

**DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION
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Minutes of the May 3, 2007 Meeting**

A meeting of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission was held on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at the Dingmans Township Municipal Building. Chairman McDowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. This meeting was properly posted in the Federal Register, as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (PL 92-463, Section 10(a)(2)).

Roll Call

Citizen Advisory Commission members in attendance: Ms. Bertucci-Turner, Mr. Gross, Mr. Hanley, Mr. Heller, Mr. Kresge, Ms. Maxaner, Mr. Longcore, Ms. McDowell, and Mr. Van Campen. Absent were Mr. Murray and Mr. Price. Park staff in attendance: Chief of Resource Protection and Visitor Management Selleck, Superintendent's Secretary Colon, Chief of Administration Wilbur, Acting Deputy Superintendent Lynch, Chief of Maintenance Leonard, Chief of Visitor Services and Cultural Resources Wright, and Telecommunications Manager O'Leary. Members of the public who signed the attendance list included: Jen Wycalek, Jeffrey Butz, Bob Mackey, Elaine O'Neial, Myra Snook, Gail Wershing and Alicia Batko.

Correspondence

The list of letters received or sent since the last meeting was reviewed. This correspondence will be made part of the official record. Those wishing to review the correspondence may do so at park headquarters in Bushkill, Pennsylvania, or at the library repositories for the commission.

1. Pocono Record article dated April 5, 2007, titled "Soap Box Racing Returning to Delaware Water Gap"
2. The River Reporter article dated April 4-11, 2007, titled "Critics Blast DRBC's New Watershed Plan"
3. Press release dated April 4, 2007, titled "Park Announces Opening Dates for Facilities"
4. Press release dated April 4, 2007, titled "Park Open House Set for April 28th"
5. News Eagle article dated March 31, 2007, titled "Pike Gathers Allies to Save Santos Farm"
6. Express-Times article dated April 3, 2007, titled "Visitor Center Set to Open"
7. Asbury Park Press article dated March 3, 2007, titled "Court Orders an August Deadline for Bear Plan"
8. Star-Ledger article dated March 13, 2007, titled "State Plans 'Bear Sweeps'"
9. Star-Ledger article dated March 11, 2007, titled "Group: Stop Hoboken-to-Scranton Rail Plain In Its Tracks"
10. Star-Ledger article dated March 11, 2007, titled "Scanning the Delaware"
11. Star-Ledger article dated March 27, 2007, titled "As Bears Emerge, Education Effort Gears Up"
12. Tri-StateNews.Com article dated March 29, 2007, titled "Who's Killing Our Forests"
13. Pocono Record article dated March 29, 2007, titled "Riverfront Residents: Flow Plan 'An Insult'"
14. Pocono Record article dated March 28, 2007, titled "Kross Tough Enough for Third Place"
15. Pocono Record article dated March 28, 2007, titled "Fernwood Resort and Split rock May Seek Resort Slots License"

16. Pocono Record article dated March 22, 2007, titled "Delaware Water Gap to Buy Open Space, Trade for Park Service Property"
17. Warren County Convention Visitors Bureau letter received March 16, 2007, regarding the Warren County Convention & Visitors Bureau's expansion of services
18. Times Herald-Record article dated March 16, 2007, titled "NYRI to Look At Two New Routes for Power Line"
19. News Eagle article titled "Pike Gets Enforcement Power for Erosion Sites"
20. Press Release dated March 15, 2007, titled "Temporary Road Closures During Amphibian Migration"
21. Pocono Record article dated March 15, 2007, titled "Bridge Passes Safety Test In DWG Park"
22. Lehman Township Newsletter – Pike County PA – Winter 07 article titled "Zero Tax Increase for Lehman"
23. Star-Ledger article dated February 13, 2007, titled "DEP Spares Bears From Death to Relocate Them"
24. Letter from Mountain Laurel Center dated March 19, 2007, regarding performances and workshops in Arts-In-Education Programs
25. Letter from The Friends of the Delaware Water Gap NRA dated April 2, 2007, regarding Grey Towers Heritage Association
26. Public comment email dated April 11, 2007 regarding Kittatinny/Water Gap boat launch
27. The River Reporter article dated April 11-18, 2007, titled "New Delaware River Guide and Maps Available"
28. Pocono Record article dated April 17, 2007, titled "Poconos Appear to Have Escape Worst of Nor'easter's Wrath"
29. Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area Newsletter, Spring 2007
30. The New Yorker online article dated April 16, 2007, titled "There and Back Again"
31. Press Release dated April 16, 2007, titled "Park Prepares for River and Road Closures"
32. Press Release dated April 17, 2007, titled "Park Roads to Reopen This Evening, Delaware River Still Closed"
33. Times Herald-Record online article dated April 18, 2007, titled "American Rivers Names the Upper Delaware As One of Its Top 10 Most Endangered Rivers of 2007"
34. Pocono Record article dated April 18, 2007, titled "Untold Tragedy"
35. Copy of The River Reporter article received April 19, 2007, titled "Upper Delaware River Called Endangered"
36. Pocono Record article dated April 19, 2007, titled "Lawmakers: Lower NYC Reservoir Levels"
37. Press Release dated April 19, 2007, titled "Update on Park Openings and Closures"
38. Pocono Record article dated April 19, 2007, titled "Overturned Truck Spills Trash, Closes Route 611"
39. Pocono Record article dated April 20, 2007, titled "Lehman Approves Highland Plan"
40. Press Release dated April 20, 2007, titled "Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Prescribed Fire Planned"
41. NJ Herald article dated April 20, 2007, titled "Warren County Sues Over Highlands Act"
42. NJ Herald article dated April 23, 2007, titled "At Work In Walpack Newton Students Learn History While Painting"
43. PAHomePage.com article dated April 23, 2007, titled "National Park Area In Flames- Intentionally!"
44. Press Release dated April 23, 2007, titled "Delaware River and Access Points Reopen"
45. The Star-Ledger article received April 24, 2007, titled "Clean Water Regulations Represent a Sea Change"

