

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY DIVISION

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IN RE: AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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BEFORE: Fred Strathmeyer, Jr. Deputy Secretary
Robert Di Domizio, Jr., Member
Thomas Rebbie, Member
Stephen Gorman, Member
James Spang, Jr., Member
Robert Di Domizio, Jr., P.E., Member

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ALSO PRESENT:

- Yvonne Brown
- Randall Arndt
- Anthony Rossi, Hersheypark
- Derek Shaw
- Gary Chubb

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MR. STRATHMEYER: Good morning, everyone. Fred Strathmeyer, Deputy Secretary. Welcome to everyone in the audience. We are not going to end up with the quorum today, it looks like, but we - Randall and I are here to discuss the two pieces, the two rides, and we'll do that in a minute. I just want to clarify from Yvonne that the meeting has been Sunshined?

MS. BROWN: That is correct. It has.

MR. STRATHMEYER: Thank you, Yvonne. And that we have a Court Reporter here. So just make sure that if you are speaking or delivering, that you address her with your name and who you represent and go from there. And since we don't have that quorum, we'll have to talk about the Minutes at the next meeting to get approved and we'll do that. And yeah - and again, the meeting is being recorded. Sorry.

At any rate, welcome to everyone. And I guess what we'll do is we'll just jump right in. Randall, do you want to start with whichever and go from there? Whichever unit you want to start with.

1 MR. ARNDT: All right.

2 So we got the two rides on the
3 schedule today. So we got Hersheypark's Dark Night.
4 We also got the Ital-Resina, the small train from -
5 Train. I don't think we have anybody here for - to
6 represent the train, do we?

7 MS. BROWN: No. Not yet, anyways.

8 MR. ARNDT: All right. Since we
9 don't have anybody here to represent the train, I
10 guess I'll just kind of - just briefly, kind of go
11 over the train a little bit, then we can discuss it.
12 Then we'll just move right on to the Hershey.

13 So the - it's I-T-A-L, hyphen,
14 R-E-S-I-N-A.

15 Okay.

16 A little train and - train. This is -
17 we already gave them the tentative approval earlier
18 this year. They -. However, it's for approve -
19 they're trying to - I'm trying to think here, sorry.

20 These rides, they come from over -
21 there's a lot of these are being made other
22 manufacturers, and it's very similar to other rides.
23 So the approval for this year is to kind of bring to
24 light how similar rides and when it comes from
25 different data plates, we're finding that even

1 though they look similar in the field, they may not
2 be the same. So that's kind of what the approval
3 is. I don't know if anybody has any questions. I
4 see that Steve had questions on an email. Did you
5 find those questions out, Steve? Steven, you might
6 want to unmute if you're trying to answer. Maybe
7 Steve's kind of busy right at this moment. We can
8 answer him after this as well. We can circle back
9 to that on our own. He had questions pertaining to
10 some - the voltage going from rail to rail and how
11 it worked. And he had some questions in the manual
12 that he's asking the engineer about. So I was just
13 - since he asked that in an email, I just thought
14 maybe he'd bring it up. So maybe Bob can help
15 comment on that.

16 Since Steve isn't able to answer
17 right now, I guess we'll just kind of put that to
18 the side and we'll table that one for now and we can
19 address that at the next meeting or in emails with
20 the rest of the Board Members.

21 All right. So I guess that'll bring
22 us right to Hersheypark's Dark Night. So have it a
23 way, Tony.

24 MR. ROSSI: Thank you, Randall, and
25 good morning, everyone. My name is Anthony Rossi,

1 R-O-S-S-I. I'm with Hersheypark. We have submitted
2 for your review and approval what we're registering
3 as House Number Six for our Dark Night's Event. The
4 generic name at this point in time by storyline is
5 Estate of Evil.

6 The Estate of Evil is our 6th themed
7 walkthrough attraction at Hersheypark. You can see
8 the diagram there showing all of them. The
9 attraction is housed in a former catering pavilion
10 area of the park, which has been converted over for
11 this use. The conversion of the structures was a
12 permitted construction project which was reviewed
13 and approved by the Derry Township Community
14 Development Department under the guidelines of the
15 Uniform Construction Code.

