

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION, INC.
Board Meeting 2/01/10

Present: Sharon Hughes, Ellen Rugemer, Ellen Frey, Marcia Bogash, Donna Davis, Barbara Trump

Town of Manchester: Doug Myers

Guests: Vince DePalmer, Justin Watts

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Eagle Scout: Kevin Utz

Meeting called to order by Sharon Hughes at 7:05 PM at the Manchester Town Office

Minutes approved as presented. Motion by Ellen Frey and seconded by Barbara Trump.

Treasurer's Report: No written report. Balance in account \$5,529.48.

Doug Myers: Survey work at Park is complete as of 2/01/10...Ribbons are still up but can now be removed. He has been working to resolve issues with residents as to dumping on Parkland. Will address issue again before Fall.

Vince DePalmer: spoke about Trail from Ebb Valley and the High School so that Manchester has a Trail like other Towns have.

Eagle Scout Kevin Utz presented a check for \$66.87 that was left from money raised for his project. Sharon Hughes read a letter of appreciation to him for his achievement. Everyone thanked him for the display he had constructed for the taxidermy collection.

Naturalist Report:

- **Classes will begin again in March with some changes in ages and content. Public Programs will be held on the 3rd and 3rd Friday of each month. 1st and 4th Fridays will be used for Field Trips.**
- **Earth Kids will resume and the Healing Garden project will be redone with better signs and more attention.**
- **Naturalist will be asked to meet with Executive Board on an annual basis.**

Pond Pavilion: Waiting for the weather to change...

PR: Posters ready to go out for Easter Egg Adventure.

Master Plan: Being worked on with short and long term goals.

SPRING FEST:

- Sponsorships are up to \$1050.00
- Hughes will be donating a hand washing station for the day.
- New Additions to Attractions are: Petting Zoo, Pony Rides for \$1.00 (money to go to 4H), White Tail Deer Display, Annual & Perennial Plants for sale, Face Painting for nominal charge, Vince DePalmer Bocce Ball display, Reptile Wonders. Possible: Birds of Prey, 50/50 Raffle
- Ellen Rugemer will look into having some Boy Scouts volunteer.
- Ellen Frey reported that Dave Marshall of the Fire Dept. Ok'd the use of the Activities Building Parking lot for the over flow parking.

EASTER ADVENTURE

Ellen Rugemer has printed 220 copies of the rules to hand out as people enter. Marcia Bogash will make a flyer about Spring Fest to be handed out to those attending as well.

FISHING DERBY: Date has been changed to May 22nd.

BOCCE BALL: Dates will be June 19-20, August 7-8, and October 2-3. Vince announced he will hold 3 Tournaments and would like cooperation from the Board. Do we want to be recipients of the funds he raises? Everyone was enthusiastic about the idea...and some plant to get a team together.

FACILITIES:

- Tom Smith reported that he had cleared downed trees from the trails. Most of the trees that came down in the wind were pines.
- Tom reported that surveyors were finished on Friday, 1/29/10. He will begin removing the ribbons.
- Tom had a book from Stephen Israel that he will place in Nature Center. It includes an Archaeological Survey and Inventory of the Investigation and was done by Benton Watson. Stephen has told Tom that he plans to come again in March.
- Tom is waiting to hear back from the people who will be servicing the tractor.

Manchester Valley High School: Looking for Service Hours...Sharon suggested April 30th, as a work day. School wants to discuss a fund raising partnership...Suggested idea for someone artistic to do a tree for the new taxidermy display.

OLD BUSINESS

Open Board Position

NEW BUSINESS

- **Newsletter info needed.**
- **New volunteer, Elisa Moriarity, will be doing Online Calendar and will help with newsletter. Another new volunteer will sit at Nature Center once a month.**
- **Bocce Ball Help Ideas:**
 - **Serve coffee and buns at start in AM free to participants**
 - **Ellen Rugemer will look into trophies**
 - **We will give a prize of free membership to winners and a certificate that Sharon Hughes will create.**
 - **Will supply a cooler of water and soda on the honor system.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM

Submitted

Marcia Bogash, Secretary