46. TriStateNews.Com online article dated April 24, 2007, titled “Pine-Killing Wasp Spreads”
47. The Older Adult Learning Center of ESU Summer (May 20 – July 27, 2007) schedule (provided by Cathie Maxaner)
48. Brochure titled “Alive to the Call: women of Northeastern Pennsylvania 1880-1935” (provided by Cathie Maxaner)
49. Sunday Patriot-News article dated March 25, 2007, titled “Ride Along the Underground Railroad” (provided by Cathie Maxaner)
50. Article titled “NPS Conducts Controlled Burn” (provided by Cathie Maxaner)
51. Public Comment dated April 26, 2007, regarding hunting
52. Public comment dated April 27, 2007, regarding opposition to hunting plans
53. Public comment dated April 27, 2007, regarding disapproval of hunting
54. Public comment dated April 28, 2007, regarding opposition to hunting plans
55. Email from Mr. Steven Van Campen dated May 1, 2007, titled “Bylaws Updated”
56. Facility Management Database Summary 2/01

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Ms. Maxaner referred to Item 47 to recognize the efforts of DEWA’s former Deputy Superintendent Doyle Nelson who is leading tours on the historical structures of DEWA. As per Item No. 48, she said that the exhibit included the synopsis of Marie Zimmerman. Ms. Maxaner referred to Item No. 49 stating that the cyclists are riding along the Underground Railroad this month. The journey follows the route that many slaves used to escape to freedom.

Mr. Gross referred to Items 51-54 indicating that responses to these public comments should include explanation of DEWA as a National Recreation Area, as established by the Congress. Chief Selleck explained that the responses will be addressed based on the legislation and authorization of the Congress.

Ms. Maxaner referred to Item No. 56 and explained that it is an addendum to the list that was distributed during the January 10th meeting. She indicated that this updated list is more detailed.

Minutes

Members Mr. Van Campen and Mr. Hanley expressed their concerns with the revised by-laws, particularly the new process for approval of minutes. Ms. McDowell explained that the new by-laws were mailed to all members and indicated that the commission is no longer required to approve the minutes. Ms. McDowell added that the new by-laws are exactly what the commission asked which followed approval by the Secretary and are now in effect.

Mr. Van Campen said that his interpretation is that the park service has written the by-laws for the commission. Ms. McDowell explained that the commission members spent extensive time revising the by-laws. Mr. Price added that the commission is not required to approve the by-laws but can choose to do so. Mr. Gross agreed and said that approval of by-laws is optional.

Mr. Hanley stated that meeting minutes are legal documents that represent the most official records of the commission and should be approved by the commission, otherwise the minutes are not representative of the commission. Ms. McDowell explained that the by-laws indicate that minutes have to be approved by the Chair within 90 days and were established to make matters simpler for running business. Members have the opportunity to review the minutes and comment.

Mr. Hanley expressed that the park service gets to edit the minutes before the commission views them, which is an indication that the park's personnel are the people who determine what represents the commission on the official public record.

Mr. Van Campen asked Mrs. Colon if the changes he had recommended were made accordingly. Mrs. Colon stated that the comments he made during the March 10th meeting were not deleted from the minutes.

