

- 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
    - PFFF annual report
    - PFFF Chapter Retreat rescheduled for Sat. Feb 24 in Allentown area, and March 10 at Prince Gallitzin State Park; all Board members are invited
    - PFFF 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

- 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 PPF 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?

**Major Events in 2018**

**Earth Day, Saturday April 21**

**Woodsy Owl, weekend of May 19** Saturday = volunteer morning + Friends potluck lunch

**Iron Run half-marathon & Charcoal Challenge 5k run/walk, Saturday June 9**

**National Public Lands Day, Saturday September 29**

**Fall Furnace Fest, weekend of October 20-21**

**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.
3. Better furniture for Mansion dining room.
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 repaint/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)