16 The attraction has been designed to
17 allow for access to challenge guests, including
18 guests in electric mobility devices. Unfortunately,
19 due to size, some of them may have to transfer to a
20 manual wheelchair if it is too large. Copies of the
21 approved stamp, structural alarm and sprinkler
22 drawings have been submitted to the Department of Ag
23 (sic) for your review, along with our letter from a
24 professional engineer, certifying it has met all PA
25 regulations and ASTM standards for this.

1 The attraction was designed and
2 constructed in partnership with Adirondack Studios,
3 whose other clients include Walt Disney Universal
4 Entertainment, Motion Gate Theme Park, Doha Quest
5 and Knott's Berry Farm working on haunted
6 attractions.

7 A CEO, a Certificate of Occupancy,
8 was issued by our local AHJ for the facility and all
9 the life safety equipment inside. The attraction
10 will be staffed by a team of 14 professional actors
11 along with a minimum of six attraction attendants to
12 help guide the guests through; we refer to them as
13 ushers. There will also be two full time
14 supervisors in the attraction at all times.

15 So a little bit of backstory. The
16 Estate of Evil is themed as a brownstone residence
17 that has officially just been put on the market for
18 sale once again. Guests will wander through 13
19 rooms of the spacious mansion, be prepared to be
20 captivated by meticulous care of the live wake staff
21 that comes with the property when you buy it. The
22 experience features live actors, animatronic effects
23 creative lighting, fog and special effect elements
24 throughout the duration.

25 Guests will follow assigned pathways.

1 Guests will experience startling sights, sounds,
2 scents and sudden movements of the actors
3 throughout. The attraction is a behind the scenes
4 journey through the Estate's haunted traversing
5 pathways and the backstory is that for some reason
6 the residents of this domicile continually disappear
7 and it keeps getting sold to new ones. The question
8 is why and where did they go?

9 So your journey will be to get
10 through this house and not join the previous
11 tenants. This will be, as I said, our 6th
12 attraction. Hersheypark Dark Nights this year will
13 open on Friday the 13th for 25 nights of a Halloween
14 season. We offer our five indoor attractions, our
15 three separate scare zones, as well as traveling
16 haunt actors throughout the park, and a trick or
17 treat area for those that do not want to be scared
18 Thank you, Randall.

19 MR. ARNDT: What part of the park is
20 this going to be at? Like, that picture that was up
21 there, all those other ones in the back?

22 MR. ROSSI: I know you're familiar
23 with the park. Tidal Force Catering is the area
24 that it was taken, which is directly across the
25 midway from the Tidal Force Chute to Chute ride.

1 MR. ARNDT: Okay.

2 When you look at this, it's just kind
3 of hard to tell what part of the park.

4 MR. ROSSI: Yeah, as you can see
5 across the dark area where it is, go up a little
6 bit, the colored-in area, that's the service center,
7 the stadium service center. Across behind that
8 service area along the fence. Do you know where the
9 trams are parked, this is next to them. It's right
10 near the parking lot you park in, Randall.

11 MR. ARNDT: Sorry, I was trying -.

12 MR. ROSSI: No, no, no. There you
13 go. Yeah, there's the wade pool. There's the Chute
14 to Chute ride and there it goes.

15 MR. ARNDT: Okay.

16 MR. ROSSI: House Number Six.

17 MR. STRATHMEYER: Good morning, Mr.
18 Tom Rebbie.

19 MR. REBBIE: Good morning.

20 MR. STRATHMEYER: Good morning.

21 MR. REBBIE: Sorry for being tardy,
22 but we rode up from Hershey, it's all blocked off.

23 MR. ROSSI: I have nothing to do with
24 the RV Show.

25 MR. ARNDT: All right, Tom, I guess

1 to bring you up to date, we - right now we're on
2 Dark Nights right now. Tony, he just went over his
3 presentation of the attraction and early open on the
4 13th. And that will be this Friday, tomorrow.

5 MR. STRATHMEYER: So the other thing,
6 Tom, so we don't have a quorum. So we're really
7 going to only be able to review these two rides
8 today and then leave it up to getting emails out to
9 the rest of the board for approval. I think that
10 the train right now is actually running, has had
11 tentative approval.