Mr. Hanley motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Gross seconded. Mr. Van Campen expressed his disapproval because the comments he asked to be removed remained. Ms. Maxaner abstained. All other members agreed. March 10, 2007 minutes were approved.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Van Campen asked for the name of the DFO for the record. Acting Deputy Superintendent Patrick Lynch identified himself as the DFO and explained that Superintendent Donahue was handling a matter of urgency and is expected to join the meeting later this evening.

By-laws

Ms. McDowell distributed copies of the new by-laws (Attachment 1) and officially announced these are now in effect and will be implemented accordingly.

Mr. Hanley stated he did not agree with the new by-laws, particularly with the process of approving minutes and the government's involvement for approving the commission's by-laws. Mr. Van Campen added that the new by-laws were not officially approved by all members and disagrees with the government's approval of by-laws.

Ms. McDowell asked Ms. O'Leary to explain the process of approving minutes. Ms. O'Leary asked CAC members to refer to page 10 of the new by-laws.

Ms. McDowell added that the new by-laws that are now in effect were approved by the Federal government and stated that Mr. Hanley had been very helpful through the revision process. Mr. Hanley replied that his recommendations are not necessarily based on expertise knowledge and that it does not signify he approves them entirely. Ms. McDowell acknowledged Mr. Hanley's statement adding that the government's approval occurred after the CAC members agreed on the revisions made.

Mr. Hanley explained that he was very concerned with the way minutes are prepared and had made requests for changes to the March 10th minutes. He added that he was not aware that the Chair would approve the minutes without approval of other members. Mr. Hanley said that these seem to be in favor of the government and it is a matter of concern, as it indicates the government's intention to control the commission.

CAC member Mr. Kresge stated that these by-laws were reviewed and revised during a study session in March and a final decision was made then. The process of revising the by-laws was completed that night.

Mr. Hanley stated that official business can not be conducted during study sessions. Mr. Kresge replied that the revision of the by-laws during the study session was completed, as a preliminary approval. Mr. Hanley stated that there is nothing in the new by-laws indicating that the commission should approve or disapprove the minutes.

Mr. Gross suggested a further discussion on the matter be planned during an administrative meeting to allow the CAC meeting to continue its course. All members agreed.

Mr. Van Campen indicated that he has addressed various concerns with the US Attorney and that he just received an electronic mail from Dave Barna regarding the allegations reported. Mr. Van Campen added that Mr. Barna reassured that SGE, FACA and legal issues addressed are being reviewed and that the by-laws will be addressed as well. He is waiting to get legal and policy determinations that he has requested at higher levels.

Ms. McDowell asked Ms. O'Leary to explain the process of revising and approving the by-laws. Ms. O'Leary explained that the Commission members scheduled a study session with the purpose of updating and revising the by-laws and that she volunteered to take the notes of the proposed revisions. During the session, Ms. O'Leary advised the members that some of the current by-laws were not consistent with the current Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) regulations. Once a final revision was agreed upon by the members that were present, the draft was sent to the Committee Management Officer in the Washington office. According to FACA regulations, by-laws are not mandatory, but can be used at the discretion of the Superintendent. Since the Commission has operated under by-laws for the past 18 years, Superintendent Donahue felt they should continue with by-laws. Ms. O'Leary stated again that all the changes made were based upon the requests of the CAC members who participated in revising them, provided the changes were consistent with FACA regulations.

Mr. Hanley addressed the public urging them to be aware of the impact that the new by-laws have. He further stated that he feels this is the government's attempt to limit the authority of the public by limiting the commission to operate independently.

Ms. McDowell stated that she does not feel the commission is being limited in any way and that she is very happy with the way the by-laws have been simplified.

Mr. Hanley asked Ms. McDowell and Ms. Maxaner if they were nominated as commission members to represent the park and the government. Ms. McDowell replied that the guidelines do not make indication to that effect. She further added that Ms. Maxaner's expertise is history and that hers (Ms. McDowell) is wildlife.

Ms. Maxaner suggested for future meeting agendas to include a section for Approval of the Minutes. Ms. McDowell agreed.

Mr. Hanley asked Mrs. Colon about the individuals involved in writing and editing the meeting minutes. Mrs. Colon replied that she transcribes a draft of the minutes, which are then reviewed by the Superintendent. The drafted minutes are then sent to all members for review.

Mr. Gordon stated that there was a consensus of the by-laws which are now in effect.

Mr. Hanley said that he agreed with the by-laws except for CAC Chair Ms. McDowell's indications that the government says we don't do certain things anymore. He stated that the commission has the option of approving or disapproving the by-laws and that this is a concern, which indicates the government's hidden agenda of some sort. He added that the commission has the option, if chosen, and the commission's decision should be based on the majority vote.

