

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING
August 5, 2009

Present: Sharon Hughes, Marcia Bogash, Ellen Rugemer, Betty Smith, Donna Davis, Ellen Frey

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Guest: Barbara Trump

Town of Manchester: Doug Myers

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

Minutes accepted as presented. Motion by Betty Smith second by Ellen Frey.

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented. Motion by Marcia Bogash, seconded by Ellen Frey.

Public Relations: Letters sent to recent large donators. Letter of thanks sent to Vince DePalmer for Bocce Ball Tournament.

Carroll County Visitor Center needs more brochures.

There was an article in the Carroll Magazine about the archaeology investigation.

Map of Trails: Betty Smith is working on new maps. Doug Myers will look into other help with the maps of the trails.

Naturalist Report: Many requests about renting pavilion. Healing garden to be worked on.

Pavilion Rental: How best to handle?? Should arrangements and key be left at Town Office?? Ellen Rugemer suggested that fence and gate be changed to allow access which would change the parking. To be discussed at next meeting.

ARC is interested in having some of their people come and put in work hours. The Board agreed to give it a try.

Master Plan: Still on hold.

Programs:

Bocce Ball second event to be held Sept. 12 or 13

Memory Grove: The mother of the man who drowned wants to plant a tree at Memory Grove. The Board agreed that one more tree was all right. Marcia will send the order form to the mother.

One Red Bud and one other tree need replacement.

Ellen R. will invite scout volunteers to help with planting.

Sharon will send invitations to Volunteers and Betty will do the invitations for Tree Planting.

No replacement trees are needed for the buffer. Betty suggested that instead of trees that we get bushes. Ellen R. suggested that we get 5 extra trees to cover any extras that are needed plus to place to shade pavilion.

Spring Fest: Next year will be the 15th anniversary. Committee will be Sharon Hughes, Ellen Frey and Barbara Trump. Ellen Rugemer has the materials and will take care of the craft portion.

Facilities: Tom Smith reported that the trails are in good shape. He saw a hawk with a damaged wing, but has not seen it for the last several days. He also saw a doe with 3 fawns. Town has been in to mow 3 times and will be back in September.

Tom says that the new picnic tables are not made of treated wood and will need to be sealed. Also the old tables need treating as well. Ellen R. will check to see if any scouts will do this service time. Tom figures that a 1/2 gallon of sealer will be needed per table.

There is a large bees nest outside of the Building.

Pond: no update

Old Business: No report on Greenway.

Eagle Scout projects are in the works.

Donna Davis brought tubes for the Chestnut Trees. Betty will help with placement.

Pavilion at Pond: No update

New Business: Ash Borers are coming into the area. There are purple monitoring devices on trees in Carroll County. Since there are ash trees on the property we will need to evaluate treatment options etc.

Motion made by Marcia Bogash, second by Betty Smith to elect Barbara Trump to the open Board position. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Marcia Bogash at 8:10 PM second by Ellen Frey.

*Submitted:
Marcia Bogash*