12 MR. ARNDT: Correct.

13 MR. STRATHMEYER: And is just looking
14 for a full-board approval. Mr. Di Domizio and Mr.
15 Gorman are on the line, along with yourself, so we
16 only have three. Walt is also visiting with Mr.
17 Gorman up in Erie today for a House of
18 Representatives hearing on fireworks. So hence, I'm
19 here, as usual. But anyway, glad to have you. Glad
20 to see you made it. We're sorry that Hershey was
21 inconvenient for you. Let's try to fix that the
22 next time.

23 So, anything to add, Mr. Rossi?

24 MR. ROSSI: We are prepared whenever
25 the Department would like to take a tour and walk

1 through the attraction for your own preview.

2 MR. ARNDT: Yeah, I have time today,
3 so I'll come over to the park today and take a - go
4 through that today.

5 MR. STRATHMEYER: All right. Very
6 good.

7 MR. ROSSI: Thank you.

8 MR. STRATHMEYER: Steve Gorman, did
9 you have some questions or had some questions on the
10 train that maybe you wanted to bring up today? You
11 got yourself muted or unmuted? Can you unmute?
12 You're still muted. Nothing?

13 MS. BROWN: We can't hear you.

14 MR. STRATHMEYER: Do you have
15 yourself muted or unmuted, Steve? You're on mute.
16 You're still muted. Nothing?

17 MS. BROWN: Can somebody else try to
18 talk on the line? Derek, can you maybe say
19 something, see if we can hear you? Try now, sorry.

20 MR. SHAW: Yvonne? Can anybody

21 MR. STRATHMEYER: Yeah, now we can
22 hear you. Steve, try talking now.

23 MR. GORMAN: Hello? Testing, one,
24 two.

25 MS. BROWN: Yes.

1 MR. STRATHMEYER: Yes, we got you.

2 MR. GORMAN: Okay.

3 I do have questions on this. And
4 Randall commented that I emailed last night to Tim
5 Horn, and the other representative that was on the
6 checklist. And he just emailed me this morning, Tim
7 Horn, and said he was not aware of the meeting, that
8 he wasn't notified, and he thought it was
9 unprofessional that I asked 24 hours ahead of the
10 meeting with some questions. But having said that,
11 I will tell you my question.

12 So Randall, has anyone seen this?
13 Anyone from the Department seen this?

14 MR. ARNDT: Yes. Tony Catalano seen
15 it several times and I've seen it also.

16 MR. GORMAN: Okay.

17 I mean, most of the comments I had
18 are just picking at the manual, like I like to do,
19 but I don't see any weather restrictions and I
20 wonder if they have any in the manual. I think they
21 should. And since the rails are electrically hot, I
22 wanted to make sure that the fence is bonded so that
23 it's protected from people getting shocked. So I
24 think that's the key right there is making sure that
25 fence is bonded.

1 The other thing I noticed was I don't
2 see a dead man switch or it looks like the way I
3 understand it, the operator could just turn on the
4 power to the rails and the train will go, but he
5 could walk away. I don't know if they have a foot
6 pedal; it doesn't show it. I couldn't find it in
7 their manual. So that's a concerning thing to me
8 too.

9 MR. ARNDT: I don't recall the foot
10 pedal being there. We can check that and address
11 that as a QA issue to - because that is required.
12 So that we'll double check back on that.

13 MR. GORMAN: Okay.

14 Thank you. That's all. I just want
15 to make sure it's safe. I think it's required that
16 you have to have what I call a dead man switch,
17 present.

18 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Can you hear me?

19 MR. STRATHMEYER: Go ahead, Bob.

20 Yeah, speaking. Speak to your mic.

21 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Hello?

22 MR. STRATHMEYER: You're good? Sure,
23 go ahead, Bob.

24 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Okay.

25 Do you mind if I kind of step in?

1 MR. STRATHMEYER: Sure. Go ahead,
2 Bob.

3 MR. DI DOMIZIO: All right, thanks.
4 I'm going to just follow up with some things that
5 Steve has already brought up. And I looked over the
6 electricals and, you know, it's kind of unusual the
7 way this is drawn up with the improper ground
8 records it's showing 230 volts on one leg and zero
9 volt on another leg, which we know is not possible,
10 just generally just better explanation what's going
11 on here.

