

7 November 2011 Agenda

Friends of Yellow Creek

Attendance: Ken Bisbee, Ken Sherwood, Cindy Rogers

Visitors: Bo Villemain and Ean

Introductions

Announcements

- PPF Issued Annual Report and State of the Parks/Forests 2011 reports. We have copies and they are available online.
 - <http://bit.ly/ppff-stateofparks2011>
 - <http://bit.ly/ppff2010Annual>
- CHC/Marcellus:
 - MDS drilling on Ray Rd. permitted and has begun; but fracking may not happen till the Spring
 - Indiana County Planning to issue recommendations this week on Conservation Zones ordinance, it may not recommend banning but will probably recommend best practices
 - PA State HB 1950 "model ordinance" provision would invalidate local or county conservation and zone efforts (co-sponsored by Rep. Reed). Dave said personally he felt we should not limit the local authority but he wanted things to move forward.
- EBS Employee Services donated \$500 for support of Puddle Duck Building – a Texas based group

Park Manager's Report - Ken B.

- It has been a quiet month. This past weekend was the last for renting. They have been all full all summer. They had a record attendance at all facilities.
- MDS is asking DCNR for approval to reroute their gas line. They have an 8 inch line presently under the lake since the 50's. They want to replace it with a larger pipe to go through the park. If they are allowed to reroute the pipe line they would not put in three more wells. In looking into the issues the pipe line may impact the park more than the three drill sites. Ken is waiting to see what is going to happen. Ken S would like to see documentation on the owned rights. Ken B will supply the documentation.
- Ken did give testimony to the planning commission and his concerns which center around pollution and truck traffic.
- HC generating station was under suit from two states but the law suit was thrown out.

Membership and Finance Report - Kelly - table to next meeting

Cycling Report Table for next meeting

Boating Report

- Interest in PDR building for winter 2011/12 strong: 6 families want to build boats
 - There is also an eagle project to build boats for the park.
- IUP Sailing Club Formed; hosting LTS event at Commonplace 11/16 at 9pm; interested in building PDRs, coordinating with FOYC in teaching sailing safety/skills for use of park and community boats

- **Proposal: PDR project:**
Ken S. introduced a proposal (see proposal below) IUP sailing club has expressed an interest in being involved. Ken B mentioned we could possibly do it in conjunction with "Get Out Doors PA". If FOYC could participate it might reduce the cost of the facility. The PD building, sailing and lessons may be used for this. We could offer a program for FOP. Ken B. will take it to his regional office and possibly Harrisburg to pursue this program. This will be a new and innovative approach to getting people to the park that involves a real commitment. We need to think about how to make IUP students FOYC members this year, maybe if they are paying IUP members that would include a FOYC membership. There were not enough board members to vote tonight. Ken B will have more information by the next meeting. It would help to get this passed this year to address storage issues that some may have. Hopefully it will be in place by the spring. We should vote on the proposal next month.

New Business

Eagle Scout Project

- **Guest presentation:** Ean Villemain talked about his project and submitted his plan for review. He will build 2 puddle ducks for YC. They will be stored at the lake. Price is 652.00 for 2 boats. The cost is a little more because they are using fiberglass for the bottom to make them more durable since more people will be using them. They will use 3/8 inch plywood. He must have his project done by next February 17th. Ken and Cindy accepted his proposal and agreed to make the funding available for his project. Ken thanked Ean for doing the project and felt that it will help YC in the future and bring more people into the park. Bo said he will save receipts and submit them. Ken will check with Kelly to find out how to handle the finances. Lowes and Arone's is where they will buy most of the materials – they will need the tax number. They want to start getting materials next week. Ken S. Will find out from Kelly what the tax numbers are and how to proceed.

Septemberfest 2011 Review /Assessment – Table for next meeting

- Successes and weak areas
- Setting date for 2012

Fundraising/Public Relations

- **Topographic Park Map** - nothing done yet – no one has sold advertising. Ken B would really like to get the map made. Ken B can help sell the ads but needs others to do that also. Ken S will talk to Ben.
- **PPFF Passport / Fundraiser** (cost \$6.50 / cover price \$10): We could buy park passports and make them available as a fundraiser. We could get some and sell them for a small profit. We wondered if it is worth doing. We would need a stamp. There would have to be a way to have the passports stamped on weekends and after hours. Ken S. will ask Marcie about the stamps.

Board Nomination/Appointment Process

We probably need to have an annual nomination and vote on officers. We should probably try and establish some sort of board and officer protocol. We discussed how to get more involvement of a steady group of people. Could we have a meeting for the membership or

supporters with a program as a thank you for being a member or supporter? Could we have more hands on activities to get people out. The scrap metal pile could be an activity - to have it cleaned up and taken to Rhom's yard.

It might be good to have an annual membership meeting where we have a pot luck dinner, an interesting program, a review of what FOYC have done over the year. It would be a way to reward all the dues paying members. We should revisit this at the next meeting. We should set a date and advertize it with a membership campaign.

Other Business – none at this time

Next Meeting

December - to be determined.

PDR Community Sailing Project

Funding

- FOYC members may participate in community sailing for an additional, annual donation of \$50 to FOYC;
- Dues-paying, student members of the IUP Coop Sailing Club will be considered reciprocal members of the FOYC Community Sailing Project for 2011/12 at no additional charge;
- The FOYC board may review the terms of community sailing and the collaboration with the IUP Sailing Club, or assess additional fees at any time, with the general goal of insuring that it is a self-sustaining activity;

Storage

- FOYC will enter into a lease of the former sailing base at \$300;
- FOYC community sailing members (CSMs) may store PDRs and/or traditional, home-built wooden boats in the boathouse;
- Sheltered racks will be made available for FOYC community boats and those sailed by CSMs;

Education, Volunteering, and Outreach

- FOYC sailing instructors will coordinate education/training for new sailors, and provide the opportunity for US Sailing Small Boat certification;
- CSMs may use community boats under supervision of a certified sailor while learning and pursuing certification;
- Upon certification, CSM sailors will have access to community boats.
- CSMs will assist in basic maintenance of community boats, racks, and boathouse.
- CSMs will be responsible for modeling and enforcing all safety and equipment guidelines at the risk of forfeiting membership.