



AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER – Bureau Director Walter Remmert, Chairman (on behalf of Secretary Redding)
 - a. Sunshine Law Announcement
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - a. Approval of the minutes –March 13, 2023
- C. CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS:
- D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
 - a. Next Board Meetings
 - i. September 7, 2023
 - ii. December 5, 2023
- E. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. None

F. NEW BUSINESS:

Proslide	Rally Racer
Proslide	Switchback Pipeline
Proslide	Twister
Proslide Technology	Rocket Blast- Waldameer
Rocky Mountain Construction	Wild's Revenge
S.B.F.	Mini Reverse Time
Satori Rides	Techno Jump
Sky Zone	Boulder Ball
Wonder6 Playground Equipment	Ohana Wonderland Playground

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

I. ADJOURNMENT:

BEFORE THE
AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY BOARD

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IN RE: ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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BEFORE: WALTER REMMERT, CHAIR
Fred Strathmeyer, Jr., Member
John Pittman, Member
Robert Di Domizio, Jr., Member
Stephen Gorman, Member
Randall Arndt, Member
Kenneth Potter, Member
William B. Hall, III, Member

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- Also Present:
- Leonard Adams
- Anthony Catalano
- Dan Peak
- Andreas Tanzer
- Anthony Rossi
- Joseph Filoromo
- Zaria Urrutia
- Stephanie Litzbaugh
- Yvonne Brown
- Dean Corl
- Gary Chubb
- Dennis

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CHAIR: Good morning, everyone. For those who can't see me, my name is Walt Remmert. I'm the Bureau director for the Bureau of Ride and Measurement Standards. Also in the room today with us is the Chair or sitting Chair, Deputy Secretary Fred Strathmeyer; from the Agriculture team, Joe Filoromo, supervisor; you heard Leonard Adams on the phone with us; Randall Arndt, Anthony Catalano; and we'll just say Dennis because I always slaughter his last name; also from Agriculture team is Zaria Urrutia (phonetic); Stephanie Litzbaugh (phonetic); and online with us coordinating this madness will be to Ms. Yvonne Brown.

I understand that we have Sunshined this in accordance with the law and the minutes have been posted.

MS. BROWN: Yes.

CHAIR: Yes, excellent. Then I will turn it over to the Chair, Fred Strathmeyer, for opening comments.

MR. STRATHMEYER: Thanks, Walt. Appreciate it. Appreciate everybody that's here today that made the trip. And also for those of you

1 that are online, thanks for joining us. So I guess
2 my initial comment is that we're in season, right?
3 We're up and running, and we're looking forward to
4 the fair season as well and all the opportunities we
5 have to - in this great state to give back to people
6 a moment to enjoy time with their families and with
7 their friends and to be - know that for me, that
8 because of you folks that sit at this table and
9 those that are part of the parks it's a safe
10 environment to be in. And we really appreciate that
11 so much.

12 As I shared with the executive team
13 this morning, one of - probably one of, if not the
14 greatest thing that's happened to me is my grandson
15 Michael. He was born one pound, one ounce and this
16 weekend we celebrated his sixth birthday. So I will
17 have that opportunity here soon to take him to our
18 amusement parks and he'll get a chance to enjoy it
19 like any other child. But again, I know that I can
20 feel safe when I take him to those parks. And
21 that's I know getting a little personal, but at the
22 end of the day that's really what the business is
23 that you are all in, making life very personal for
24 so many people and happiness for so many children
25 and adults alike. So again, want to thank you all

1 for being here, for being part of the Committee.
2 Without your work and diligence, you know, we don't
3 have what we have and that is something to be envied
4 across the entire United States. So again,
5 appreciate your work and what you do. Walt, that's
6 it.

7 CHAIR: Thank you, Deputy Strathmeyer.
8 I also was remiss to notify the folks on the phone
9 who we have present as far as Board members. Robert
10 Di Domizio, Jr. is here. William Hall is here, Mr.
11 Pittman as always, and Kenneth Potter is with us
12 also in-person. With those and looking at our
13 numbers, we do have quorum as far as voting goes.
14 So we have enough to make recommendations with no
15 issue. And appreciate everybody's attendance
16 regardless of virtually or in-person. Certainly
17 always appreciate seeing folks in-person. It
18 doesn't go without notice that we are missing
19 several members and I want to catch people up before
20 we go to the meeting minutes real quick.

21 Mr. Blaney's (phonetic) vacancy is
22 being tended to. We have a name that we're going to
23 submit for that and hopefully that action will be
24 quick. We did just receive notice from Brad Nesland
25 family that he is at or being treated at a hospital

1 or he would have been here today. So if you know
2 Mr. Nesland or have a moment, please get him in your
3 thoughts today. It was shocking to see the notice
4 right before the meeting, so we just received it.
5 And this group, I think, is uniquely qualified to
6 hear that news to know and be able to reach out and
7 provide that support since you know him so well. So
8 please keep him in your thoughts. Other than that,
9 the other members of the Board still are seated.
10 They're just - we're not available to attend today,
11 but we appreciate them and their ability to be with
12 us even as they passed along their notes. Members
13 who provided details review I will note that today
14 during the meeting as we go through some of the
15 items to help us expedite moving through the review
16 process. And again, thank you for your time and
17 effort not only during these meetings, but also in
18 the interim during your review period. We certainly
19 appreciate your insight. That's exactly why the
20 board is put together.

21 As I reached out earlier, I believe
22 the meeting minutes were provided the Board members
23 for the review. And I would ask if there's any
24 comments on the meeting minutes? Hearing no
25 comments on the meeting minutes, do we have a motion

1 to accept the meeting minutes? Do we have a second?

2 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

3 CHAIR: Any further discussion? All
4 those in favor of approving the minutes say aye.

5 AYES RESPOND

6 CHAIR: Thank you.

7 We have posted the meeting agenda for
8 the next two meetings, both September 7th and
9 December 5th. And on to the agenda items. Today we
10 have nine. And knowing that we have two members
11 available and willing to discuss, one being from Sky
12 Zone, which is the Boulder Ball, and the other
13 representative from ProSlide that will handle four
14 of them, I would ask that we move to the first item
15 for consideration, the Sky Zone Boulder Ball to
16 allow that gentleman to get on with the rest of his
17 day after his submission, if that's acceptable to
18 the members. Yvonne, if you would put up the
19 submission for the Boulder Ball?

20 MS. BROWN: You should be able to see
21 it now.

22 CHAIR: Yep. We do. Thank you very
23 much. Joe, do you have any member of the staff that
24 has been to the location, has comments for this
25 submission? If not, I am prepared to have comments.

1 MR. FILOROMO: Was this in Scranton or
2 - it - there were two of these.

3 BOARD MEMBER: My - it might be mine.

4 MR. FILOROMO: It wasn't you.

5 BOARD MEMBER: Was it Jim?

6 MR. FILOROMO: No.

7 CHAIR: Okay. Then I'll handle the
8 submission. Received a pretty simple premise.
9 They've asked to anchor inflatable balls in a foam
10 pits as an additional option at an existing or
11 several existing locations. This is the ongoing
12 upgrades to many of our trampoline or trampoline-
13 type parks to keep people coming back, to be
14 relevant and to add new attractions without adding a
15 huge cost incurrence. So what you'll see in this
16 submission is inflatable balls of various size
17 anchored in a foam pit and then the rules and
18 requirements for navigating that. I'll ask the Sky
19 Zone representative if there are any additional
20 details he would like to add to this.

21 MR. PEAK: This is Dan Peak with
22 skyline design, with a registered Pennsylvania
23 engineer acting on behalf of Sky Zone for this
24 submittal. We don't have anything specific to add.
25 We did receive some feedback, or Sky Zone did

1 specifically, and they did produce a document that
2 clarifies some of the concerns that they've had with
3 clear zones and things like that, which we can
4 resubmit to the Board if would help at all with the
5 process, but we were waiting to see how this call
6 went before we tried to resubmit something shortly
7 before the call started.

8 CHAIR: Yeah, I appreciate that. So
9 one of the comments upon review, not only of the
10 documents but the site location was how, you know, a
11 patron was going to be allowed to navigate this set
12 of obstacles. What was allowable and what was not
13 allowable, as far as can you climb on it versus
14 stand on it, where were they located as far as the
15 pit and co-located with the other people navigating
16 Pit. Most of the questions were operational.

17 MR. PEAK: Uh-huh (yes).

18 CHAIR: One of them specifically dealt
19 with clearance between it and other obstacles, and
20 itself and the edge of the string so -.

21 MR. PEAK: Yeah. And the document
22 that they have - that Skyline has forwarded to me
23 that I have opened in front of me now, but you can't
24 see, unless I share my screen, does address things
25 like minimum required spacing between balls and

1 adjacent obstacles. I do note that based on the
2 photo you had up, one of the questions that came up
3 was that steel beam that was nearby. And I've been
4 told from the Sky Zone rep that they will not be
5 doing that in the future. And I think they've
6 already removed that condition at the park that that
7 photo came from. So they just happened to pick a
8 bad photo that showed that nearby obstacle. So we
9 will not have any hard objects that could be
10 impacted by patrons anywhere near any of the Boulder
11 Balls.

12 CHAIR: Thank you, sir. Now, having
13 had the opportunity to have a discussion about this
14 submission and the engineer of record online to
15 answer questions, I will open it up for questions or
16 comments from the Board.

17 BOARD MEMBER: Is hygiene a
18 prerogative of this Department or a different
19 department in the state?

20 CHAIR: An excellent question, as
21 always. So there is requirements for disinfecting
22 as part of the operational considerations of all of
23 these so hygiene -.

24 MR. PEAK: Yeah. I think that Sky
25 Zone does have public standards for that.

1 CHAIR: Hygiene not necessarily us,
2 but the disinfection of the ride and its frequency
3 and what's required is all part of what we do.

4 BOARD MEMBER: Thank you.

5 CHAIR: You're welcome. Any other
6 questions or concerns? So I will tell you as the
7 nature of most of these attractions that we deal
8 with, we approve them conceptually and by
9 manufacturer, but we still go through an approval
10 process, though not to this level. So once this is
11 approved for use at this particular or these
12 particular locations, future installs from this same
13 manufacturer will not rise to the Board approval
14 level, but will still be required to be submitted to
15 us because each location has its own operational
16 considerations. So just know that if conceptually
17 we go ahead and approve this, they still have a
18 requirement operationally to submit it when we find
19 them being installed or notified to be installed,
20 we're still going to go out and look operationally
21 to make sure they're conforming to what we approved.

22 You'll hear us talk a little bit about
23 some of the other attractions where there's buddy
24 seats and others. We always go back and continue to
25 look to see if the ride that's approved is being

1 operated under the approval that it was given.
2 Right. So there are some modifications that we're
3 finding out there that were not necessarily
4 considered or approved at the beginning. So just
5 know as this moves forward, just like everything
6 else, our staff is always out on the lookout for
7 changes. With no further comments -.

8 MR. PEAK: That is understood.

9 CHAIR: Yeah. And with no further
10 comments from the Board, do we have a recommendation
11 for the Board for approval?

12 MR. DI DOMIZIO: I'd make a motion.

13 CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Di Domizio. Is
14 there a second?

15 MR. HALL: Second.

16 MR. GORMAN: This is Steve Gorman. I
17 will second.

18 CHAIR: Bill beat you to it, but sure.

19 All right, I have a motion and a second. Any
20 discussion? No discussion. All those in favor,
21 please say by aye.

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: Are there any opposed? Thank
24 you. So how this works is you still owe us that
25 submission for clarification of operations. I

1 receive those documents. We add them to your file.
2 We find them to be acceptable and have no lingering
3 questions we issue approval letter. Are there any
4 questions on how we're going to proceed with this?

