedicated foot lane, outside walkway, NEW FOOT BRIDGE?

   🔄 photo of suspension ("swinging") hiking bridge at Cook Forest S.P., via Sean Benson.

   Another suspension hiking bridge is in Trough Creek S.P. ➡

   (I am sure there are others!)

6. Historical interpretive signage/”wayside” kiosks repairs and upgrades.

   New waysides? Pool/Amusement Park; Fuller; Laurel Forge; Ice; Brickyard; Paymasters/base of Mansion.

7. Historic Walking Tour improved signage at each stop – identify tour, indicate “brochure @ park office”.

8. More bicycle lockup racks.

9. Picnic pavilion at OGTA (same as existing pavilions at Furnace and Brickyard).

10. Golf cart/electric Gator for campground hosts.

11. Public announcement system @ Fuller: speakers audible in surrounding area? Reliable equipment in shack?

12. Public announcement system # Laurel: working OK?

13. Phone line into Fuller guard shack – would allow confirmed credit cards sales during Fall Fest.

14. Repairs to furnace stack: lower rear brick repoint/repair; crumbling @ west side of stack – old Player stove.

15. possible grant opportunity “Louis J. Appell, Jr., Preservation Fund for Central Pennsylvania”
    to consider for #14 above (2018 repair of bricks at furnace stack)