

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

Board Meeting

April 4, 2011

Present: Ellen Frey, Elle Rugemer, Bill Skinner, Justin Watts, Marcia Bogash, Barbara Trump, Donna Davis

Town of Manchester: Doug Myers

Guest: Vince DePalmer

Meeting called to order by Bill Skinner, Vice-Chairperson at 7:11PM at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

Minutes: Approved as presented. Motion by Justin Watts second by Ellen Rugemer

Treasurer's Report: To date \$1300.00 has been donated to Spring Fest. Report approved as presented. Motion by Marcia Bogash second by Ellen Frey.

Public Relations: Event at Library was very successful; about 40 people attended. Fishing Derby will be June 4. Marcia has made posters and begun placing same. Ebb Valley Carnival will not take place due to lack of volunteers.

Work Day: To be held on April 9. Ellen Rugemer has gotten 2000 more eggs. She will purchase candy. Doug Myers has brought snow fencing to be used for Easter Adventure and Spring Fest to help with crowd control. 2 Auxiliary Police will assist with parking. Fire Co. and Police will take part in Spring Fest. Ellen R. will make up Park Rules and Marcia will have flyers made up with Spring Fest & Fishing Derby info. Justin has volunteers coming to work day and also Easter Adventure.

Programs:

- **Spring Fest:**
Moon Bounce has been rented for \$411.25. Justin will handle Kids Corral which will include: moon bounce, obstacle course, Recycle Toss, Bean Bag Toss, Tic-Tac-Toe, Ring Toss, etc. His sister has designed a photo op. sign. Doug Myers will look into hand washing station. If he cannot get one, motion by Ellen Rugemer and seconded by Marcia Bogash that we rent one for \$60.00. Motion passed. Ellen Frey reported that Sound System will be borrowed from Town. She has also sent out PR to news media. She also has poster board and trash barrels (need tops removed). She has everyone assigned as needed.

Charge for Duck Pond, Milk Bottle Toss, and Golf Game will be 50 cents per. There will be a hand stamp for those entering Kids Corral so that they can return. Bill Skinner will appear briefly as Smokey Bear. Fire Co. will have Fire Board. Ellen Rugemer has crafts worked out and needs volunteers. Vince DePalmer has his own Table for Bocce Ball. Barbara Trump announced that the following would be there:

Pony Rides & Petting Zoo (High Ridge 4H); EW Grimes of Quality Deer Mgmt. with deer display, Power Take-Off 4H will be doing food and she suggested more desserts. Paper Making, Composting, Master Gardeners, Bird Feeders, Face Painting, Pot Throwing, Archaeology dig, arrow heads (Dennis Trump); Energy Audit (Justin's dad); Manchester Valley Environmental Club; etc. She will check about plant sales. Marcia will contact Forever Green but will wait to hear from Barbara.

Motion by Marcia Bogash and seconded by Barbara Trump that we purchase 2 Easy-Ups. At \$100.00 each Justin will purchase. Motion by Marcia Bogash, seconded by Barbara Trump that we purchase 6 more tables. Justin will purchase. Both motions carried.

Spring Fest Committee needs help on April 30 with set-up from 9:00 AM until...Help also needed early on May 1st.

Bill Skinner will make Entrance Signs.

- **Girl Scout Tree Planting Troop #440**
Will take place on May 14th. At 9:30 AM. Donna Davis will order the trees and be there to help. Bill Skinner will open gates and get mulch. Tree-Mendous Tree person is bringing trees. Tree placements will be flagged and 20 trees will be planted.
- **Bocce Ball**
Vince is signing people up. He plans on 16 teams max. for each event. Ellen Rugemer has ordered enough prizes for each event. Vince needs more registration forms. He is working on PR from WTTR.
- **Thursday, April 21st:**
A group of Volunteers will be coming from Manchester Valley High School. Bill Skinner will make arrangements with this group. Ellen Frey volunteered to come if she could get a ride. Work is needed around building and on trails.

Ellen Rugemer has been researching bins for the new displays. She presented pictures of the bins that she plans to order. Motion passed that she go ahead with purchase. 25 bins will be ordered in two sizes.

- **Memory Grove:** No report

Bill Skinner has been working on the building and has made great strides on the front and back.

Donna Davis brought the safety vests. She is waiting for Sharon to send her the lay out for vest to give to Eikenberg Printing.

Doug Myers reported that the Budget for the Park remains the same, that there were no cuts. There is still no date on Pond Pavilion.

Motion made by Ellen Rugemer that meeting be adjourned. Second by Marcia Bogash. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

**Submitted:
Marcia Bogash, Secretary**