5 MR. PEAK: No. that makes sense to
6 me. I do have the comments that we received. We
7 will adjust our package accordingly and resubmit it
8 to you.

9 CHAIR: Perfect. Appreciate your
10 time. You can stay on the line with us or drop off
11 if you have no further business with the Board.

12 MR. PEAK: I appreciate it. I will
13 drop off and leave you guys to it.

14 CHAIR: Thank you.

15 MR. PEAK: Take care.

16 CHAIR: Yvonne, we're going to move
17 back to the top of the list, Rally Racer.

18 MS. BROWN: Yes. It's already up
19 there.

20 CHAIR: She's showing off, isn't she?
21 She's like I can do this from afar. Who wants to
22 provide an overview summary of the ProSlide's
23 submissions? Any of us seen it? Been by it? Tony
24 says yes.

25 MR. FILOROMO: Tony's been up at them.

1 CHAIR: Come on up, Tony, under the
2 microphone. Please state your name, spell your last
3 name, and give us just a brief summary of where it
4 was at and what you've seen.

5 MR. CATALANO: My name is Tony
6 Catalano, C-A-T-A-L-A-N-O. I observed testing on
7 Thursday of one of the units and there were one or
8 two items that Joe and I went over on the video,
9 which were rectified. Everything else looks okay.
10 I didn't see any issues.

11 CHAIR: We're at, Tony?

12 MR. CATALANO: Great Wolf.

13 CHAIR: Joe, any follow-up comments
14 about the review at Great Wolf?

15 MR. FILOROMO: No. Like he said we -
16 we -.

17 BOARD MEMBER: Turn your mic on.

18 MR. FILOROMO: Like Tony said he was
19 there, and I did video with him and noticed some
20 issues and took care of the problems. That's all.
21 Just - also the next two are also the same site that
22 he was at so -.

23 CHAIR: All right. So this
24 installation, just so we're all clear, is ProSlide,
25 Rally Racer, Switchback Pipeline and Twister are all

1 inclusive at Great Wolf as a singular submission.
2 They are separate ride, but they're all front
3 ProSlide at that location. The fourth ProSlide
4 technology is separate unto itself, and we'll hear
5 from a Board member as far as where that's at.

6 So are there any questions from the
7 Board concerning the submission for ProSlide; Rally
8 Racer, Switchback Pipeline and Twister? And I do
9 want to note, and I'll ask you to clarify to make
10 sure I have it right, that Mr. Di Domizio and
11 several other Board members have provided us
12 comments in writing for us. Very valid and kind of
13 bring them up in summary to us, and we will seek
14 clarification and answers to those questions. So at
15 this point, I would ask if you summarize your
16 comments to allow the Board members to know what
17 we're seeking clarification on. Thank you.

18 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Yeah. I reviewed
19 paperwork of the documentation that was provided,
20 and one comment that I made was I didn't see
21 anything regarding electrical wiring diagrams.
22 There's pictures of cabinets and such, but what I
23 didn't see anything is in the wiring. So we don't
24 know what the incoming voltage is, the amperage
25 ratings, grounding issues, and so forth. These are

1 things I like to see in an application. And I think
2 it's especially critical in an outdoor - because
3 you're talking about an outdoor installation that's
4 around water. So just got a - I just feel like it's
5 missing from the - you know, missing from the
6 application. It really should be in the manuals
7 that's provided with it.

8 CHAIR: Agreed, and I appreciate the
9 comments. So we'll be seeking to round out that
10 submission. Again, the same comments that you had
11 provided for the last one. We're getting better.
12 We're not - I didn't really think a bunch about
13 electrical for water slides, but absolutely there
14 are. There are - there's a mechanical electrical
15 component of this. It should be included there. So
16 we'll make that effort to ensure that that
17 application is complete.

18 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Just to clarify, if I
19 can continue on that line? When I look at the -
20 when I talk - look at the electricals, I'm looking
21 at it from the service entrance on. So it doesn't
22 matter to me how it gets to the point where it
23 connects to the ride. So I'm concerned only about
24 from that point in. So at that point is where you
25 want to see your main grounds. You want to see -

1 you know, that's where the - that's the voltage is
2 coming from. You may have multiple service
3 entrances, I don't know. But I just want to make it
4 clear that I'm not here to criticize the utility
5 that's on the park. It's from that point in that I
6 concern as part of the ride itself. Just to
7 clarify.

8 CHAIR: Thank you. I appreciate that.
9 Does the submitter and Pro Slide
10 representative have any comments for the Board
11 members?

12 MR. TANZER: This is Andreas Tanzer,
13 T-A-N-Z-E-R, from ProSlide Technology. Thanks for
14 having us. No. Just the only comment I would have
15 is as it pertains to the electrical components for
16 the waterslide. Am I assuming this is for the
17 controls, for the SkyBOX, for the drop feature there
18 that you're referring to?

19 CHAIR: Yes.

20 MR. TANZER: Okay. Thank you.

21 CHAIR: Thank you. And I do want to
22 make one note that was brought up with a Board
23 member - several Board members, actually. So Joe
24 and team, this was a group effort as they always
25 work together, created a very comprehensive

1 checklist that goes out when we do these approvals.
2 It allows us to make sure that we're receiving all
3 the data that we're looking for. It looks purely
4 like ASTM standard requirements. So they have gone
5 through meticulously and pulled out these things
6 must be in to meet ASTM standards. And in a
7 checklist, it helps us review the PE documents and
8 make sure that all of the key ASTM critical
9 requirements are there in a submission.

10 It was noted, and I didn't have a chance
11 to tell you this, Joe, but I reached back out to
12 some of our submitters as one of the ASTMs has been
13 updated, so our checklist is out of date. So just
14 as Housekeeping, we need to have an updated
15 submission for a checklist. Chapter Seven no longer
16 exists on the water slides. It's all been
17 encompassed in Chapter Eight. So just to clarify
18 our records.

19 MR. FILOROMO: We talked that over
20 last week and we're already on it.

21 CHAIR: Yep. Just - but it was
22 brought up by a Board Member. I just want folks to
23 know that overall it's extremely helpful to have all
24 people in the conversation. It's just more is
25 better, right? Even if you're not an expert, and by

1 no means am I an expert, but I've been around it for
2 a couple of years, and it adds value. This just
3 goes to show the value that Board members add, even
4 if they don't have a specific expertise in a
5 specific item, right, which is the better product.

6 So in this particular case, ASTM was
7 abided by, but it's a submission to us that was
8 being held to the previous ASTM standards. The
9 submission was post ASTM's updated standards. So
10 we're going to round our record out to be the most
11 current and appropriate. And we just wanted to
12 mention that for housekeeping, and we're making sure
13 the records that we're maintaining now are accurate
14 and appropriate. The things you learn. And I won't
15 say that Mr. Nesland, but it was more Nesland who is
16 as nitpicky as they get. So I hope you're doing
17 well, sir.

18 Any further conversation or comments
19 for the first three ProSlide's at Great Wolf; Rally
20 Racer, Switchback Pipeline or Twister? Mr. Potter?

21 MR. TANZER: Yeah. This is Andreas
22 Tanzer for ProSlide.

23 CHAIR: Go ahead, Andreas. You get
24 dibs.

25 MR. TANZER: Okay. Just a side note,

1 not necessarily on Poconos, but being the ASTM F24
2 chair - vice-chair, soon to be chair, hopefully, if
3 anybody needs any help concerning the standards and
4 - or anything like that, I am always available. So
5 please ask me, and I will get you the answers you
6 need or the clarifications you need.

7 CHAIR: You might not want to have
8 said that to me, just to be clear. I have a ton -.

9 MR. TANZER: Don't worry.

10 CHAIR: I have a ton of questions.
11 It's all about virtual reality though. So I'll take
12 that offline on another discussion.

13 MR. TANZER: Bring it on. I'll be
14 more than happy to help.

15 CHAIR: You're up, Mr. Potter.

16 MR. POTTER: Thank you. There's three
17 fairly good sized rides going on up there at Wolf -
18 Great Wolf or whatever they call it.

19 Did they add on to the facility? Is this
20 in a new building or is it an existing building?

21 MR. FILOROMO: They added on. Right,
22 Tony? Like Great - Great Wolf they added on to -

23 MR. TANZER: Correct.

24 MR. TANZER: - for the facility for
25 these water sites, didn't they?

1 MR. CATALANO: Yes. They were doing
2 testing with the employees.

3 MR. FILOROMO: Right.

4 MR. POTTER: Okay.

5 MR. FILOROMO: And another thing I
6 didn't mention was that these three slides at Great
7 Wolfe come off of one tower. So that one tower
8 structure is in all three of these submittals. I
9 just checked with Tony. If we're looking at this
10 one in the future, we'll be able to find it all.

11 MR. POTTER: Does the Department look
12 at - I guess when you build a building you got to
13 get a building permit and you got to get a
14 Certificate of Occupancy and all that stuff. Do you
15 guys make sure they have that so you don't have to
16 worry about the other aspects of the facility?

17 MR. FILOROMO: Yeah.

18 MR. POTTER: Very good.

19 CHAIR: That's a great question, and
20 I'm just going to elaborate because it's worth
21 hearing. So regardless of what's being installed
22 where so even a sky coaster inside a trampoline park
23 that's affixed to the building, and that's how it's
24 designed, we need structural engineering to show
25 cause. Right. So operations covers emergencies,

1 evacuations, the what ifs, and then the manufacturer
2 dictates the design for the building and structural
3 requirements.

4 MR. POTTER: All the towers. Whatever
5 the stuff sits on that's to hold the weight.

6 CHAIR: Correct. Yep. So with- and
7 I'm not going to pick at Hershey, other than they're
8 an excellent example of when they went and did the
9 Wildcat Revenge they had to rework all of their
10 foundation work to accommodate. That's all part of
11 the submission process.

12 MR. FILOROMO: Yes, sir?

13 MR. PITTMAN: How do the patrons gain
14 access to the tower?

15 MR. FILOROMO: Tony?

16 MR. POTTER: He asked how do they gain
17 access to the tower.

18 MR. CATALANO: The question was how do
19 they access the towers? Steps.

20 You're asking how the patrons get up
21 there?

22 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah.

23 MR. CATALANO: Steps, like on that
24 diagram. There are two sets of steps, one from each
25 side.

1 MR. TANZER: One set of stairs goes to
2 the very top and the other one goes to the let's
3 call it the sub platform.

4 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Just to clarify that.
5 So we're talking about on the drawing and it's up on
6 the screen. So I looked at it the first time. I
7 thought maybe that was, you know, the slide part,
8 but those are actually steps? That's what they're
9 showing? So one egress - ingress and egress, is
10 that what you're depicting there? So we're not
11 seeing the tube part of the ride. We're only seeing
12 the tower structure. Is that - would that be
13 accurate?

14 CHAIR: Multiple pages so -.

15 MR. DI DOMIZIO: So this - this
16 particular one.

17 BOARD MEMBER: Yes. That's - that is
18 just a tower portion.

19 CHAIR: The additional pages show the
20 various components of the three slides.

21 MR. DI DOMIZIO: I was thinking the
22 same thing Mr. Pittman said. I was like where's the
23 steps. Now I can -.

24 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. I couldn't tell.

