

## Manchester Parks Foundation

Minutes from **April 3, 2006**  
Recorded and submitted by Sharon Hughes

### OFFICERS

- ✓ Ellen Rugemer, President
- ✓ Bill Skinner, Vice-President  
Marcia Bogash, Secretary
- ✓ Sharon Hughes, Treasurer

### BOARD MEMBERS

- Jenny Walters
- ✓ Betty Smith
- ✓ Donna Baker  
Carol Hose  
Elsie McCleary

(A check "✓" indicates presence at the date above a C represents an absence call.)

Volunteer Ellen Frey and Councilman Steve Bankert were also present.

President Ellen Rugemer called the meeting of the Manchester Parks Foundation to order at 7:05 PM at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- No Secretary's Report for the month of March
- Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed.
- Betty made a motion to accept the February Minutes as read and Sharon Hughes seconded the motion. The Minutes were passed as written.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The March Treasury Report was presented by Sharon Hughes:  
March income - \$ 238.83  
March expenses - \$275.55  
Balance - \$6,370.52
- Donna Davis made a motion to accept the March Treasury Report. Betty Smith seconded the motion. The Treasury Report stands approved.

### NATURALIST REPORT:

- Sherry is not sure how she feels about the geocaching request.
- Sherry is interested in who will be available to help with Spring Fest.
- When will the doors be replaced so that programs can begin again?
- Will hold programs when the place is clear of glass that could cause problems if a child would get a piece in them.

### PROGRAMS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Easter Adventure- 1400 eggs stuffed, T-shirts and prizes ready. Meet Saturday at 8:30 AM to prepare.
- Spring Fest-Puppet show, band, guide dogs, bear box, 2 crafts, and papermaking. The band needs no contract but has some stipulations for rain cancellation. Booked for \$400.00. No go for the Rock Wall. Just as expensive or more than the hot air balloon.

### FACILITIES

- \$2,189.56 bid by Jimmy Massimore to replace the doors. The front door will have glass with a piece of lexon fitted over it and the 2 back doors will now be solid doors. Will take 5-7 days for the days to arrive after ordering and then he would be down to do the repairs. The board agreed to go with his bid and not wait to hear from R.G. Miller due to time constraints.
- \$1,225 was spent to purchase a new Steiner tractor. The town donated the funds for this.

- \$2,775.00 is allotted from the Town to spend on a new building/shed. Looking to purchase a tan with green trim 10X16 foot barn with garage door. Will decide on Saturday where the best place is to locate the new shed.
- Steve will post a sign at the pond about no fishing and will order the fish prior to the Fishing Derby.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Website Statistics- 99 new visitors to the site this past month. A new visitor calculation now over 1,000 and the calendar now has over 1,010 hits since mid-August.
- Sam's Ceremony-Very nice turnout and gorgeous weather. Sam's parents made a donation for using the facility for the ceremony.
- Donation to Carroll Hospice in memory of Nina Singer approved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Vandalism-Steve is working with the Town to get estimates and chose a contractor to make the repairs. We're looking at replacing the glass sliders with two solid doors that will open out at opposite sides which will still allow nice air flow and light when open, and either security glass or plexiglass for the front door.
- Geocaching-the Board agreed to allow the geocaching project with stipulations of knowing exactly where it is to be located and if problems arise it will need to be removed. Ellen will contact through the email.

MEETING ADJOURNED

8:15 PM