12 I'm seeing a transformer going
13 through a bridge which would come out of DC, then
14 the next phase, it talks about anything. So I don't
15 see where we're getting the 24 - 24 volt increase in
16 this whole circuit. It looks like it jumped down
17 and came back a different type.

18 So there are some issues there
19 Randall, I can go in more detail, but I'd rather
20 just put them in a note to you. But it's generally,
21 also, I agree with Steve that there's a lot of
22 issues here because we've got open contact - not
23 open - I'm sorry, non-weatherproof contact on
24 electrical and page 15 shows just a simple outdoor
25 connector. I don't know if this weatherproof or

1 not, it doesn't indicate such.

2 On page 17 there it shows the motor,
3 which would be the drive system, I'm assuming.
4 These are the kind of contacts that you can do in an
5 open environment. Everything should be covered and
6 preventing electrical shock in that manner.

7 Then on page 19, it shows the control
8 cabinet, which I can see from one of the photos, is
9 it's just out in the open. These are not, these are
10 not - I don't know what the I.C. rating would be on
11 that. We would recommend - we would require
12 something moving forward better than this. This is
13 somehow covered, because when it's not being used,
14 you can see you're going to get water inside the
15 cabinet, so I'm concerned about that.

16 Kind of what Steve was saying, like,
17 I said, there's - I'm not seeing good grounding. I
18 really get nervous when I see electrical parts so
19 close to the earth. I see that the ride is on
20 rails, but it wouldn't take a lot of rain or snow in
21 this case to make a contact with that. I don't know
22 if it's supposed to be a fair weather ride. I'm not
23 seeing any restrictions on climate temperature,
24 climate, how we prepare for that. That's the end of
25 my dialogue.

1 MR. STRATHMEYER: So thanks. And
2 again, all legitimate points between the two of you.
3 I guess that Randall and team will go back and take
4 a look at some of your concerns. The other thing I
5 would let Steve know is that Yvonne said that Mr.
6 Horn was in fact notified.

7 MS. BROWN: I'm going to check the
8 email.

9 MR. STRATHMEYER: Okay.
10 We're going to check the emails on
11 that to make sure that he was aware of the meeting.
12 It would be a little unusual if that didn't happen,
13 but thanks for reaching out to him, Steve.

14 Are there any other questions?

15 Okay.

16 All right. So we'll do some follow
17 up. We're not here to approve today anyway. It has
18 been temporarily approved and is running currently,
19 but we'll have Randall and team check up on it again
20 and make sure that some of the questions and
21 concerns you two have brought up are attended to and
22 we'll report back as soon as that happens then,
23 Steve.

24 Any other thoughts, concerns? Good,
25 Randy? Anything else to add?

1 MR. ARNDT: I don't have nothing else
2 to add. As for the train, well, I guess we'll be in
3 contact with them back and forth with Steve and the
4 rest of the group, the Board Members, for the finish
5 on that there, so we can answer Steve's questions
6 and address Bob's concerns as well.

7 MR. STRATHMEYER: Okay.

8 All right. Well, anything from the
9 audience? Gary, you have anything to add?

10 MR. CHUBB: Well, thank you. My name
11 is Gary Chubb, C-H-U-B-B, And I'm here representing
12 the PACE Amusement Ride Safety Seminar. The PACE
13 seminar basically stands for Parks and Carnival's
14 Education. It's a seminar that's given annually and
15 it's one of two seminars that will be happening this
16 fall in Pennsylvania that will have the approval of
17 Pennsylvania.

18 As a matter of fact, the final
19 submission was submitted yesterday for the PACE
20 Seminar. It went directly to Director Remmert. Of
21 course, the guidelines that have come out on seminar
22 approvals of Pennsylvania that has been submitted.
23 I'm sure Director Remmert will review it and respond
24 back to us accordingly with hopeful approval of the
25 seminars.