25 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Now I understand it.

1 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah. I first thought
2 that was part of the slide, but I see now. Okay,
3 thank you.

4 CHAIR: Any other discussion?

5 MR. GORMAN: This is Steve Gorman. I
6 have a couple of questions for this. I wondered if
7 there are timing system or dispatch lights. I was
8 just wondering about line of sight for - there are
9 at the top for dispatching so there won't be any
10 collisions.

11 CHAIR: We know the answer. We're
12 waiting for the engineer to answer. Andreas.

13 MR. TANZER: I'm looking right now.
14 I'm not a hundred percent sure, but I believe there
15 would be a red light green light system. I'm just
16 trying to look through the drawings.

17 CHAIR: Well, the good news is we saw
18 a red light, green light system. So the answer
19 should be yes.

20 MR. TANZER: I'm the substitute today,
21 so you got to bear with me. Yes, green - red light,
22 green light system.

23 CHAIR: You're still up, Steve.

24 MR. POTTER: He did say he had one more
25 question. Right?

1 MR. FILOROMO: I think he did.

2 CHAIR: Stephen, if you're talking we
3 can't hear you're. Are there any additional
4 questions pending Mr. Gorman coming back to us?

5 MR. GORMAN: Sorry, I'm back. Was
6 there a question for me?

7 CHAIR: Well, you said you had more
8 than one question or I believe you -.

9 MR. GORMAN: Just - yeah, I'm looking
10 at my notes. And I guess I was just wondering what
11 the height - height and dimensions? What are the
12 heights of these - these two platforms? Like, the
13 validation height? Do you know total drop is?

14 MR. TANZER: The upper platform - on
15 hold a second. Of course my computer doesn't
16 cooperate at the same time. Bear with me. I'm just
17 going through the drawings.

18 MR. GORMAN: And is the scale used for
19 only the pipeline, the wrapped side?

20 MR. TANZER: That is correct.
21 Apologies, my computer is slowing down like crazy
22 here.

23 MR. GORMAN: That - that's just a
24 curiosity question, but it's not - we don't have to
25 delay the meeting.

1 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Mr. Chairman, if I
2 could interject I don't see this drawing in the
3 submittal. Am I missing it? I'm scrolling through
4 the 72 pages of Rally Racer and I don't see it.

5 MS. BROWN: Bob, it's page three.

6 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Page three. Okay,
7 thank you.

8 MS. BROWN: You're welcome.

9 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Yes, very good.
10 Thank you so much. Thank you. And it doesn't help
11 Steve's question, but I was hoping it would.

12 MR. TANZER: Well, the dimension,
13 Steve, one's at 37 feet, the other one's at 48 feet
14 on the platform side.

15 MR. GORMAN: Thank you. I was just
16 curious. I have not seen a water slide with the
17 rafts where the people face each other when they're
18 sitting in the raft. Is that - Andreas, is that
19 something that's been out? Is that new?

20 MR. TANZER: Yeah, that is a new
21 product as of last year.

22 MR. GORMAN: So one person is riding
23 backwards down. Is that correct?

24 MR. TANZER: Yes. Up until, let's
25 say, for the funnel feature, and when you get

1 through the funnel feature that could switch. So if
2 you started going face first and you go through into
3 the funnel, you settle down in the base of the
4 funnel and you could actually be going backwards and
5 the other person could be going forwards.

6 MR. GORMAN: I understand. Yeah.
7 That's -.

8 MR. TANZER: So it's sort of like a
9 double tube where you're both facing forward. You
10 go down straight, the facing forward, then you're
11 going down facing backward. This way you can - it's
12 more enjoyable because you can really build off of
13 the expressions on the person in front of you,
14 depending if you're going down forwards or
15 backwards. Makes for a much funner experience.

16 CHAIR: Says you.

17 MR. TANZER: Always.

18 CHAIR: Steve, you have any questions?

19 MR. GORMAN: No, I do not. Thank you.

20 CHAIR: You are welcome. Are there
21 any other comments from Board members? Do the Board
22 members want to open up the Switchback and/or
23 Twister as they are all inclusive off of the same
24 tower?

25 Andreas, would you tell us the

1 difference between Rally Racer, Switchback Pipeline
2 and Twister? What are their key features that
3 differ them from each other?

4 MR. TANZER: Yeah, sure. Rally Racer
5 uses mats. It's a head first ride. Twister is s
6 body flume. And as we talked about earlier, just a
7 moment ago, the Switchback uses the double tube, but
8 it's a face to face double tube.

9 CHAIR: Sure. Other than what Steve
10 had mentioned, the face to face raft change, do we
11 have similar experiences through ProSlide that are
12 already improved and operating in Pennsylvania?

13 MR. TANZER: Similar experiences would
14 be the pipelines, what we call pipelines. There is
15 a, oh, I would say a good dozen now that have
16 approval within Pennsylvania for pipelines. Same
17 thing for body flume for the twisters. Head first
18 matting there - I believe there's two or three now
19 that have been approved in Pennsylvania for head
20 first matting. The configuration is a little
21 different, but the operational methods are the same.

22 CHAIR: Thank you. That's what I was
23 trying to draw out that we had seen, other than the
24 face to face portion, we have approved and reviewed
25 similar products from ProSlide that have the

1 methodology, so face first mats -

2 MR. TANZER: That's correct.

3 CHAIR: - coming down.

4 MR. TANZER: That is correct. Yeah.

5 CHAIR: Again, the reason the Board
6 sees these items is they are site specific. They
7 are built for their customer and each one is unique
8 and each one by our law that is required to come
9 through the review process. But in this case, the
10 only difference that we're entertaining is the face
11 to face raft experience. That's new, that the board
12 hasn't entertained before.

13 To that end, are there any comments or
14 questions from board members? Having noted Mr. Di
15 Domizio's position about completing the record for
16 the SkyBOX, is there a recommendation from the Board
17 for this?

18
19 MR. GORMAN: I make a recommendation
20 to approve.

21 CHAIR: Okay. Steve, do you want to
22 do just the Rally Racer or do we want to encompass
23 Rally Racer, Switchback Pipeline and Twister?

24 MR. GORMAN: in my opinion, it's all
25 one complex. It could be one submittal.

1 CHAIR: We would approve them
2 separately, just so you all know, but they are all
3 one submission as they share both tower and
4 operations. Okay. I have a recommendation for
5 approval with the understanding that they complete
6 the record and Mr. Di Domizio has had the
7 opportunity to review those. Is there a second?
8 Thank you, Mr. Hall. Is there any discussion?

9 MR. DI DOMIZIO: The only thing I
10 wanted to say, Walt, thanks for recognizing and put
11 that effort in. If Steve would include that with
12 his motion? Is it - and does he understand that
13 that's part of this motion?

14 CHAIR: I'll ask. So Steve
15 part -

16 MR. DI DOMIZIO: For the record.

17 CHAIR: - part of the motion for
18 recommending approval is that we receive the
19 electrical information about the SkyBOX and an
20 acceptable review by Mr. Di Domizio as part of the
21 recommendation for approval.

22 MR. GORMAN: Yes. Do you want me to
23 restate that?

24 CHAIR: You can just affirm that you
25 agree with this.

1 MR. GORMAN: I affirm that statement.

2 CHAIR: Okay. Having that noted,
3 second?

4 MR. DI DOMIZIO: You already seconded.

5 CHAIR: Right. So no further
6 discussion. All those in favor respond by saying
7 aye.

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIR: Are there any opposed? All
10 right. That's Rally Racer, Switchback Pipeline and
11 Twister. Steve, this is yours. So do you want to
12 speak on behalf of the Rocket Blast or do you want
13 to defer that to somebody else?

14 MR. GORMAN: I can talk, I don't think
15 anyone else - unless Andreas wants to. But is -
16 Yvonne, you are showing the Hershey amusement ride
17 now?

18 MS. BROWN: Yes, my - my Adobe froze,
19 so I accidentally closed it. I'm pulling it back up
20 as we speak.

21 MR. GORMAN: Okay.

22 MR. BROWN: If you just give me a
23 minute for my Adobe to want to work. I appreciate
24 it. It's coming now.

25 MR. TANZER: I was about to say that's

1 a cool rocket blast.

2 MS. BROWN: No. Now, I got to find
3 the picture.

4 MR. TANZER: Your adobe went sideways
5 and my adobe went sideways. So it must have
6 filtered through.

7 MS. BROWN: Some of these submissions
8 have hundreds, have 200 pages and it's just slowing
9 me down. So my apologies, everybody. I did have it
10 up. So you can go ahead and start talking while I
11 find a page that has the picture.

12 MR. GORMAN: Sure. At our last
13 meeting I gave a preview of this ride. It's a
14 ProSlide water slide. It's a raft ride. There's
15 four persons sitting combined style in a raft. And
16 it has water propulsion, so your gravity fed down
17 the slide, but you have three sections where you get
18 pushed uphill with water propulsion. And then there
19 are three features where you have a tight turn, and
20 they call it a saucer, where it has a pretty tight
21 radius. We opened the ride last Friday with
22 tentative approval from discussions with Joe and
23 Leonard Adams. And it was a - it's a - it's our
24 biggest water attraction in our park right now.
25 It's the most - it's the longest water slide. So

1 it's over 800 feet long. So I'm kind of repeating
2 what I said at the last meeting. What we did was we
3 had dynamic testing done first by ProSlide, but then
4 also by a third-party accelerometer test, which was
5 completed on Thursday, proving that the raft and the
6 riders are within ASTM levels of G-forces.

7 It's very popular, and even though
8 it's freezing cold water this time of year, we -
9 yesterday was a very busy day, and the lines are
10 very long to ride this. So far so good. And if
11 there's any questions, I - I will try to address
12 them.

13 CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Gorman.
14 Andreas, any - anything to add to
15 that?

16 MR. TANZER: No. I think Steve's got
17 it quite well.

18 CHAIR: All right. And I'm - going to
19 -.

20 MR. TANZER: We're used to riding in
21 cold weather, so we don't mind that.

22 CHAIR: We all know it's still winter
23 in Erie. It's fine. So as to remind Board members
24 that - we're always in contact with you as new rides
25 come into development. We try not to impede

1 business from operating, so please don't be upset or
2 concerned about the issuing of a tentative or
3 conditional approval. All of our approvals to
4 operate means that we have the majority of the items
5 witnessed and they're operating pending the review
6 of the Board, and any additional requirements. So
7 they don't get a final approval until you say so.
8 All right. So again, we appreciate your indulgence,
9 we appreciate the relationship that we built with
10 you, but understand that regardless of its status as
11 conditional or tentative approval at this Board
12 meeting, you still have your say, and we ask that
13 you continue to do what you do so well as to provide
14 that extra layer of protection to us. While we
15 believe that we go out and allow the Hershey's and
16 the Waldameer's and the Dorney's, those folks to
17 continue to operate as good corporate citizens
18 working with us side by side.

19 So, yes, in this particular case, all
20 of the requirements as far as our opinion was met.
21 And now the Board, you can tell me if we did okay or
22 not. Are there any comments or motions concerning
23 the approval of this? Go ahead, Mr. Di Domizio.

24 MR. DI DOMIZIO: I noted the same in
25 the prior three was the electrical drawings. And I

1 just wanted to include that as the same - same type
2 of concerns on my side.

3 CHAIR: I know Steve is taking notes
4 right now even as we speak. So if there were to be
5 a motion, it would be inclusive of receiving those
6 documents for your successful review?

