

Friends of Pine Grove Furnace - Board Meeting

April 17, 2011

In attendance: M. Caldarelli, M. Colucci, S. Perry, A. Weltman, B. Breen, S. Breen, J. Burd, D. Burd, J. Zimmerman, D. Velozo

Earth Day Events – April 23, 2011 Pine Grove Furnace State Park

9:00-3:00 PM

General Membership Meeting

3:00 PM Furnace Stack Pavilion

- Sign up for upcoming events

Volunteers for the following projects are needed (April 23rd):

- Quarry pit tree planting
- Amphitheater cleanup and mulching
- Rehab of Creek Trail
- Park office area landscaping
- Invasive species removal along AT

*Food & beverages will be provided by the Friends group for volunteers.

Furnace Fest update – October 14-16, 2011

- Early vendor deadline – April 30th (\$10.00 deposit)
- Hours: Sat. – 11:00-8:00 PM; Sunday 12:00-5:00 PM
- Entertainment ideas and hours available discussed – contacts to be made by board members. Music 2-4 PM & 5-7 PM Saturday; 1-3 PM Sunday followed by a jam session by various artists.
- Scarecrow making to be added – D. Velozo will coordinate
- A. Weltman & D. Velozo will continue to add to the group list for press releases to promote upcoming events; including media.

Grant update – South Mountain Partnership

- M. Caldarelli reported on status
- To be used for: invasive species eradication; information kiosks around the park; protected area signage.
- Kiosks to be built by park service
- New park environmental educator to hold classes about invasive species
- Board voted to donate \$500.00 + volunteer hours towards the projects

Iron Run & Charcoal Trail Run – June 11, 2011

- Review of schedule & volunteer needs (16-20 people)
- Maps and registration form available on web site
http://pinegrovefriends.org/home/upcoming_events
- Big Spring HS has donated equipment (clocks, timers) & staff for the event
- Lunch available for \$7.00

National Get Outdoors Day – June 11, 2011

Pine Grove Furnace State Park

- http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/Calendar/view_event.asp?CalendarID=18511&Location=List

Ironmaster's Mansion

- <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/news/newsreleases/2011/0411-pinegrovefurnacesp.htm>

Park updates

- J. Zimmerman, Park Manager reported
- firewood currently for sale; plan to split wood in the fall
- the park is now at 100% staff; including a new positions: Naturalist; Environmental Educator, maintenance and (2) interns to work on invasive species

Next FOPGF Board meeting – July 16, 2011 2:00 PM – Laurel Pavilion

- General Membership meeting immediately following
- Environmental Educator to discuss invasive species removal projects
- Snacks provided by FOPGF