1 The dates this year for the PACE
2 Seminar are going October 29, which is a Tuesday,
3 through November 1st, which is a Friday. We do a
4 hands-on day at the Knoebel's Amusement Resort and
5 Knoebels will always do a good job up there, so
6 we're looking forward to that. We will offer both
7 24 hours of instruction, as well as 32 for those
8 people who need the additional hours. Educational
9 portion of the program is being presented by members
10 of the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety
11 Officials, otherwise known as NAARSA.

12 I guess I have a question for Yvonne.
13 Do you know, has anybody signed up to take the
14 Pennsylvania test as of this point?

15 MS. BROWN: I would have to look
16 because most of the times I never know if they don't
17 tell me. I usually try to get with Lisa closer to
18 the time.

19 MR. CHUBB: Yeah, and our
20 registration materials are pretty specific in that
21 we require them to contact the Department -

22 MS. BROWN: Okay.

23 MR. CHUBB: - directly.

24 Okay.

25 MS. BROWN: Okay.

1 MR. CHUBB: So sometimes they let
2 Lisa know, sometimes they don't.

3 Okay?

4 But our materials will be sent out,
5 they are supposed to contact you. In fact, I think
6 we have a deadline that they're going to be testing.
7 Bear with me here a second. They're supposed to let
8 you know by October 3rd they're going to be testing.
9 So if we find out they are going to be testing, and
10 we'll have to provide a testing location, most
11 likely at Bloomsburg University. That's where
12 classes will be held, at Bloomsburg University.

13 So I believe that's basically it. If
14 anybody has any questions, I'll be happy to field
15 them. And I think the Bureau has contact
16 information from seminar registration. If anybody
17 calls in and is interested, I'm sure the Department
18 will pass that information along. So that's all I
19 have, unless somebody has any questions.

20 MR. STRATHMEYER: Any questions for
21 those online for Mr. Chubb?

22 Okay.

23 Hearing none. thank you, Gary.

24 MR. CHUBB: Thank you.

25 MR. STRATHMEYER: Appreciate it.

1 MR. CHUBB: Thank you, Deputy
2 Strathmeyer.

3 MR. STRATHMEYER: Okay.

4 So are there any other pieces of
5 business that we need to attend to today? Mr.
6 Rebbie, -?

7 MR. DI DOMIZIO: If you please -?

8 MR. STRATHMEYER: I'm sorry?

9 MR. DI DOMIZIO: If you, please, I'd
10 like to just bring up something that's just for the
11 benefit of the Boards.

12 MR. STRATHMEYER: That's fine, Bob.
13 Go ahead.

14 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Currently I've been
15 in contact with Randall and currently, ASTM is
16 trying - there are certain people within ASTM
17 subcommittee that I sit on that are pushing very
18 hard to get performance trampolines be included on
19 the same standard that his brother - you know, put
20 it on - trampoline. So you have these indoor
21 course, they have play trampolines, and ball pits
22 and such. And certain parts need to have a direct
23 connection to this product are pushing hard because
24 they've included it it's been denied several times.

25 And I feel very strongly against this

1 idea - trampolines, the ones that you can achieve
2 very great heights, and it's made for acrobatics and
3 such, but they try to fix it out right alongside an
4 eight-year old laying on a smaller trampoline. They
5 don't belong in the same facility. And that's the
6 way it is now. They're not - they're purposely not
7 included. I think they're on their seventh attempt
8 right now on trying to get it passed to get this
9 included.

10 The reason I bring it up, not just
11 for the benefit of the Board, but also, if there's
12 anything like this that will carry some weight with
13 - now remember, this is kind of standard that
14 anybody will use, not just in the Commonwealth, but
15 is there anything that the Board can do to lend
16 their support behind this?

17 I mean, each of us gets our votes
18 just based on how we feel personally. I think the
19 kind of thing that might carry more weight if it
20 comes, like, some kind of statement of anything like
21 that. Steve would know better because he served on
22 the committee before, but some of the ideas is so
23 very - you know, there's so much danger involved.
24 And I guess go. And I - my own grandchildren go
25 with these kind of parks, you know, they go for the

1 fun or an event. Of course, then you have a
2 performance trampoline, you better have enough
3 ceiling height above it.