7 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Yes. I would say
8 just exactly the way the previous motion was framed.
9 I wouldn't have a problem with that.

10 CHAIR: So I'd say you're making a
11 motion of such?

12 MR. DI DOMIZIO: I'm going to turn
13 this off because I'm being terribly rude to leave
14 that on, but yeah, so moved -

15 CHAIR: Okay.

16 MR. DI DOMIZIO: - that statement.

17 CHAIR: Is there a second? Thank you.
18 Thank you, Mr. Hall.

19 Any discussion? Seeing and hearing
20 none, all those in favor of moving forward based on
21 a motion Mr. Di Domizio say aye.

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: Are there any nays? Thank
24 YOU.

25 MR. GORMAN: This is Steve Gorman. I

1 - I abstain from voting.

2 CHAIR: Okay, noted. Thank you,
3 Steve.

4 MR. PITTMAN: I have a curious
5 question. Any of these permanent water slide
6 attractions, is there any heated water, or is it all
7 just whatever nature can provide?

8 MR. GORMAN: At - at our park in Erie,
9 we do not heat our water. We let nature heat it.
10 But I know - I believe that some operators do heat
11 their water. I think it just depends on what
12 they're - what they consider they should do for
13 their customers. One thought I learned was you
14 don't want people to be comfortable in the water and
15 stay too long in the run outs because you want them
16 to get out, before the next boat comes. You know
17 what I mean? So you want them to get out. You
18 don't want it to be warm and like a hot tub. So I
19 think - that's our - that's what we design. Don't
20 heat the water if you want them to get out.

21 MR. PITTMAN: So every once in a
22 while, you introduce a bucket of ice.

23 MR. TANZER: On a hot day. Cool water
24 works really, really well.

25 CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Pittman.

1 MR. TANZER: Can I ask one question,
2 please?

3 CHAIR: You may.

4 MR. TANZER: It's Andreas for the
5 electrical submittal for this and for the Great Wolf
6 Lodge installation we'll most likely be receiving a
7 request for that of which we can then respond to.
8 That way -

9 CHAIR: Yes, you will.

10 MR. TANZER: - it keeps the paperwork
11 together properly.

12 CHAIR: Yep. You'll be getting
13 separate requests for each. Yes.

14 MR. TANZER: Yes. Okay, so two
15 requests. Thank you.

16 CHAIR: You're welcome. Yvonne, we're
17 going to go to Wildcat's Revenge. And just like
18 that it orchestrated.

19 MR. TANZER: Thanks, everybody. We
20 appreciate your consideration.

21 CHAIR: Thank you. We'll talk again
22 soon.

23 MR. ROSSI: Hello. Good morning, and
24 thank you for your time. Before we even get
25 started, I want to just say that I want to thank the

1 Department of Ag. This has been a unique project.
2 We took a 26-year-old existing ride and turned it -.

3 CHAIR: Introduce yourself, please and
4 spell your last name, please.

5 MR. ROSSI: I'm sorry. Anthony Rossi
6 with Hershey Park. R-O-S-S-I.

7 CHAIR: Thank you.

8 MR. ROSSI: You're welcome. And
9 again, very unique because we took a 26-year-old
10 ride and turned it into something totally different
11 using some existing foundations, some new
12 foundations, some existing wood, some - and a lot of
13 new wood. But the nice part about this entire
14 thing, from day one when we were working on this,
15 the Department worked with us, came out. They were
16 out there in the mud with us walking around watching
17 it come up from the bottom until she went over the
18 top. And I wanted to thank you and just say how
19 this shows how well the system in this state, this
20 lovely state we live in, works because we work
21 together.

22 The project was unique. I have my
23 engineer. He can talk about a little bit more, but
24 what we ended up with is a very, very exciting and
25 smooth ride. If you look at the acceleration

1 reports, we barely hit three and not for long. And
2 the reaction has been outstanding. Silky smooth.
3 It's a lot of unique - very unique elements in this
4 ride, but there's nothing that is out of the
5 ordinary as far as thrills. However, putting those
6 thrills into a 42-second window makes it a kick in
7 the tail from beginning to end.

8 The ride opened, soft opening Memorial
9 Day weekend. We opened to the general public right
10 after that. It has been nonstop, well received, no
11 issues, and we look forward to running this ride for
12 a long time moving forward. I am sure there are
13 some questions from the Board.

14 CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Rossi. I will
15 - I do - I want to note, having gone over a lot of
16 your data, didn't we hit three G's, and wasn't that
17 a lateral three G, not a forward three G? So it was
18 unique into itself that when we were reviewing your
19 accelerometer that it was not at all what were
20 expecting to see. I don't know what were expecting
21 to see, but ultimately you hit your highest peak of
22 G's, but it wasn't even forward motion. It was
23 lateral motion. So, yeah, pretty neat stuff.
24 Comments or questions from the Board members on this
25 one of a kind?

1 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Yeah. I just want to
2 say I thought it was a nice submission and I think
3 it's going to be a good addition to your park. I
4 worked on that ride some 26-years-ago when it was
5 first put in. So I'm going to go over and have a
6 look at it while I'm here. And at the same time,
7 Tony is going to take me through some of the unique
8 electrical aspects of it because there's some
9 things, and he could explain better, but I can see
10 for myself that there were electrical drawings, but
11 they were quite complicated. But he made it very
12 clear why they're so complicated. It looks like
13 they did a very good job of organizing it. So I'm
14 going to go to put eyes on it myself. So just so
15 you know, that's part of my vision today is to take
16 a ride over and put eyes on it. I'm sure that Joe
17 and Randall have done the same. But given the same
18 - you know, I don't see a reason - after talking
19 with Tony, I don't see a reason why I couldn't give
20 approval today and just follow up with the ride.
21 I'd really like to see that.

22 CHAIR: Thank you, MR. Di Domizio. I
23 will put you on the spot. So what's the one thing
24 that happened that you didn't expect to have happen?
25 And you know we know.

1 MR. ROSSI: You know, I can't say
2 there's anything I didn't expect.

3 CHAIR: I was bluffing.

4 MR. ROSSI: You know, on its own, we
5 never know with any of these, and Bob's been on a
6 lot. Until the first time she comes home we don't
7 know she's coming home. And that's your relief.

8 MR. DI DOMIZIO: That's - that's good.
9 I'd remembered that.

10 CHAIR: Anything I can explain that we
11 never.

12 I remember that.

13 CHAIR: Any other comments or
14 questions from Board members? Go ahead, Mr. Hall.

15 MR. HALL: Yeah. I have a comment.
16 You said you got great cooperation from this
17 Department. I imagine some of our inspectors are
18 out there and do you want to tell us who they were?

19 MR. ROSSI: Every one of the
20 inspectors, including Mr. Filoromo, were on the
21 site. Randall, Dennis, Tony spent a lot of time out
22 there through the worst of the winter, which wasn't
23 a bad winter. You know, Joe came out at the end,
24 took a look around, but like I said, they were out
25 there trudging through the mud with me from the

1 beginning, and they were there at the end when we
2 saw it come home.

3 MR. HALL: Thank you for the
4 compliments. And I feel it's part of the record
5 that should be included. Thank you.

6 CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Hall.
7 Is there - go ahead.

8 MR. PITTMAN: I have a - question.
9 How do you come up with the names for your rides?

10 MR. ROSSI: Well, that's out of our
11 hands. We don't pick names. We don't pick colors.
12 We have a marketing department that takes care of
13 that. Some of our rides we have contests. This one
14 wasn't one of them. The Wildcat originally was the
15 first wooden coaster Milton Hershey built. That
16 went away. The second Wildcat that I'm working on
17 came in '96, and that was the time. And now the Cat
18 is getting its revenge.

19 CHAIR: In the best possible way. Any
20 other comments from Board members? However, I am
21 trolling for a motion.

22 MR. HALL: So moved.

23 CHAIR: Thank you. Is there a second?

24 MR. PITTMAN: I'll second it.

25 CHAIR: Thank you. Any discussion?

1 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Please, just - well,
2 you're going to be providing electrical so part of
3 the submittal is the same - a ditto from before
4 so -.

5 CHAIR: Absolutely. It will be
6 contingent upon your successful review. So we'll
7 wait to hear from you before we say yes. If that's
8 acceptable to you, Mr. Hall, and you, Mr. Pittman,
9 then I'll ask for a vote. All those in favor
10 respond by saying aye.

11 AYES RESPOND

12 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Did you get a motion?

13 MR. GORMAN: Yeah, he did.

14 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Oh, I'm sorry. I
15 missed it.

16 CHAIR: Any opposed? All right.
17 Gentleman, thank you.

18 MR. ROSSI: Thank you.

19 CHAIR: Have a good tour with him.

20 MR. ROSSI: No worries.

21 MR. DI DOMIZIO: He promises me
22 there's an elevator.

23 MR. ROSSI: I have an elevator.

24 CHAIR: All right. Seeing no other
25 engineers will take them in order, Yvonne. So we'll

1 go to the Mini Reverse. While we're pulling up the
2 Mini Reverse I'll ask Mr. Filoromo to give us a
3 summary, as he's extremely familiar with this
4 particular ride and ride in general.

5 MR. FILOROMO: Go ahead and bring it
6 up.

7 CHAIR: I figured he showed up I might
8 as well put him to work.

9 MR. FILOROMO: That was -.

10 MR. BOLAND: Dean, back there. It's
11 one of the other rides from Amusements of Rochester.

12 CHAIR: There you go. See, they
13 didn't introduce ourselves. Go ahead and turn the
14 light green and state you name and spell your last
15 name.

16 MR. POTTER: Yeah. Don't put your
17 hand around it.

18 MR. CORL: Hi. My name's Dean Corl,
19 C-O-R-L, from Amusements of Rochester d/b/a Powers
20 Great American Midways. So this is the Mini Reverse
21 time. We call it The Wipeout. It is a ride
22 manufactured by SBF and seems to do well.

23 CHAIR: Bought it brand new right out
24 of the show?

25 MR. CORL: Right out of there. We

1 actually showcased it at the most recent IAAPA
2 convention in Orlando.

3 CHAIR: And this is the traveling
4 version?

5 MR. CORL: Yes, sir.

6 CHAIR: So give me capacity overall
7 for this one, because I think this model is a little
8 different.

9 MR. CORL: I don't remember what
10 capacity is. I think it's -

11 CHAIR: (Imitates sound). Try again.

12 MR. CORL: - 18. I'm not off the top
13 of my head.

14 CHAIR: It's in the submission.

15 MR. CORL: Okay.

16 CHAIR: But - so please note, as most
17 - these manufacturers typically offer two versions.
18 One that's intended to be permanently affixed and
19 outfitted that way and one that's meant to be picked
20 up and moved, which I think this version is.
21 Mechanism and methodology is all the same, just
22 there's some considerations for what they're going
23 to move around, like you have to take it apart. We
24 have something similar to this. Actually, we have
25 more than a couple things similar to this in

1 Pennsylvania. This is new to us because of the
2 manufacturing model. Right. So I'm going to go
3 back to the Board members and remind us how long
4 you've been doing this.

5 MR. HALL: Since 1992.

6 CHAIR: '92. You guys are
7 trailblazers. You set the standard. Right. We're
8 just going off that model. So any new manufacturer
9 with the same device or similar device or any new
10 model all comes through this process. Even if they
11 just change it a little bit. Right. It comes back
12 through this vetting process, which is awesome.