Public Participation

Mr. Tom Hoffman asked if there was anyone taking responsibility for making changes related to approval of the new by-laws. He added that the appropriate government person should explain the rationale for the changes.

Ms. McDowell asked Ms. O'Leary to respond to Mr. Hoffman's comment. Ms. O'Leary replied that the public comment session allows individuals to make comments or state the questions and then someone from DEWA will respond if necessary and accordingly. She added that public comments made by individuals of the public are not addressed during the meeting. Ms. O'Leary explained that her involvement with the by-laws went according to what the committee asked her to do. Ms. McDowell added that meetings were held and discussions took place.

Mr. Hoffman added that according to the new by-laws, it is clear that Robert's Rules of Order have disappeared. Ms. McDowell explained that the commission never applied the rules in the past and it is not necessary to keep them. She added that it is her belief that the meetings can run without those rules. Mr. Hoffman stated that most credible organizations since 1876 follow the Robert's Rules of Order and asked the commission to reconsider that. Ms. McDowell responded that the commission will evaluate how the meetings run without the rules and changes will be made if necessary.

Mr. Jeff Butz is a member of Stewards of Park History, which now has a total of 36 members. Their next meeting is on Sunday, June 3rd. Mr. Bill Halainen will be a speaker and will address the new leasing program that will be implemented. The meeting will be held at the Bushkill Meeting Center on Rt. 209 and the public is welcomed to attend.

Ms. Jan Wycalek is a member of Friends of the Park and is here to announce the 2007 Lecture Series. The first Family Fun Day of the year is May 19th and will run from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon, and is being sponsored by the Pocono Avian Children Center. A large number of children are expected to attend; therefore reservations should be made by calling 570-426-2490. Ms. Wycalek explained that most lectures begin at 7:00 p.m. and noted that the afternoon lecture on Saturday, June 2nd was suggested and pursued by CAC member Ms. Maxaner. There is no charge for the programs but donations are welcomed.

The Lecture Series and the Family Fun Days are sponsored by the National Park Service and the Friends of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

Ms. Wycalek added that Friends of the Park will also have a Commonwealth Speaker of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, Mr. Bryan Van Sweden. Mr. Van Sweden will present "Discovering History In Your Town", which will introduce the audience on how to read a building's history. His presentation will follow with speakers from the 6 historical societies: Bushkill, Friends of Marie Zimmerman, M.A.R.C.H., Dingman, Delaware, Walpack and Millbrook. They will all have tables with exhibits. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Van Campen asked Ms. Wycalek about the sources that fund the organization. Ms. Wycalek replied that Ms. Gail Wershing, Friends President, can respond to his questions.

Ms. Gail Wershing is President of Friends of Delaware Water Gap NRA. She explained that Friends Group members are recruited for as little as \$15 for individual membership. The organization operates on fund drives. Others sponsor a lecture for \$200. Friends also request

funds from various sources. She explained that the Friends group would like to see the Bushkill Meeting Hall as an information center and will drive for that to happen.

Mr. Van Campen stated that the solicitor determined that there is a conflict of interest for commission members to join the Friends membership. He asked Ms. Wershing to explain if there is any other way that the commission can assist with funding. Ms. Wershing stated that donations are accepted from non-members as well. Friends Group has been working in collaboration with US Forest Service and Grey Towers. They have been given a grant for \$2,400 to represent the DEWA in 3 events this summer.

Ms. Wershing announced that Photographer Clyde Butcher will provide ten (10) of his photos for display. In turn, Friends will fund some of the music that they will present. In July they'll do "Words In the River". Friends will be invited again with literature and promotion. There is one cooperative effort with Grey Towers to which the board agreed in regards to 501 (c) 3. Friends will get that grant which will go into Grey Towers.

Mr. Van Campen congratulated Ms. Wershing for a successful program.

Ms. Maxaner asked about how the Friends Group approaches other businesses to become members. Ms. Wershing explained that the group is amending the membership and contributor categories to facilitate corporate lecture sponsor, corporate gold sponsor, and corporate silver sponsor.

Ms. Alicia Batko is a Montague Township Historian. Ms. Batko stated that she received a signed agreement to take care of two historical structures which will be cleaned up so they don't appear abandoned and help prevent vandalism. Carpenters will perform minor work but this will be addressed with Mr. Donahue for approval.

Ms. Batko commended Mr. Hanley for his interests and efforts in emphasizing the importance of the commission's by-laws. Ms. Batko suggested that the commission members make sure that the minutes reflect exactly what is agreed upon.

Ms. Batko said that she was very pleased that DEWA allowed M.A.R.C.H. members to participate at the interpretive skills training that was held at the Bushkill Meeting Center.