4 But how do you feel about -? I mean,
5 has it ever been done? Is there any precedent in
6 any work that you've ever done, or anybody can
7 remember where the Advisory Board has made such
8 recommendations for or against changes that ASTM or
9 ASTM subcommittees are proposing?

10 MR. STRATHMEYER: Bob, I guess, you
11 know, I've been here now almost ten years, believe
12 it or not, and I don't remember in the ten years
13 I've been here that there has ever been an action of
14 that sort by this Board, because as I understand
15 this Board, it is a Pennsylvania board that looks at
16 rides within the State of Pennsylvania to, you know,
17 to, you know, make sure that the safety and
18 wellbeing of our citizens is looked after.

19 I guess I would turn to Steve, or to
20 Tom or even Gary that's in the crowd that are in the
21 room with us today that have been around longer than
22 I have. And then also, I would probably defer. Not
23 probably, I will defer this to Walt to ask if this
24 has ever been done before.

25 I'm just not aware of it simply

1 because I've only been around this Advisory Board
2 for ten years. So I don't know if anyone - Steve?
3 I know you've been around a little while, and Tom, I
4 know you have, too, and Gary, I know you're in the
5 room. You've been around a while. I'm not sure if
6 this advisory board is actually engaged in that kind
7 of, and it's almost like lobbying, quite frankly.
8 So I'm not sure. And again, you're strictly an
9 advisory board to the director and to the secretary.
10 So I'm not sure that we had participated in that
11 way, in that manner.

12 MR. GORMAN: No, I don't recall us
13 ever coming across something like this. I've been
14 with Randall and seeing when he expected a
15 trampoline park. I don't recall anything being
16 anything like that.

17 MR. ARNDT: I think to start, I don't
18 recall anything, as I mentioned. But to start,
19 basically, you start a dialogue, and that's the
20 important part. You start a dialogue and it helps
21 to educate the Director and the Board Members. It's
22 not - and the Board Members, we all - they come from
23 different aspects of industry and have different
24 stripes just like you do and everybody else. And so
25 they may not be as versed on the trampoline and what

1 standard requirements are for standard time.

2 So just starting, bringing it to the
3 discussion is actually very important. And as
4 you're aware, everybody, if you're an ASTM member,
5 you have a vote. Unfortunately, here at the State,
6 on a state level, we only get one vote on our state
7 level, and that's Joe. So, like, I can't vote as a
8 state representative, Leonard can't, but on the
9 whole, like, so you're an ASTM member, you can vote.
10 Other board members, they're ASTM members they can
11 vote.

12 So as a whole, what you get - and so
13 now if we have all 10, 12 members of the Board, if
14 they're all ACM members, then you get 12 votes
15 compared to just Joe's vote, so - but they may not
16 vote if they're not educated. So you bring it into
17 the Board and it helps educate the rest of the Board
18 that there's an issue there. And you're correct on
19 these trampoline, the performance and how dangerous
20 they are.

21 Pennsylvania was the first one to -
22 we were the first state to enforce the standard that
23 the trampoline - what do you call it? The
24 trampoline group, whatever they are, they put that
25 standard back on 2012, 2013. And then when they

1 started coming to Pennsylvania, they weren't even
2 abiding by their own rules and standards that they
3 put together and we were enforcing that.

4 So we - and that was one of the
5 things they were trying to put these trampolines as
6 performance beds in there, and I have some concerns
7 with just as well as you do, and I don't, in the
8 sense of time, bring all them up at this moment, but
9 I'm just saying, the point is it's a good thing you
10 brought it - you're mentioning it because that's the
11 start of the dialogue. So the rest of Board knows,
12 and that's just going to make that point. So thanks
13 for bringing that up.

14 MR. STRATHMEYER: Yeah, Bob, and
15 again, thank you for bringing it up. You know, if -
16 to Randall's point, if there's additional
17 information that can be shared with the rest of the
18 Board Members, and it would be a topic that you feel
19 strongly enough about to then converse and discuss
20 at another board meeting. I'm sure that Walt would
21 be fine with that. But to Randall's point, I would
22 also make sure that, you know, the rest of your
23 Board Members are better informed on, you know, what
24 this is and what it is not. And you know, what your
25 concerns are. But yeah, I think again, once again,

1 education is going to be your best tool right now to
2 make sure that the rest of the board members are
3 well informed on your concerns and others concerns.