13 In this particular case, this type of
14 ride, we've seen a lot. It's tried and true.
15 Right. It moves people in a variety of directions
16 on a fixed access. Right. So there's nothing new
17 to this other than the greatest gee whiz. We'll ask
18 for primary and secondary restraints. So this is
19 one of those that the seat itself and then the ride
20 operator also - so shoulder and lap, or just
21 shoulder, right, included on this?

22 MR. CORL: It's shoulder restraint and
23 it also has a seat belt as well. That is the
24 secondary.

25 CHAIR: Unlike the tragedies that

1 we've heard from before, there is a height and
2 weight expectation and limit on this. And I know
3 that operators such as Powers are still struggling
4 with the best way to institute that, to make sure
5 they empower their operators to make sure people who
6 don't conform don't get on the ride.

7 MR. BOLAND: I actually seen this down
8 in IAAPA. I see it there and I visited their
9 location in Exton and watched operations. So I
10 inspected it at Exton and I was back another night
11 and watched operations in the whole show. So I
12 basically seen it three times.

13 CHAIR: Okay. And I'll ask - Mr. Di
14 Domizio I know you had some comments that you
15 provided the Department on this. We will be seeking
16 some clarification on some of your comments for
17 this. So if we could include that summary of your
18 comments overall, just have you speak to it so they
19 know that they owe us a couple of extra items for
20 clarification.

21 MR. DI DOMIZIO: So I can be brief.

22 CHAIR: Yeah.

23 MR. DI DOMIZIO: One of my concerns
24 was the translation of Italian to English. And I
25 read through the Italian and I said, wow, this is

1 just an exact translation without much. So to do a
2 proper translation, you have to read it back to
3 yourself and say, what does it mean? So it - you
4 know, It may mean one thing in a different language.
5 For instance, the word anomalous is used in here and
6 analogous defects and those kind of things. I think
7 about the maintenance guys. I think about the
8 maintenance guys. I think about the guys that are
9 working on this. They have this manual. And I had
10 to look up these words to be honest with you. I
11 didn't understand what they meant. So it takes a
12 little more than just doing a direct translation and
13 it's - you know, nobody's going to read the Italian
14 side unless you sell it in Italy.

15 So I mean, I have specific pages that
16 I can share with you, but the gist of it is - like,
17 for instance, a SEEGER ring. I know what a SEEGER
18 ring is from working on European machines, but I
19 don't know that anybody else knows what a SEEGER
20 ring is. That's really the same as a retaining
21 ring. So if you went to your local hardware store
22 to find a SEEGER ring, they'd probably laugh in your
23 - laugh at you. So understand where I'm coming
24 from. That's really what I'm talking to. Words
25 like high resistance and fragile breakings, it just

1 sounds - it's not really what it should mean. What
2 we're looking at is they're telling you that it's
3 brittle breakage because the high strength bolts,
4 they would tend to break very suddenly as opposed to
5 breaking slowly. So a ductile material. A weaker
6 bolt might just stretch, whereas a high strength
7 bolt might just break without warning. And then
8 they're explaining it. It's just the way they
9 explain it that I have a problem with.

10 I've not seen - I've never encountered
11 such a large treatise on the impacts of using
12 lubrication. Now I don't know why - I have no idea
13 why in Europe they insist on lubricating threads.
14 This is - this is something - we rely on the
15 friction when we torque down a bolt. We rely on the
16 friction to hold it tight. So if you're going to
17 get crank up on the torque wrench, you're going to
18 get a reading. And you know, as well as I do, if
19 you're going to lubricate it, you're going to go
20 past that point and snap the bolt. So what they did
21 is they actually gave you a chart of the - how to
22 put less torque on the bolt.

23 So for instance, there's a chart here on
24 page 219 that shows - so what - and they're given
25 the coefficient of friction, and, you know, they're

1 being quite - you know, it explains it perfectly,
2 but in a dry condition you would apply - so for an
3 M16 bolt, for what it's worth, just the magnitude
4 here, so 341 Newton-meters down to 225. So 341 on a
5 dry thread, 225 on a greased thread. I don't know
6 that's the same holding power, because what am I
7 getting? Am I getting a proper stretching of the
8 bolt, but it's a combination of the two. And they
9 even tell you the different greases to use on the
10 bolts. Now, this is not on you and it's not on me,
11 but it is a concern of mine. And I just want it
12 known for the record. And I can't really find rhyme
13 or reason why doing this. I've always been taught,
14 clean those threads, make them dry, never put
15 anything on the threads. Self-locking screws
16 wouldn't do you any good if they have no friction to
17 hold.

18 So that being said, the other item I
19 had, I'm looking for electrical drawings, which I
20 didn't see much in the way of, but it concerns me if
21 this ride - is it a ride to be used outside? I mean
22 - because there's a statement here on page 176, it
23 says the electrical panel and the control panel must
24 not be exposed to weather conditions. So it kind of
25 cuts - kind of cuts it off from being an outdoor

1 ride, if that's the case. Now, I assume they're
2 talking about whether it be a NEMA 4 classification
3 or 4X in the case of outdoor devices, whereas if
4 it's indoors, you could be - you get away with NEMA
5 12. So I have real issue with that, and I don't
6 know the details of the enclosures to know that they
7 are. So you could take the sentence out, but does
8 it change the design? So I would want to know more
9 about that. But I must mention that - let me get
10 back to e-mail that I sent.

11 And this is no reflection of Mr.
12 Kelly, I want you to know that he's a very capable
13 engineer and this is what's coming from Bob. And I
14 do see electrical drawings, so let me back off on
15 that one. But I can't distinguish where is the
16 ground protection and where is the equipment ground.
17 So we have live grounds, which you would use in an
18 AC circuit, where you electrify the ground around
19 where the neutral will attach to the earth ground.
20 So that ground itself is electrified. Whereas if
21 you're just protecting a piece of equipment, say
22 from lightning or from sparking or anything like
23 that, then you would have a separate ground. So
24 that's equipment ground as opposed to live ground.
25 It's a point that we've talked about before, and

1 it's called out in the NEC. It's been in there
2 since 2018, in the NEC.

3 And European - and I have seen, like
4 with the Zamperla application, they do a very good
5 job of making a difference between them. So that's
6 why I'm kind of surprised to see it here. Maybe
7 it's just not clear. Maybe it's in there and it's
8 just not clear. So before I toss that one under the
9 bus, I give you a chance to say, well, okay, this is
10 what - this is really what it means. It's not self-
11 evident as far as I'm concerned. It says - well, of
12 course, I already mentioned that. So - okay. So
13 you're okay with - you can summarize them if you
14 want, but I kept it brief, and I don't mind going
15 into more detail.

16 CHAIR: Well, I have your notes, so I
17 know the deal.

18 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Yeah.

19 CHAIR: Thank you for taking the time
20 to express. So what you're going to get from us is
21 a request for clarification. I don't know that's
22 going to hold up things too much. As Mr. Di Domizio
23 had just expressed is there is - it's more of a
24 translation question than a content question. But
25 we want to be clear that our record is accurate and

1 you have a comfort level of the ride that you just
2 purchased and want to put into business. So we're
3 going to work with you on that. We'll expedite the
4 process. Based on the volume and length of items
5 that we want to address I don't feel comfortable
6 with asking the Board for recommendation on this.
7 So I'm going to offer, if there's no comment to the
8 otherwise, that we table this until we've had an
9 opportunity to have a conversation with the
10 submitter on this moving forward to make sure they
11 feel comfortable with providing the information and
12 then we'll bring back the results to the next Board
13 meeting on what we've been able to work out with the
14 submitted.

15 Is that reasonable Board members?

16 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Certainly. Yes.

17 CHAIR: Great. Just there's a lot of
18 stuff. I think we can get through it rather
19 quickly, and I don't know that it's going to stop
20 anything and not - that would require you attending
21 it. Right. But I want to make sure that all the
22 concerns that were raised are addressed. So - if
23 that's - go ahead, Mr. Pittman.

24 MR. PITTMAN: We'd be smart to - to
25 tentative delay for -

1 CHAIR: You can.

2 MR. PITTMAN: - based on, of course,
3 you're ultimate completion of the questioning.

4 CHAIR: Certainly. If you would like
5 to entertain that I am here to - yeah. So would you
6 like us to craft something and see if there's an
7 appetite for it?

8 MR. PITTMAN: That's fine by me.

9 CHAIR: All right. So there's four
10 overarching concerns. There's some electrical
11 additional questions that Mr. Di Domizio pointed
12 out, some translation discussions about the manual
13 that was put in and minor tweaks to the language
14 interpreter, the indoor versus outdoor use of the
15 ride as a whole. We don't doubt that it's meant to
16 be used outdoors. Just some of the language
17 contained in that section might be a little
18 ambiguous. And the discussion about grease and
19 securing bolts versus not, I think that covered
20 those four main concerns. With those being
21 addressed with the Department the Board could
22 consider recommending an approval based on
23 successful receipt.

24 MR. PITTMAN: And you had mentioned
25 that the discussions should not take long -

1 CHAIR: Nope.

2 MR. PITTMAN: - and therefore I would
3 hate to see it hold up the whole thing for another
4 quarter.

5 CHAIR: Certainly.

6 MR. PITTMAN: - if it doesn't take
7 long. I'd be happy to put that notice on you folks.

8 CHAIR: It's on us already. So happy
9 to - so you would offer that recommendation that
10 those items being brought up are resolved
11 successfully and recommend an approval?

12 MR. PITTMAN: I will make that motion.

13 CHAIR: Is there a second to that
14 motion?

15 MR. HALL: Second.

16 CHAIR: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Hall.
17 Is there a discussion? I will obviously use your
18 formatted concerns that are in writing already as
19 part of our requirements to be successful.

20 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Let me ask a question
21 first, Mr. Remmert. Where are we in the process?
22 Did they already have a tentative approval or -?

23 CHAIR: They do not.

24 MR. DI DOMIZIO: So they do not at
25 this point.

1 BOARD MEMBER: Did - did we issue a
2 tentative 46:03?

3 BOARD MEMBER: Yes.

4 MR. DI DOMIZIO: So that motion would
5 be -.

6 BOARD MEMBER: Well, it's the Board,
7 but we would - for the record it would -.

8 CHAIR: For the record it would make
9 sure we capture that information and get to you for
10 your review for successful final approval. Right.

11 MR. DI DOMIZIO: So what exactly does
12 a tentative approval allow them to do?

13 CHAIR: Operate. Unless any of the
14 items we find is a safety issue. So any of those
15 items that we've discussed for clarification provide
16 you concern where it should not operate? Let me ask
17 you that question. So do you have any issue with
18 them operating right now, today if some of these
19 answers are not received?

20 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Is there any
21 precedent for - I mean, I agree with Mr. Pittman. I
22 agree with his position. I understand. Especially
23 coming into the season, but I also don't like to
24 overlook things. Is there such a thing as a time
25 limit, or in other words, is it this intent that we

1 could - you know, this approval would take place 30
2 days from now or 15 day - how long do we have that I
3 will get the information and this would go into
4 effect? Is there any precedent for that?

5 CHAIR: Yeah. We make our precedent
6 here in lieu of having enough to go off of. So I
7 suspect that this will get answered, oh, I don't,
8 hours, a day. Like it's - it's going to happen
9 pretty quick. I already - I already know. So pick
10 your poison. What do you want? I'm sure it'll
11 exceed your expectations.