Ms. Batko explained that there is a possible plan for erecting a cell tower within Montague Township, which she believes will impact both the township and the park. She would like to see DEWA involved in evaluating the possible impacts of the plan.

Ms. Batko announced that the summer season for M.A.R.C.H. begins this Saturday, May 5th with the "Day of Sussex County History" taking place at the Sussex County Community College between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. She added that summer events will begin June 24th and continue every Sunday to the end of August. Ms. Batko is hoping to attract new members to join the society. She also announced the "Millbrook Society's History Days" event which is sponsored by DEWA. It will be held on May 17th and 18th, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Batko shared copies of old M.A.R.C.H. news letters that include recreational and cultural information and can answer questions previously addressed by commission members.

Ms. Myra Snook resident of Sussex County, New Jersey, asked commission members whether or not the drafted by-laws were motioned for approval before going to the Committee Management Office. Ms. McDowell stated that a motion to approve the drafted by-laws did not take place. Ms. Snook indicated that the draft should've been approved. Ms. McDowell explained that a meeting with commission members will be scheduled to discuss this matter further.

Elaine O'Neil is the Vice President of the Delaware Riverside Conservancy (DRC), a non-profit corporation made up of volunteer residents, business owners, and other interested individuals adjacent to the Delaware River. Ms. O'Neil explained that the group was formed as a result of the devastating impacts of recent floods, including the one in April 2005. Ms. O'Neil will continue her presentation during the next public comment session.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Donahue introduced park staff.

Flood Damage Funding

DEWA recently received over \$8 million in flood damage monies for the stabilization and restoration of park roads, bridges, visitor use areas, campsites and boat ramps. This money will fund a major clean-up and restoration effort following the three major floods, including Hurricane Ivan that devastated the park. He explained that DEWA will be contracting some work, which will include repairs of the boat launches, such as Kittatinny, Milford and Smithfield Beaches. DEWA will also focus on how to respond to floods and repairs. This restoration will take place over the next several years and be implemented by contractors and park employees.

Emergency Road Repairs

DEWA also received about \$9 million for emergency roads repairs. At least half of these funds have to be obligated and spent before October 1st and DEWA is required to maintain accurate records of all spending activities.

DEWA staff met with US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) who will assist with this project. USACE participated in the recovery process of New Orleans devastation that resulted from Hurricane Katrina and is highly qualified to assist with rehabilitating the damaged areas and with the park's disaster response mission. The Corps works with FEMA and other Federal, State and local government agencies in a wide variety of missions during natural and man-made disasters.

Debris Clean-Up On Islands And Shorelines

Flood related debris is still present on the river islands and shorelines. Contracts are currently being developed for removal of these items.

River Clean-Up Day

The Park is planning another Volunteer River Clean Up Day to coincide with the long standing River Clean Up sponsored by Kittatinny Canoes. DEWA is looking for volunteers to participate. In addition to the NPS, many of our local canoe liveries will be helping to sponsor this event.

Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Increase

DEWA will also receive a \$1.1 million operating increase. Superintendent Donahue commended park staff for their dedicated involvement and diligence. This extraordinary work resulted in DEWA becoming a model park for demonstrating accurate data that reflects the \$11 million dollars backlog of the NPS.

Centennial Initiative

There is also good indication that DEWA will receive funding for some large scale projects out of the President's Park Centennial Initiative. Secretary Kempthorne and Director Bomar initiated a series of listening sessions to seek suggestions and ideas on President Bush's National Park Centennial Initiative to strengthen national parks over the next decade. Sessions are being held around the nation on the president's proposal to provide up to \$3 billion of investment to improve and expand national parks by the NPS 100th birthday in 2016. Based on these discussions, Kempthorne and Bomar will identify signature projects and programs and set specific goals. They will present their recommendations to the President by May 31st.

Mr. Hanley asked if DEWA will be requesting or receiving funds for matching donation projects. Mr. Donahue explained that there are matching donation projects; however we have not put in for those because we may not find matching donors and Congress hasn't approved that.

Mr. Donahue explained that the long term strategy for DEWA is a combination of reducing infrastructure and increasing the amount of revenue. As part of the Centennial project, the park is planning on adding a modular building near the Bushkill School to store curatorial objects.

Mr. Hanley asked if the modular building will be used for displaying artifacts. Mr. Donahue said it will not be used to display objects. Mr. Hanley suggested lending the objects to other organizations that are able to display them. Mr. Donahue explained that some of the park's artifacts are already loaned to other organizations, including the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton.

