

Watkins Mill State Park and Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site

Annual Public Meeting

Aug. 25, 2022

We hosted our annual public meeting from 7-8 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Watkins Mill Visitors Center. We only had 2 guest join the meeting, which were Representative Doug Richey and his wife Jennifer. They are both active park supporters and users who knew a lot about our operations. Team members present included three representatives from the park, two from region, and one representing the ranger program on hand for the meeting.

We spent time sharing the operation and events at the park, projects we completed and upcoming projects that we were working on. Completed projects included the reroofing of four historic buildings including the historic church and schoolhouse, demo of the Majors' house and foundation repairs to the park residence. We also discussed the upcoming CI projects including park road overlays and water system improvements. We discussed the revenue bonds in general and the details on the large campground addition at the park.

We discussed staffing and vacancies at the facility as well. We are currently down two maintenance, one assistant superintendent and the ranger position.

Rep. Richey and his wife seemed to enjoy the updates. We asked for feedback on anything they would like to see at Watkins Mill. Jennifer could not think of anything, and Doug said it may not be feasible or possible be he wished there were more shooting ranges in the area.

It was a great meeting despite the limited attendance.