12 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Yeah. I just - I
13 don't like to - I'd like to say nay to an
14 application if there's - you know, if there's a
15 solution in sight, but there's a lot of work here to
16 do. And will it get done? That's my main concern.
17 So I mean, obviously, they want to move forward.
18 They want to - you know, get running ahead on this,
19 especially since it's imported. It may be on the
20 boat already for all we know. So how do we know
21 that these things will take place before it's open
22 for revenue service? Which it sounds to me like
23 that's what tentative approval does. It lets them
24 open.

25 CHAIR: Yeah. It absolutely lets them

1 open.

2 So what time frame do you feel
3 comfortable in receiving the information?

4 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Well - okay. I mean,
5 it's not - it's not really on me. They have to
6 supply the information so -.

7 CHAIR: Can you do ten days?

8 MR. CORL: I can do ten days.

9 CHAIR: Can you do five -?

10 MR. CORL: I can do less than that.

11 CHAIR: Can you do five days?

12 MR. CORL: I can get it as soon as I
13 get back. I can start working on that immediately.

14 CHAIR: Yeah. Fair enough. So we'll
15 have something to tell you within the week. Is it
16 acceptable for consideration as far as the Board
17 goes?

18 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Would the - you know,
19 would the motion reflect that necessarily?

20 CHAIR: Yeah.

21 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Are you okay with or
22 without -?

23 CHAIR: So we have - so -.

24 MR. PITTMAN: With the ten days.

25 CHAIR: Yeah. So ten days information

1 should be reviewed and acceptable or working through
2 the QA process to resolve anything that's non-
3 safety-related. Right. Safety is a - is a
4 showstopper.

5 MR. DI DOMIZIO: For the - I'm not
6 trying to squeeze them. I mean, if it has to be two
7 weeks, if it has to be a month that's fine. I just
8 want to know that it will happen.

9 CHAIR: Yes. We'll put it on the
10 record and be done with it.

11 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Okay.

12 CHAIR: And further discussion? So we
13 have a motion and a second. We have clarification.
14 All those in favor say aye.

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIR: Any opposed? Thank you very
17 much.

18 MR. PITTMAN: I have a question. Joe,
19 maybe you can answer this after this. After the
20 intro torquing 101, as opposed to twerking, which is
21 totally different, when these fellas that work on
22 these machines are about to do maintenance, do they
23 stop and say, oh, wait a minute, this is an Italian
24 manufactured machine. We have to lubricate these
25 bolts before we torque them down, or do they just

1 pretty much do the same procedure machine after
2 machine after machine, right up the line?

3 MR. FILOROMO: They should be going to
4 the manufacturer's recommendation for every type of
5 piece of equipment they have. Now, my understanding
6 of the torquing was the torque they wanted was a
7 lubricated calculation. Now, beyond that, our
8 problem right here today is the manufacturer is
9 absent. You know, we should have a factory
10 representative on telephone or in the room to answer
11 these questions. And that goes right back on -
12 also, to the translation problem that Bob mentioned,
13 which I have had this problem for 40 years. I had
14 an Italian ride years ago, and I figured, okay, my
15 mom can translate that for me. Well, she translated
16 where it didn't make any sense after she translated
17 it. Of course number one, she's Sicilian, and
18 number two, the words just don't translate well
19 exactly what he's saying. You know, so that's only
20 one battle. And again, manufacturers
21 representatives should - would be the one that
22 should answer those questions, because, again, we
23 rely on what the manufacturer says. You know, we
24 don't want to make this stuff up. So yeah.

25 MR. DI DOMIZIO: If I can add to what

1 Joe was saying, it's a perfect example. I ran this
2 through Google Translate, and this is the exact
3 translation that came out.

4 MR. FILOROMO: Yeah.

5 MR. DI DOMIZIO: But if you click
6 more, it gives you a whole bunch of other choices.
7 This just happens to be the one they think is
8 closest but - yeah.

9 MR. FILOROMO: Yeah. They have a -
10 those translations haven't gotten real good in
11 technical stuff or mechanical stuff yet. I've seen
12 it in just regular conversational. I've seen it
13 works pretty good at the time. It's still not -.

14 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Now, speaking to the
15 torquing, again, as the tightening of the screws, it
16 does give you torque values for dry threads. So
17 they're telling you dry and with a little bit of
18 grease, and with a little more grease, it's more -.

19 MR. FILOROMO: Okay. So they do cover
20 it with dry.

21 MR. DI DOMIZIO: And so, yeah, they
22 give you figures for dry.

23 MR. FILOROMO: Okay.

24 MR. DI DOMIZIO: And the only thing I
25 can find in here that - you know, that they talk

1 about for tightening, it seems like they're more
2 worried about reusing the screws. So it says here
3 if there are connections subjected to repeated
4 assemblings and dismantlings, in order not to harm
5 the screws is it advisable to apply a tightening
6 moment reduced by ten percent? Now is that ten
7 percent under what's already been reduced from
8 lubricating? There's a translation thing going on
9 here. What I'd like to see is just - now they are
10 the manufacturer, and if you're going to follow what
11 they say, I could interpret this, either put a lot
12 of grease on it or put none. But how about that
13 ride over there that says use dry thread, you know?
14 every torque sheet I could show you that's printed
15 in America is going to say they don't - they don't
16 make a distinction between coarse and fine, but
17 they'll say clean dry threads. So that's the key.
18 But it brings up a good point. How - is it in the
19 spec? You know, is there an ASTM standard that says
20 thou shall not lubricate screws? It's not there.
21 What's your personal feeling? I mean, I would like -
22 not to put you on the spot, but how do - how do you
23 feel about the issue?

24 MR. PITTMAN: Well, I'm not qualified
25 to really make an educated statement on that.

1 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Okay.

2 MR. PITTMAN: But it made sense to me
3 that if they go from one ride to the next ride to
4 the next ride, to the ride, to the next ride -.

5 MS. BROWN: We can't hear anything.

6 MR. PITTMAN: Oh, geez. I'm so sorry.
7 It makes sense if they go from ride to ride to ride
8 and it all be somewhat standard.

9 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Yeah.

10 MR. PITTMAN: Instead of, oh, this was
11 made in Italy, we have to do it differently. And
12 this one was made in UK, we have to handle that
13 differently.

14 MR. DI DOMIZIO: It's a good point.

15 CHAIR: Excellent discussion. Note
16 that's what we're here for. Are you sticking around
17 for this one too? That's what I thought.

18 Having already made the motion and
19 approved he's on the clock for information. We'll
20 work with him. We'll get it back. There's pretty
21 much four points we're going to talk about.

22 MR. CORL: I' like to make a request,
23 though, because I was not even notified of this
24 meeting until Mr. Arndt had called me on the phone
25 to tell me about it, so I had received nothing. So

1 I would like to make sure that we do receive some
2 sort of correspondence that says okay, this is what
3 we're actually requiring you to do and then I can go
4 back to the manufacturer and do whatever is -,

5 CHAIR: A hundred percent.

6 MR. CORL: All right. I appreciate
7 that.

8 CHAIR: Yeah. You and I will talk.
9 And we'll - manufacturers always come on. I'm not
10 sue about the notification piece. We'll double-
11 check on our end. But we would not have left you
12 out of it regardless, even if we had this discussion
13 afterwards. As you've heard comments before, we're
14 here to get you open wherever possible. So we'll
15 make sure that information gets expedited and gets
16 reviewed and you can move on with the next thing so
17 -.

18 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Just a - I'm going to
19 ask you another question. Is this going to be a
20 park model? Is it going to stay in one place, or do
21 you plan on taking it on the road?

22 MR. CORL: What are we talking about
23 here? The next piece right here?

24 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Well, no, this - I'm
25 sorry, the one were talking about. The mini reverse

1 time.

2 CHAIR: Yes. That is a portable
3 model.

4 MR. DI DOMIZIO: So will you be using
5 it as a portable model, or is it going to stay - is
6 it going stay - is it going to stationary?

7 MR. CORL: No. It's going to be used
8 as a portable model.

9 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Okay. Okay.

10 CHAIR: All right. We moved on, as
11 most of you may have noticed, on the next, No Jump.

12 Joe, do you want to do the
13 introduction for this?

14 MR. FILOROMO: All right. These rides
15 have been bouncing around for several years now. I
16 think we're going to have some of the same issues
17 with this ride. So we might as well just jump onto
18 that. But we've seen this rides, and I have for a
19 while now.

20 CHAIR: Yeah. So again, found another
21 brand new straight from the manufacturer ride. Said
22 I want it. This is the traveling version also. I
23 believe that, don't let me speak for you Mr. Di
24 Domizio, but there are some similarities with this
25 submission and the concerns. It's not necessarily

1 about the bolt torquing and greasing, but
2 translation and some of the content. So please, if
3 you take a moment, summarize your concerns.

4 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Sure, Mr. Chairman.
5 I'd be happy to. What I had said was, first of all,
6 I'm glad that the ride is coming in designed for
7 American voltage. I have an issue when it comes in
8 and they don't bother to change it to American. So
9 that's a good point. And there is - what I was
10 looking for any references to weather rating. And
11 again, if this is an outdoor ride or a portable
12 ride, same sort of thing, I want to see if - not
13 that it - it doesn't come right out and say that
14 it's not to be used, but it doesn't say that it
15 does. So that's where we talk about the NEMA
16 rating. And so I know not just on the boxes, but on
17 the connections to the boxes and the little push
18 buttons. It's easy to get around if it's going to
19 be outdoors. And you can't change the box, you can
20 create and the 3R box, for example, just by putting
21 a hood over it. But those are the kind of things
22 that I pointed out that I wanted to address. So
23 there was no electrical drawings in there that I
24 could, you know, really get that to determine that
25 for myself. Those are the comments that I made to

1 the Board and made you aware of.

2 CHAIR: So similar to the previous
3 submission that we spoke about and under the same
4 guise of review. It's brand new. It's a traveling
5 version, not a park version, the latest iteration.
6 We do have a similar or similar set of rides from
7 different manufacturers already approved in our
8 inventory. This is just - this particular
9 manufacturer is the latest version. Awesome by the
10 way. Interested to see the color scheme we all
11 picked for this one. It's kind of pretty cool.
12 We'll throw them at the same auspice, similar
13 manufacturer, similar questions. We think we have
14 the name of the manufacturer also. So I don't
15 expect any grief in getting information back.
16 Matter of fact, before you leave today, I have what
17 we're looking for. So you can start making phone
18 calls, get to work on it.

19 With that being said, would there be
20 an interest in having a motion similar to the
21 previous one under the same time constraint, about
22 ten days where that information that's been brought
23 up by Mr. Di Domizio gets back to the Bureau for
24 your review to your satisfaction, and we can offer
25 tentative approval moving forward? Not

1 unreasonable.

2 MR. PITTMAN: Then I'll make the same
3 verbiage in this motion.

4 CHAIR: Okay, very good. With that
5 constraint, understanding that we receive
6 information.

7 MR. PITTMAN: I'm sorry.

8 CHAIR: Do we have a second?

9 MR. DI DOMIZIO: I'll second.

10 CHAIR: Right on. Any discussion?
11 Okay. All those in favor please respond by saying
12 aye.

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIR: Are there any opposed? Okay.
15 Moving to the final submission on our list, the
16 Wonder6 Playground Equipment. I know that we have a
17 couple of different people here that can have a
18 discussion for this. So Mr. Catalano being invited
19 back to microphone. Thank you. All you, Tony.

20 MR. CATALANO: I do have a comment to
21 make. In the next pictures you'll see a different
22 netting. No fine netting is being installed now
23 over top of all that and including the ceiling
24 around the whole structure.