Mr. Donahue explained that running a museum will cost at least \$1.5 million to operate. Chief Wright stated that there are costs related to collection care, which are increasingly important to a museum. There are curatorial responsibilities that are a continuing need in the parks such as cataloging, housekeeping, exhibit preparation, providing access to collections, operating collection storage facilities, cultural resource project coordination, records management and protecting archeological collections. Mr. Hanley stated that the modular building that will be used for storage will have the same needs and therefore requires the same costs that apply to appropriate storing and maintenance of artifacts.

Mr. Van Campen asked if the artifacts that were taken out of DEWA and housed at the NJ State Museum in Trenton have been returned. Chief Wright explained that the artifacts are still with the museum and that they want to return the items to DEWA or charge for storage.

Ms. Maxaner explained that she recently visited the State Museum in Harrisburg, PA where she spoke to the director about the Native American artifacts. The director sent a correspondence with information on a conference held in Fall 2006 on exploring PA's Native American heritage, which they plan on doing again in 2008 with cooperation of the park. Ms. Maxaner added that New Jersey State has also had an event of this nature and suggested the possibility of developing a partnership with the park in hopes that they can help with curatorial needs and displaying of artifacts. Mr. Donahue stated that it is a possibility.

Mr. Van Campen stated that Gettysburg has had similar situations with the operation of museums but that they have a foundation that has been lending them a substantial sum of money to salvage their artifacts. He stated that DEWA is not experiencing the same situation, but that DEWA has a lot of objects and should develop a plan to properly store and maintain them. He suggested that the project should at least be put on a wish list and perhaps eventually be

facilitated by a specific group, or a major donation that would fund it. He asked Mr. Donahue about the possibility of building a museum if the money is given to the park. Mr. Donahue explained that Gettysburg is turning essentially everything over to private industry. It is a new form of operation and its success has to be evaluated.

Mr. Hanley suggested that money should also be allocated to some display capability within the modular structure. Mr. Donahue explained that DEWA would like to have more exhibits in display within the visitors' centers. Kittatinny is expected to reopen in June and items will be displayed at the facility.

Mr. Gross stated that the boat launches were extremely devastated and he would like to see those repaired. He mentioned areas that are not included on the list and Chief Leonard confirmed that most of the areas affected are on the list and those that are not have to be assessed for damage.

Ms. Maxaner asked if some of the Centennial money will be used for historic structures. Superintendent Donahue explained that the Ramirez Solar House will be repaired, which may take up to \$500,000. There is a project for the Exotic Plant Restoration, which is approximately a \$1.5 million project.

Ms. Maxaner asked if there is a strategic plan for these artifacts. Chief Wright explained that there is a collections management plan that goes back to 1996, which specifies where collections are and how parks have to care for them. Mr. Hanley explained that the inventory of objects will continue to grow while items are not displayed and there should be a strategic plan for that.

Chief Wright explained that the museum in NJ displays some of the artifacts. He added that most of the archeological objects are research collections and are not complete items. Those are for research and universities to use. The park is legally required to do archeological surveys any time a project is proposed. The items that do not fall within the scope of historic items are not collected. Mr. Donahue added that some items offered to the park have been turned down because of lack of resources or because the objects do not fit the collection category.

Mr. Hanley asked if the artifacts can be turned over to universities to cover the costs of maintenance and use them for research. Mr. Donahue indicated that this is not an option. The artifacts can be loaned but not given away. Items can be removed from a collection if these are not appropriate. Examination of the objects is both time consuming and costly. There are not many universities wishing to take these items from the park.

Mr. Gross asked if the items collected can be loaned to the historic societies. Ms. Batko stated that this is not possible for M.A.R.C.H. which has archeological artifacts, not historic items.

Mr. Van Campen stated that DEWA has a significant historic landmark that is kept protected. It has been reported to the earliest inhabitants that go back to more than 8,000 years. Chief Wright stated that the area is known as the Shawnee Minisink Site, which was a last known settlement of the Minisink Indians. Mr. Van Campen suggested the display of historical writings and artifacts regarding the site and its people.

Mr. Van Campen inquired on the status of the Peters House. Mr. Donahue explained that the house is in a spectacular location which the park has been trying to lease out. Its renovation would take at least \$800,000. However, interested individuals who have considered leasing it do not have the funds to start the business, including non-profit organizations.

Ms. Maxaner stated that the Peters House is of great significance where there is a rich source of archaeological evidence for the Native Americans. She added that it would be a good idea to designate it as a National Heritage Site of the Native American Indians.

Ms. Maxaner asked about the request of the Bushkill Historical Society's to have their museum within the Peters House. Mr. Donahue stated that the house doesn't lend itself to that without significant repairs.

