

# MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

BOARD MEETING     March 30, 2009

**Present:** Betty Smith, Marcia Bogash, Ellen Rugemer, Ellen Frey, Donna Davis, Sharon Hughes, Elsie McCleary, Bill Skinner

**Town of Manchester:** Dale Wilder

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Sharon Hughes at 7:05 PM at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

**Minutes:** approved as corrected as follows:

2008 water was turned on by Town and George Hooper, Tom Smith did not help;

6 picnic tables were ordered, 2 to be used for wheelchairs  
Motion by Ellen Rugemer and seconded by Ellen Frey

**Treasurer Report:** Approved as presented. Motion by Marcia Bogash, seconded by Betty Smith.

**Naturalist Report:** 15 attended the first program. There have been 3 field trip inquiries. Earth Kids have begun working on the side flower bed along the path.

**Public Relations:** Posters and PR sent out for Easter Egg Adventure. PR in place for April 6 event at Library. Information on Park now at Carroll County Department of Tourism.

## **Programs:**

***Easter Adventure Egg Hunt:*** Families will be asked about suggestions of what to put in eggs for 1-3 year olds. Table to be set up for greeting and to try and count number of attendees. Rules to be handed out to each family. Bill Skinner will put caution tape around pavilion. Bill Skinner will contact pavilion builder to make sure that he is not pouring cement on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Spring Fest:***

- Santoro's Creamery would like to sell ice cream at event. Ellen Rugemer has gotten most of craft items together. Crafts will cost from 50 cents to \$1.50. Ellen has also purchased shirts at nearly new and craft paints.
- Marcia Bogash will purchase supplies to use at Spot-a-Pots.

- Betty Smith and Ellen Frey will take care of food purchases and will order pizza. Prices will be set when we know the cost of the food. Water and soda will be sold for \$1.00. Ed Poe has said that he will check on paper goods. Betty will check to see what paper goods are on hand.
- Pavilion will house the band. Elsie McCleary will check with the band about extension cords. Donna Davis will find someone to do Smokey. She will ask John Sies.

***Fishing Derby:***

Elsie McCleary suggested that we have it at Christmas Tree Park Pond. Mickey McCleary says that our pond is full of grasses. He was able to catch fish at Christmas Tree Park but not at ours. Elsie has not called about stocking pond. Mickey is looking into prizes at different places. Ellen Rugemer will look into some small token gift (a bag of candy) for each person attending with the idea of fishing.

**Facilities:**

- Work Day will be April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9—12:00
- Pond: Donna Davis will look into finding someone to look at Pond. She has not received any word from those that she had called. Pond might need to be drained or poisoned. Elsie said that years ago they drained Christmas Tree Park Pond and moved those fish to Pine Valley.

**Old Business:**

Pavilion: Bill Skinner asked Dale Wilder to check with Steve Miller about second pavilion at pond since the first came in so far below estimated costs. The grant still has money. No electricity has been run to the building.

Greenway: Betty Smith has plans to meet with some of the Ebb Valley teachers to walk the area in April. The Grant will need to be written by Town or Charlotte's Quest. If Greenway fails there is a possibility of having Ebb Valley get permission to do time-by-time Park visits.

Memory Grove: Sign on order waiting for final mock ups.

Telescope: donated and is at the Town Office.

By-Laws and Budget: Need to be done

Taxidermy Display: Ellen Rugemer feels that the display should be placed on a small platform with plexiglass in front of it. It would enhance the building. Plexiglass would be about waist height. To keep children out and people from touching. Suggestion made that one section be movable to allow change of exhibit and cleaning as needed. Lorne Haines, Eagle Scout will be approached as to interest. Motion made

by Ellen Frey to ask him to do project. Marcia Bogash seconded. Betty Smith abstained. Ellen Rugemer will check with him.

Floor of Nature Center: The floor is in bad shape. Maybe the Town will allow money to cover replacement or painting.

Entrance Gate: has been fixed and works much better.

Sign: on York Street will have posts painted yellow.

Certificate of Appreciation: Sharon Hughes has completed and one will be given to Carol Hose for serving on the Board.

Chestnut Planting: Donna Davis passed out information sheets on what will be required for the planting. She also showed the Board a Tree Shelter. Forestry Board will provide shelter and stakes for the trees. All trees will need to be labeled showing variety and a map needs to be made with location of each tree. Bill Skinner feels that an area of 90 X 90 will be needed. Each year the trees need to be measured and recorded. Donna has the trees and they need to go in ASAP. Donna Davis, Ellen Frey, Bill Skinner and Ellen Rugemer are hoping to plant on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Masking of Port-A-Pots tabled until next meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- Ebb Valley invited us to be part of their Carnival on June 13<sup>th</sup>. So that we can have information on the Park there. That is after school closes for the summer.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50. Marcia Bogash moved, Elsie McCleary seconded.

Next Meeting to be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted,  
Marcia Bogash, Secretary