25 CHAIR: Do you want to cover what it

1 is? Just a quick summary where it's at and what
2 we're looking at, please.

3 MR. CATALANO: This is in Allentown at
4 the South Mall, Levi Street, and it's a small
5 playport designed for children under 12.

6 CHAIR: So this is the big lead in,
7 folks. Every design, every new location comes to
8 us. They don't always come to you as the Board. We
9 tend to sometimes handle these internally and don't
10 raise them to the point. We didn't want you to
11 forget. This is also on the list of many things
12 that we review and prove. Some say it's not a ride,
13 and I say I agree. It's an attraction, but still
14 falls under our auspice. So ride or attraction, you
15 have a giant haunt with a temporary or permanent
16 structure, or you have something that any person of
17 any age needs to negotiate it still fall under our
18 purview. So big and small we do it all. Not
19 terrible to this. So this just goes to show, if you
20 thought we were concentrating on the cool stuff at
21 all the big parks, we don't even forget the little
22 stuff at the mall. They're just as important to us.

23 I guarantee you that at least one, if
24 not several of our inspectors walked through every
25 aspect of registering and getting this approved with

1 the new owner. Right. Even I just gave her her
2 test that she passed with flying colors to become an
3 inspector. Right. So we handled it all here, and I
4 appreciate the professionalism and time spent. She
5 was very appreciative of time spent, so thank you
6 for getting it done. She's super excited to be a
7 part of the amusement ride industry in Pennsylvania
8 and she's going to be awesome. This is just proof.
9 This is going to be one of many that she's going to
10 have. So as much as the kudos from the Hershey,
11 just as much for spending your time doing this.

12 Are there are any questions about this
13 soft play playport or the submission pieces? Pretty
14 straightforward, not a bunch to it. Is there a
15 motion for -?

16 MR. DI DOMIZIO: I'll make a motion to
17 approve.

18 MR. PITTMAN: I'll second.

19 CHAIR: Thank you. Is there any
20 discussion? All those in favor, please say - by
21 saying aye.

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: Opposed? All right. We're at
24 the end of our new business agenda. And before I
25 offer Board members comments and looking out into

1 the audience, I recognize Mr. Chubb. Anything
2 relevant to PACE? Any conversation? Please feel
3 free to step up to the microphone. State your name
4 and spell your last name, and offer your comments
5 for the Board's consideration.

6 MR. CHUBB: Thank you, Director
7 Remmert. Gary Chubb, C-H-U-B-B. I'm the PACE
8 Seminar - Amusement Ride and Safety Seminar
9 coordinator. And currently we're working on the
10 2023 PACE seminar, which is going to be at Western
11 Pennsylvania this year. It looks like we're going
12 to be in Monroeville, close to the Pittsburgh area,
13 between October 30th through November 2nd. We're
14 looking to go to Kennywood for a day to look at some
15 rides while we're out there. And sometime within
16 the next couple of weeks we hope to start paperwork
17 for approval with the Bureau. And that's about all
18 I have to say at this point. So thank you.

19 CHAIR: Thanks, Gary.

20 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Gary, your seminars,
21 are they open to guys like me to attend to - is it
22 available by Teams meeting or anything like that?

23 MR. CHUBB: It is - this is going to
24 be an in-person seminar. Okay. We're not going to
25 do virtual this year.

1 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Okay.

2 MR. CHUBB: So if you were to attend,
3 you're more than welcome to attend. But I said it
4 will be - it appears to be in Monroeville this year.
5 So - but you're more than welcome to attend.

6 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Well, thank you.

7 CHAIR: You do have to pay though.

8 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Well, my second thing
9 was if I could help in some way, if you needed guest
10 lecturer or whatever. I may not know a lot of
11 things, but I know a lot about little things. So if
12 there's anything you want to - because I also have
13 to get continuing education hours for maintaining my
14 license so I can prepare a course or I can give a
15 course or attend a course. So if there's some way
16 my needs can mesh with yours, we'll have a
17 conversation.

18 MR. CHUBB: Okay. We'll definitely
19 take that into consideration. Thank you.

20 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Thank you.

21 CHAIR: Thank you, Gary.

22 One last before I turn it over to the
23 Board. I want to be of record. So there was a
24 hearing held December, early December this past
25 year. It concerned the Department's denial of the

1 virtual reality to the Anaconda at Kalahari. After
2 the hearing was held, the defendants made a motion,
3 the Department accepted it, and we went through a
4 process in which we created a variance to allow
5 virtual reality to exist as an option on the
6 Anaconda at Kalahari, specifically. The details of
7 that variance have not been signed yet by the
8 Secretary, but probably will be. So in that one
9 instance, we have completed the hearing and the
10 adjudication process by both parties agreeing on
11 approval through a variance.

12 So in essence, the Department's
13 position was that we denied virtual reality on a
14 flume or water slide because ASTM has no rules
15 relating to that type of activity. In the absence
16 of that, Pennsylvania would have to have created
17 their own standard and held them accountable for
18 that, which ultimately is what that variance created
19 for this particular attraction. So what you have is
20 a ProSlide they call the Anaconda. It's a flume
21 ride, a two-seater, and the rider can optionally
22 wear a virtual reality headset specifically designed
23 for that ProSlide. Very interesting days we live
24 in. So that is pending a final approval to allow
25 them to operate again. Now, they did originally

1 operate for six months, with us being unaware. As
2 soon as we became aware they obviously were issued a
3 stop use order as we considered a major
4 modification. Hoping that ASTM someday comes up
5 with virtual reality requirements, specifically as
6 it relates to water rides or anything in general
7 would be fantastic. Which is why I'm very
8 interested to talk to Andreas here shortly, and
9 that's the circumstance we're at with that.

10 Joe, do we have any other pending hay
11 rides? I should probably bring you up to date on
12 that. Yeah, we have 27 of them registered in
13 various states of approval. Look, the hay ride
14 industry has been awesome and terrible all at the
15 same time. And I don't mean that in derogatory way.
16 Hay rides as ASTM has designed - has designated
17 them, have been in existence in Pennsylvania
18 forever.

19 MR. PITTMAN: Since horses.

20 CHAIR: Yeah, forever. So in 2019,
21 when the ASTM standard came into place and
22 ultimately after a long drawn out discussion that we
23 decided we were implementing oversight of it, it was
24 a split decision. The industry has been awesome,
25 right, in their response and their questions and

1 their concerns, and we're still fleshing out what
2 that looks like. So there is no enforcement
3 intended for the 2023 season. I might wait until
4 Joe retires, so it might be that way until 2030, I
5 don't know. But for now, compliance is voluntary
6 and we continue to work with the industry. That's
7 about what we've been kind of focused on. So if
8 anybody has any hay ride-related questions they
9 should come to me, not Joe as he will give them to
10 me anyway. Is that about right, Joe? I got that
11 right. Right? Good. Okay.

12 Not to drag this out, but now offer
13 private ownership to - while I'll wait.

14 MR. STRATHMEYER: Just one addition to
15 the hay rides. We're still very much encouraging
16 those that have hay rides, but if they're not part
17 of, to look on our website to look at what the best
18 management practices are that ASTM recommends. So
19 it's not like we're just shoving this and, you know,
20 kicking the can. We're still trying to get as many
21 people on board as possible. And certainly as a
22 Department, we are offering all of our guidance and
23 assistance to them as they embark on hay rides in
24 the state. So I think it's important that - you
25 know, I know Walt and Joe and myself certainly we

1 are encouraging this kind of activity because the
2 last thing we want is some kind of catastrophic
3 event that just puts us over the top.

4 And I just - you know, coming from
5 that business, if you will, being in the Christmas
6 tree business and we've had rides, that type of
7 ride, I'm always going to be encouraging, you know,
8 to err on the part of safety, to be very cognitive
9 of how and - you are treating the public that comes
10 onto your property. So we'll continue to have the
11 conversation. So we're not - just don't want people
12 in this room to not think that we're being remiss in
13 how we're approaching this. We're still very
14 engaged on trying to get people involved and give
15 information as they ask for it, it's going to be
16 there. And we will help everybody out there try to
17 create a safe environment for the public. So I just
18 wanted to add that point.

19 CHAIR: Thank you, Deputy Strathmeyer.
20 I'll ask, do you want to go first or last?

21 MR. HALL: How do you know I have a
22 comment?

23 CHAIR: Bill Hall always has a
24 comment, just to be clear.

25 MR. HALL: I'm not a shareholder in

1 the Hershey Corporation. I want to make that clear.
2 But I've been on this board, as you pointed out,
3 Walter, since 1992. And this probably should have
4 been said when Mr. Rossi completed his testimony
5 today. But whenever Hershey comes in here I know
6 we're going to have something that gets right to the
7 point. It's going to be well-documented. Like
8 today there were two personnel in here, one talked.
9 The other was ready to add whatever had to be done.
10 I just feel that I've been here through good, bad,
11 and mediocre presentations. I always see that when
12 Hershey's on the agenda it will be one of our better
13 presentations. And I think the quality of the park,
14 the reputation is an indication of what develops
15 here. And I just think that you should go back and
16 tell your people what I personally think. Whenever
17 I see a Hershey item on the agenda I then will get
18 right there. The questions will be answered quickly
19 and succinctly and what more can I say?

20 CHAIR: I have one thing to ask of
21 you, Mr. Hall. Just to remind folks who are brand
22 new here or might not have it so we can remind them.
23 Would you give us a little taste of your pedigree?
24 How long you've been in the business and what we've
25 done so they understand what a compliment you just

1 gave them?

2 MR. HALL: My pedigree? I'm in the
3 entertainment business. I got started, and this is
4 not really a personal flaw, but you asked the
5 question. In 1968, I provided acts or shows in
6 every continent except the North and South Pole.
7 When I found out there was a vacancy years ago on
8 this Board I contacted my state senator, Stewart
9 Greenleaf, who is the author of the Safety Law in
10 Pennsylvania after a fatal accident at the West
11 Point Park in North Wales, Pennsylvania. And I
12 thought I sold acts to a lot of amusement parks and
13 I thought, gee, I might be able to help in that
14 particular field. Stewart Greenleaf recommended me.
15 I was appointed by Lieutenant Acting Governor Steve
16 Singel, and I've served ever since.

17 I've been enlightened, I've been
18 exasperated and a lot more. That's my background
19 and I leave it to people like Mr. Di Domizio and Mr.
20 Gorman and the inspectors to tell us about the
21 techniques of this. I'm just a public member and,
22 you know, I try to do my job. So you asked, you
23 have it.

24 CHAIR: Thank you for your service,
25 Mr. Hall.

1 MR. HALL: Next point.

2 MR. PITTMAN: Thank you, Mr. Hall.

3 MR. HALL: I said that sincerely.

4 Next point, I went to a community block party on
5 June 10th and there was a moon bounce, an
6 inflatable. And I checked and there was no
7 attendant. And the kids were bouncing in there from
8 4:00 to 6:00. At 6:00, a guy came up in an unmarked
9 pickup truck deflated the inflatable, put in his
10 truck, didn't have a name on the truck, drove away.
11 And I noticed the kids were bouncing in there.
12 There was no attendant. I mentioned it to my wife.
13 I said, gee, I have a card in my pocket that says
14 I'm on the Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board. I
15 guess I can go over there and ask a few questions.
16 She said, don't you dare. You, we're having fun.
17 Don't you dare. So of course I didn't, but I made
18 notice. What do we do in a case like that? I know
19 it's only like a minor incident, but those kids were
20 in there without an attendant. Is there a number we
21 should call?

