

Manchester Parks Foundation
Board Meeting June 5, 2006
Submitted by Marcia Bogash

Present: Ellen Rugemer, Pres.
Marcia Bogash, Secretary

Trustees: Betty Smith, Carol Hose
Elsie McCleary

Volunteer: Tom Smith, Ellen Frey, George Hooper, Don Diseroad
Steve Bankert

President Ellen Rugemer called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM at the Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

Secretary Report: from May accepted as presented. Motion by Betty Smith, second by Carol Hose.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as presented. Motion by Marcia Bogash, second by Betty Smith.

Public Relations: Charlotte's Quest web page is now on CCPL Kid's Page. Flyers distributed and PR sent on Fishing Derby. Ellen will send PR pictures from workday to papers.

Naturalist Report: Letter from Sherry Fisher read to Board expressing concerns and questions about growth and direction of Charlotte's Quest. Much discussion followed and it was decided that the Board should meet with Naturalist Sherry Fisher to explore her ideas, suggestions for programs and her ideas for growth. Ellen will contact Sherry as to appropriate time and let the Board know.

Report from Steve Bankert:

1. Tractor will arrive on 6/12/06
2. Fish will be delivered on 6/14/06
3. Shed is in place
4. Pond...Cattails are still there since fish were spawning and could not be removed.
5. Mowing...He will convey to mowers the preference of mowing one third of each field on a regular schedule so as not to disturb all of natural habitat.

Spring Fest: all present felt that it had been very successful. Financial attached. Idea of paying at central location with no money at game tables was very successful. Crafts went well. Scavenger Hunt was well received. Bookmark craft was too difficult for age group that attended, 20 are left for usage. Hot dogs and pizza went well.

Fishing Derby: Elsie reported that all was ready.

Facilities: Two Eagle Scout projects are completed. Chad Lenz installed Cabinets that he had made for Interpretive Building. Robert Robertson installed The Information Kiosk.

Scout Troop 320: Parents and Scouts assisted in cleaning and narrowing flower beds next to building.

Tom Smith has volunteered to place railroad ties to designate flower beds.

Pond...Algae growing and pond is scummy.

New Back Door needs another lock. A type of slide bolt has been suggested. Tom Smith will research.

Old Business: Ellen has prepared a State Hwy. Reimbursement Grant Proposal to receive funds for trail maintenance. It is due by 7/01/2006.

Interpretive Building...Discussion as to Town of Manchester's plans for replacing Building. It was believed that this topic could be broached again with a less elaborate plan. If a petition is to be circulated it should be approved by entire Manchester Parks Foundation.

New Business:

Ellen handed out keys to new shed.

Project Open Space Grant money..There is \$909,951.00 for municipalities. Mt. Airy, Manchester, Hampstead, and Sykesville.

90% of money is from state

5% from county

5% from town

Proposal discussed to request a covered pavilion. Betty Smith moved and Marcia Bogash seconded the proposal be submitted.

Bear. It was decided that the Bear was a nice addition to the Bear Program. However, there was concerns about damage since there is little space or a way to protect the Bear from little finger. A letter will be sent saying thanks for the loan. And that we cannot keep permanently.

Colonial Day at Charlotte's Quest. Enjoyed by students, parents and teachers. Trash was taken away. Some activities that took place were: Farrier, Trader with everyday household items, Colonial Garb, Square Dancing, Quill Pens and a Storyteller.

PTA Funds

Betty Smith requested ideas for PTA funds. Discussion followed and it was decided that Fiberoptics and Display pieces would be good addition. Betty will request funds for these purchases.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM..Motion made by Betty Smith, second by Elsie McCleary.