Ms. Maxaner suggested a revision of the 1996 Collections Management Plan, which would incorporate some of the topics discussed. Mr. Donahue explained that revision of the plan is costly and takes at least three years to complete. He further explained the process of revising it and the time gap that has existed between revisions.

Mr. Van Campen asked if people are allowed to remove artifacts found in the park, such as arrowheads. Mr. Donahue said that no one is allowed to remove artifacts of any kind from any National park.

Mr. Van Campen asked about \$110 million that were appropriated for the GMP back in 1988. Mr. Donahue explained that there is a difference between authorized and appropriated funds, but that he does not have knowledge about the existence of that money and that he would have to research the information.

Commission Report

Committees

Ms. McDowell introduced the CAC Agenda for revision. A discussion took place and various suggestions introduced by members were considered.

The committees were revised as follows:

Cultural and Historical Resources Committee: Motioned by Mr. Hanley, moved by Mr. Van Campen, seconded by Ms. Bertucci-Turner. Mr. Heller voted 'No' stating he couldn't vote without knowing what the others committees were. The rest of the members approved. Motioned passed.

Natural Resources Committee: Motioned by Mr. Hanley, moved by Mr. Van Campen, seconded by Ms. Bertucci-Turner. All members were in favor. Motion Passed.

Recreation Committee: Moved by Mr. Heller, seconded by Ms. Maxaner. Mr. Hanley abstained. All other members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Old Business

Santos Farm

Ms. McDowell asked Superintendent Donahue to provide a report on the Santos Farm. Mr. Donahue explained that the School District withdrew the offer for purchasing the Santos Farm due to the discovery of significant archeological resource. Trust for Public Lands is moving forward on acquisition of the property. Various organizations and Pike County support the project and are willing to fund it. They have been pursuing federal appropriation. Representative Carney is introducing the issue to the legislation to acquire some appropriations for the property. The goal is to see the property preserved. Trust for Public Lands continues to pursue the entire property as one piece. TPL will have the property appraised. DEWA will do the same when the time comes.

Mr. Donahue explained that the county is already intending to introduce appropriations requests, which may take several Congressional sessions. Given the kind of demonstrated support by locals, county, and town, this is a promising proposal. Mr. Van Campen asked if this type of purchase is considered a third party acquisition. Mr. Donahue confirmed that it is, and that the underlying principle is to buy property with the goal of preserving and holding it until the appropriate government entity is able to purchase it. As per Mr. Gross' request, Mr. Donahue said that CAC members are welcomed to attend the next meeting.

New Business

Future Meetings

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2007 at Warren County Community College, 9:00 a.m.

Various suggestions for the January 2008 meeting were made and further details will be discussed and considered during the next administrative meeting pending to be scheduled.

Excerpt On Safety and Stalking

Mr. Van Campen read the following excerpt from a brochure titled "Stalking, It's More Than An Obsession" from Montclair State University and asked that these be included into the minutes:

What is Stalking?

Stalking is a course of conduct directed at a specific person that places a person in fear for his/her safety. Stalking is a crime of violence, coercion and/or fear and is prohibited by federal and state law. A person is guilty of stalking if he/she purposefully or knowingly engages in repeatedly maintaining a visual or physical proximity to a person or repeatedly conveying, or causing to be conveyed, verbal, written or implied threats to a person that would cause a person to fear bodily injury to him/herself or to a member of his/her immediate family. The law is gender neutral recognizing that men and women can be victims or perpetrators of stalking.

Flood Mitigation

Mr. Gross reported he attended the DRBC meeting in Hawley a few weeks ago where he represented the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. He expressed his concern with the management of the river's tributaries and the DRBC's rules designed over a half century ago which result in fish kills, a depressed recreational economy, a damaged ecosystem, communities in fear of flooding taking place inside a 100-year flood mark, and a multimillion dollar industry to local communities along the Delaware River.

Mr. Gross also described a brief history on the Supreme Court Decree of 1954, which is responsible for administering provisions of the Decree relating to releases of water from the New York City reservoirs into the headwaters of the Delaware River Basin, yields of these reservoirs, and diversions from these reservoirs to New York City for water supply.

Mr. Gross made a recommendation for all CAC members to send a statement to the five (5) DRBC entities and each of the five members of that commission to emphasize the concerns for flood and draught control. He stated that the members can use his drafted letter as a guide. Mr. Gross asked Mr. Donahue if this is possible. Mr. Donahue replied that a letter can be drafted. However, Chief Lynch is monitoring the DRBC plans concerning this issue. The DRBC has created different models on how to resolve this matter and DEWA is waiting for a final model to

give a vision on whether or not their plan can be supported by the park. Superintendent Donahue added that in two occasions DOI has made comments from NPS to DRBC.