22 CHAIR: There is.

23 MR. HALL: Just a plan of action. Not
24 necessarily today, but if you come across that, are
25 we entitled to go and stick our nose into that?

1 CHAIR: You're entitled to report it
2 to us.

3 MR. HALL: What?

4 CHAIR: You're entitled to report it
5 to us. Let us -.

6 MR. HALL: Yeah, right. That's what I
7 figured.

8 CHAIR: Let us bear that burden.
9 Right. When you run across specifically a safety
10 issue or even a question or concern whether
11 something's registered appropriately, that's a Joe,
12 Walt phone call. Right. That's - our number is
13 published. Joe's number is published.

14 MR. HALL: Any time?

15 CHAIR: Yeah. And it is at any time.
16 It happens more regularly than you know -

17 MR. HALL: I'm sure it does.

18 CHAIR: - that we received a call. If
19 it's a safety issue, Joe will make the decision,
20 working with the availability of his inspectors, of
21 whether it rises to a need to go out and immediately
22 investigate for a follow-up issue. In many
23 instances, our staff is out on nights and weekends
24 and holidays investigating exactly that.

25 MR. HALL: Thank you. Well, I know I

1 - final item. The Wall Street Journal about a week
2 ago had a front page article about adults seeking
3 different relaxations jumping into inflatables. And
4 I think it's maybe something we should be aware of,
5 because whenever I've been involved with
6 inflatables, they say only kids, take your shoes and
7 socks - take your shoes off, you know, blah, blah,
8 blah. And I thought, now adults have been jumping
9 into these things. Maybe we should be well aware of
10 that fact that may be coming wherever they have the
11 inflatables, whether permanently or temporarily.
12 Thank you for listening.

13 CHAIR: I read that article also. You
14 know, one of the things you - and depending on how
15 you find it or deal with it, it might be just a
16 silly thing, but you can probably safely assume that
17 alcohol is involved and it probably shouldn't be.

18 MR. HALL: Thank you.

19 CHAIR: No, that's excellent point.
20 So we'll remind you that many of the inflatables
21 that we entertain, especially these days by material
22 and design, accommodate a size and a weight
23 combination. Now, an operation consideration is
24 like sizes allowed on inflatable. So we're not
25 going to mix the 60 pound ballistic child with the

1 200 and whatever pound adult. But many of these
2 inflatables that are approved today are designed to
3 withstand patron weights of adult size. So that's
4 not a consideration. The consideration is always
5 operational. Right. They're conducting themselves
6 appropriately as anybody on inflatable, and you're
7 not mixing weight and sizes in it. Right. Number
8 of people, weight and sizes. So that's always an
9 issue. Remember, we have 40 and 50 foot inflatables
10 that are approved, and many of them actually can be
11 put together to create a larger experience.

12 So I'm not surprised. Right. They're
13 out there and they have bungee attached, zip lines
14 attached. They have mechanical arms and pieces to
15 them. There's some very complex things that evolved
16 in the inflatable industry any more. Thank you.

17 MS. BROWN: Hey, Walt, there is a
18 message from John, who's also on our board. He's
19 saying that it's correct in his observation when it
20 comes to different weight limits. So I just wanted
21 to point that out that he's agreeing that each one
22 has different weights when it comes to our approval.
23 Sorry. He put it in the comments for us.

24 CHAIR: Okay. Then you can bring it
25 up. I can answer you -

1 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Okay.

2 CHAIR: - if that is what you'd like.

3 CHAIR: That's what you'd like.

4 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Is it my turn? Okay.

5 I just wanted to point out that the Department
6 worked very closely to bring go-kart approval online
7 or leave it with some of you.

8 CHAIR: We have more than one. So we
9 cut off what comes before the Board in order to give
10 you time to review them. We were obviously working
11 through the approvals for some of these go-karts up
12 until the last minute, and it was not appropriate to
13 expect you to have the time and opportunity to
14 review them. So, yeah, we have several go-kart
15 submissions that we'll issue conditional approval,
16 and that condition will be that it come before the
17 Board at a meeting.

18 So in this particular case, this one
19 and actually several other versions of modified
20 vendors and roll bars, go-karts will come and put
21 the Board at the next meeting. So that's where
22 we're at. So three weeks is bare minimum. Six
23 weeks is optimal. Yeah. We were working on this
24 stuff up until, you know, a week and a half ago.

25 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Can appreciate that.

1 CHAIR: Further comment, Board members
2 who have - Mr. Pittman?

3 MR. PITTMAN: Yeah, I have a comment.
4 Unlike my good friend Mr. Hall, I'm the young buck
5 here. I've only served 29 years on this Board, but
6 we enjoy what we do. Right, Bill? Bartlebaugh
7 Amusements, I don't know the company, but I know
8 that they're playing the Bedford County Fair this
9 year. And in the advertisements that the Fair
10 Association puts out, they make note that each day
11 at 6:00 the amusement rides will be shut down for
12 inspection. And I thought that was pretty
13 admirable. It gives a sense of safety to the public
14 to know that. And they have a pristine record, I
15 guess, from what I read. And so I thought that was
16 - that was something worth bringing to the
17 attention.

18 CHAIR: It is always a pleasure to see
19 you. I did, prior to the meeting start but - so 29
20 years meaning you were, what, two days after Bill
21 got appointed?

22 MR. PITTMAN: No, two years.

23 CHAIR: I'm just making - to have two
24 founding members on the Board still this far into it
25 has been - I don't have words for it. You gentlemen

1 have added so much value just -.

2 MR. PITTMAN: Well, we used to come
3 for the coffee and donuts, but that -.

4 CHAIR: Not with Walt. Walt, doesn't
5 provide coffee and donuts. I don't get reimbursed
6 for it, so buy your own. You're still valuable to
7 me. But no, definitely, look, keep coming. Like
8 you're going to serve at the leisure of you not for
9 the governor. So please continue to - and as long
10 as you can. Stay with us.

11 Any other comments from Board members?
12 Mr. Potter?

13 MR. POTTER: You know you guys - I
14 know you watch the news and you stay informed of
15 things. Did I see that somebody in one of those
16 operations where you're inside the ball and rolling
17 around, like the person's inside a big bubble, one
18 of those have blown far away and into some danger?
19 And are we looking at any of our - I know we've
20 approved a couple of those over the last - only one
21 over the last couple of years. And I was just
22 wondering what your take was on that.

23 CHAIR: Yeah, it's longer than you
24 know. It was before me. The only one that I know
25 that's approved and operating is - it's an OGO Ball.

1 It's at Roundtop.

2 MR. BOLAND: Believe I - believe they
3 were - I may be wrong, but I think they were taking
4 out that operation and putting something else in
5 that spot.

6 CHAIR: That's even better. Right.
7 So we have entertained one device that was actually
8 fixed on a sand, so it had a mechanical aspect to it
9 and you could climb into it and they would put water
10 in it, but it wasn't freestanding. It was - it
11 didn't roll.

12 BOARD MEMBER: Was there one at water
13 slide?

14 CHAIR: Yeah. We never approved.

15 MR. POTTER: Yeah. We never approved
16 it.

17 CHAIR: Yeah. We never approved it.
18 Yeah, so -.

19 MR. FILOROMO: We didn't - we had a
20 lot problems - we had a lot of problems with being
21 able to approve those for a lot things. One was on
22 top of the hill, over a bank to a highway with no
23 barrier. The wind, the sanitation of putting
24 different people in after other people, and then
25 COVID came. So it's good that we don't have them

1 approved.

2 MR. POTTER: Wasn't one of them like a
3 gyroscope almost, I'm thinking. You remember that
4 one?

5 MR. FILOROMO: It was like a
6 gyroscope. The one Walt talking about the
7 mechanical turns it in a water park.

8 CHAIR: Yeah. It was - they had to go
9 through the entire sanitation piece. But the ones
10 where we walk on water or lake or whatever the
11 lifeguard requirements, and I said even if it was,
12 you know, just skimming on water, you still have a
13 lifeguard requirement. Nobody was willing to comply
14 with the expectations of the Department of Health,
15 which was the lifeguard requirement, plus the
16 sanitation that goes with it. And then getting to
17 through us, we just said that's a lot of hurdles to
18 try to get through. So we don't have any operating
19 legally that are approved other than the one that
20 was -.

21 MR. BOLAND: Roundtop. But they've
22 been taken out of service by them.

23 CHAIR: I see a lot of on videos. I'm
24 like, no way. They just let them roll down the
25 sides of mountains. Board members? Anybody on the

1 phone? Mr. Gorman?

2 MR. GORMAN: Sure. I have the
3 question. In the review of what was presented on
4 the website for us to look at, there was one that
5 you didn't bring up there unless I missed it. It
6 was called Splash Magic RV Resort. And I was
7 wondering if that was up for review or - it looks
8 like just some photographs and then someone's
9 inspection report of a waterslide.

10 CHAIR: Yeah. So I'm guessing that's
11 a submission to us, not the other way around.
12 Right. So we put the ones for the Board to review.
13 Having not been out there that doesn't sound
14 familiar to me at all. So I'm guessing that was a
15 submission for us to review. So a submission to the
16 Department and not for the Board.

17 MR. GORMAN: okay. There's not enough
18 information in that for us to review.

19 MS. BROWN: Yeah, it was only
20 submitted June 9th. So we definitely did not get
21 this in time.

22 MR. GORMAN: Okay, thank you. That's
23 all.

24 CHAIR: Another case of Steve Gorman
25 being too diligent. Thanks.

1 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Mr. Chairman, you
2 also - along with this Splash Magic there was
3 something in there by water park inspection
4 document. Is this something that you're just -
5 you're showing us what's going to be used or is - I
6 mean, I just want to know either way. It doesn't
7 matter to me if needs approval or not. I was just
8 wondering when it was in the submission.

9 CHAIR: It's a great question.

10 Yvonne, is - we did not create a
11 folder specifically for the Advisory Board and just
12 locked down the site so now there's people
13 submitting items or was there a specific folder for
14 them to look in?

15 MS. BROWN: Well, what I do is I
16 change the password because there's a couple that
17 know the password, like Clark Reider. They always
18 submit. So I change the password once we put ours
19 out there for our Board. So I'm not sure who shared
20 the new password, but it should not have been shared
21 because that's the whole reason why I change it, so
22 we don't get last minute submissions like this. I'm
23 now transferring it to our folder and taking it off
24 the website. I apologize.

25 CHAIR: No apologies. I just wanted

1 Mr. Di Domizio to hear the internal mechanism. So
2 the FTP site that we share the Board documents is
3 also where we receive new submissions. So the two
4 items that we were just talking about were
5 submissions to us, not for the Board.

6 MR. DI DOMIZIO: This looks like it
7 came from you. It was - it's called water slide and
8 water part inspection. Just a one page document.
9 Like a checklist. Satisfactory, not satisfactory. I
10 guess that's obviously an internal document.

11 MR. FILOROMO: That's an ongoing
12 project under investigation.

13 MR. DI DOMIZIO: So you don't really -
14 it's not really meant - we don't -.

15 MR. FILOROMO: Not right now.

16 MR. DI DOMIZIO: All right. That's
17 cool.

18 CHAIR: Okay. Any other comments?
19 It's like we kicked the can.

20 Is there are motion to adjourn?

21 MR. HALL: So moved.

22 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Second.

23 CHAIR: Any discussion? Thanks for
24 coming. All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

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CHAIR: We're adjourned. Thank you.

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