4 MR. DI DOMIZIO: One of the main
5 reasons - another reason I bring it up is because if
6 you recall back when bungee rides first appeared on
7 the scene and they were basically a new sport, a new
8 ride-type of thing, ride/attraction. And as a lot
9 of injuries started occurring and then, I think New
10 Jersey and Pennsylvania started to get proactive and
11 said, well, we're just not going to allow this
12 anymore, but that was only after some people got
13 hurt.

14 So here's a case where if something
15 like this - like let's say this, for example, this,
16 let's say somehow this gets approved and it becomes
17 an ASTM standard, now they can come in and say,
18 okay, we want this right. The rides have approved,
19 it's per ASTM and whatever, we have no reason to -
20 we have no legal standing to say, well, you can't do
21 that because the ASTM standard has been changed and
22 now it's allowed.

23 So I don't know where it goes from
24 there. I don't know how we got bungee rides, you
25 know, an act of congress, you know, or legislatures

1 to outlaw something like that and here we have
2 another, you know, - I'm going to call it what it
3 is, it's a dangerous type of ride. It's a long and
4 special environment. I'm not trying to not allow it,
5 but it doesn't allow in the context of where the
6 play is coming.

7 So I appreciate that very much.
8 That's the kind of thing that I think needs to be
9 just brought up, even if it is just a back pocket
10 thing and hopefully maybe up the line, a
11 subcommittee will take a look and decide, yeah, we
12 don't think it's a great idea if they're saying it's
13 the ASTM approved standard or not.

14 MR. STRATHMEYER: Okay.

15 And again, appreciate you bringing it
16 up. And like I said, if you've got additional
17 information that you could share with the rest of
18 your Board Members, I think that would be a good
19 start. You know, and again, like you said, it's
20 something maybe you have in your back pocket. But
21 at the end of the day, everybody's a lot better
22 educated on the subject matter and the concerns. So
23 appreciate you bringing it up, Bob.

24 MR. DI DOMIZIO: Thank you.

25 MR. STRATHMEYER: Are there any other

1 comments from the Board Members or anyone else?

2 Okay.

3 MR. SHAW: Mr. Chairman, Derek Shaw,
4 I have good news for today's Board - resulting in -.

5 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, I really
6 can't hear.

7 MS. BROWN: I can't hear either.

8 MR. STRATHMEYER: Derek? Derek, hold
9 on a second. Derek, you're going to have to talk
10 clearer or slower into your mic. The Court Reporter
11 can't hear and neither can we.

12 MR. SHAW: Okay.

13 I'll try to talk a little slower.
14 It's -.

15 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, I'm still
16 not getting it.

17 MS. BROWN: He's spelling his name.
18 S-H-A-W.

19 MR. SHAW: Was that clear?

20 MR. STRATHMEYER: Not really.
21 Unfortunately, Derek, it's just not coming through
22 clear.

23 MR. SHAW: Okay.

24 All right. Sorry about that.

25 MR. STRATHMEYER: Okay.

1 Thank you. Appreciate it, Derek.

2 MR. SHAW: Thank you.

3 MR. SPANG: Mr. Chairman, could you
4 hear me?

5 MR. STRATHMEYER: Yes, Mr. Spang. We
6 see you joined us. Thank you for joining.

7 MR. SPANG: Yes. I apologize for the
8 late entry into the panel. It's me trying to learn
9 how to use a cell phone, so I am here and just
10 wanted to make sure it was in the record. .

11 MR. STRATHMEYER: Yep, we've got you.
12 Thank you again for joining us.

13 Okay.

14 Well, with no other activity going
15 forward here, we're going to adjourn the meeting and
16 look forward to seeing you all the next meeting.
17 Thank you. Thank you all.

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19 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:42 A.M.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, held before the Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board, was reported by me on September 12, and that I, Madeline Helmstetter, read this transcript, and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

Dated the 17th day of September, 2024



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