Mr. Gross asked Mr. Donahue for an estimate on the financial damage that has resulted from the last three years of flood. Mr. Donahue responded that damages mount to approximately \$12 to \$15 millions, which does not include every dollar that was paid for annually. During the last flood, the emergency response cost was \$125,000 just for that week. Personnel responses included getting people off the roads, river, closed areas, and death of a trespasser who drowned.

All members agreed on writing a letter to DRBC and as per Ms. McDowell's recommendation, the details will be addressed at an administrative meeting.

Petitioning Continuance of CAC

Chair Ms. McDowell announced that this commission will soon expire and suggested starting the process of petitioning for its continuance. Mr. Hanley said that the commission has to write a letter to Congress to begin a petition. Ms. McDowell added that re-authorization of the commission will also be discussed at the administrative meeting. Mr. Van Campen asked if minutes will be taken during that meeting. Superintendent Donahue explained that minutes are not taken during administrative meetings and discussions do not have to be shared with the public as long as matters of administrative details, such as committees and by-laws, are not addressed.

Tour of Historic Structures

Ms. Maxaner informed that she made a request for a tour of the park's historic structures that has not been arranged but she would like to invite anyone interested, including all CAC members.

Public Participation

Mr. Tom Hoffman recommended to the CAC members that they consult the 2006 General Management Policies for guidance on setting up committees and see if the Superintendent can provide a copy of this document. Mr. Donahue explained that a revised version of the 2006 GMP is available online at <http://inside.nps.gov/waso/custommenu.cfm>.

Mr. Hoffman stated that the management plan also addresses issues of safety. He added that there have been incidents of victims drowning in the park and people think the park is safe for swimming. Mr. Hoffman also suggested that the commission looks into issues of public safety and invite the park's safety officer who can offer guidance on how the commission can help in maintaining the safety of visitors.

Elaine O'Neil

Ms. O'Neil gave a presentation on the impact of New York City's (NYC) reservoirs in the Upper Delaware and flooding downriver. She described the design of the Delaware River Basin Reservoirs and briefly explained the history of a 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision that placed control of the river under five entities: the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, and the Federal government.

Ms. O'Neil continued explaining that the Decree also authorized NYC to withdraw from the basin up to 800 million gallons of water per day to meet its drinking water and other needs. She indicated that NYC has never taken that much water and that in 2000 the city took about 650 million gallons a day; it now takes about 434 million gallons a day. Roughly, NYC takes only about 20% of what it is legally allowed to take from the Delaware River and pumped into NYC.

Ms. O'Neal indicated that the recent floods could have been prevented if they had a 20% safety void and were not overflowing, spilling and releasing billions of gallons into the Delaware River. She stated that 100% full reservoirs are dangerous, life threatening, and a menace to property.

Ms. O'Neal also introduced graphs pertaining to the reservoirs and recent floods and urged the public to address this important matter which she feels continues to jeopardize the safety and welfare of residents, businesses, towns and river ecology. She added that flood mitigation should include proposing safety voids of at least 20% in each reservoir and not let the reservoirs be at 100% capacity from April 1st to August 1st. Ms. O'Neal added that the current reservoir management practices are to blame for the severity of recent floods. She indicated that these practices favor NYC's water supply at the expense of those downriver.

Ms. O'Neal stated that the DRC group is also concerned with the ecology of the river. However, the flood mitigation plan reflects great concern for the cold water eco-system, while it champions an upper boundary of 350 cfs release, which is not enough to sustain aquatic life in the main stream of the Delaware. She added that low releases will also mean the reservoirs will remain at or near capacity even in the months when this is not the goal. Focusing on keeping dams at capacity compounds the problem of potential flooding by endangering the life of the river.

There was a brief discussion that involved members of the public who had the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions.

Chair Ms. McDowell and Mr. Heller advised Ms. O'Neal that she had exceeded her 5-minute limit for public comment. Ms. McDowell invited Ms. O'Neal to the next commission meeting to continue her presentation.

Ms. O'Neal accepted and stated that there are various important events that will take place before the next CAC meeting scheduled for September 22nd. Ms. O'Neal said that the mitigation plan will be voted May 10th, which will be in effect until 2010. Ms. O'Neal said that flood protection doesn't seem a high priority and NYCDEP and the DRBC consider profit more important than the safety of the communities and environments below the dams. She invited everyone to visit the Delaware Riverside Conservancy's website at <http://www.drconline.org> for more information on the DRC's concerns and future events.

Mr. Heller called point of order and advised Ms. O'Neal that her time to comment ended and no further comments would be allowed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Damaris Colon, Secretary

Approved

Jan McDowell, Chair