

**MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION, INC.  
Board Meeting  
Monday, January 4, 2010**

**Present: Sharon Hughes, Ellen Frey, Ellen Rugemer, Bill Skinner, Marcia Bogash, Barbara Trump**

**Town of Manchester: Doug Myers**

**Volunteer: Tom Smith**

**Meeting called to order by Sharon Hughes at 7:10 PM at the Manchester Town Office**

**Doug Myers expressed concerns about financial issues with the Town budget and the effect it might have on the Nature Center. What will the Town continue to pay—presently these issues are still not resolved.**

**Minutes approved as presented. Motion by Ellen Rugemer and seconded by Ellen Frey.**

**Treasurer's Report: Attached. Approved as presented. Motion by Marcia Bogash, seconded by Barbara Trump**

**Naturalist Report: Sharon Hughes asked each Board member to do an employee evaluation on Naturalist Sherry Fisher and return it to Sharon.**

**Park: There will be no scheduled walks in the woods on windy day and this will be expressed in the newsletter.**

**Pond Pavilion: Waiting on weather and meeting with the builder.**

**SPRING FEST:**

**\$750.00 has been collected in sponsorship money.**

**Groups Planning to Attend:**

**Manchester Fire Dept., Lineboro Fire Dept., Master Gardeners, Wild Acres (backyard birds), 4H (doing food), Ellen Rugemer (crafts), Donna Davis (Board with flames that spin), Maryanne Turner (Bird Feeders), Paper Making, Smokey Bear, Brenda Black (Water Booth, Water Management. Agency)**

**Band: Aspen Run has been hired cost \$500.00**

**Committee working on many other groups such as Petting Zoo**

## **EASTER ADVENTURE**

Date will be March 27 with a rain date of April 3. Someone will be assigned to be at gate to give out rules as well as flyer about Spring Fest.

Egg stuffing will be on March 20 at 9:00. Amount of eggs will be increased this year. Ellen Frey will ask Wal Mart manager for donations for event. Ellen Rugemer will go to Wal Mart following Easter for empty plastic eggs.

## **FISHING DERBY:**

Date not yet set.

## **FACILITIES:**

Kevin Utz and Loren Haines have completed their Eagle Scout projects at the Nature Center.

Tom Smith...Tom reported that there will be some test well digging in area of Memory Grove...He reported that there were again snowmobiles in the Park.

Neighbors along Wilhelm Lane are still dumping their leaves on Park property. They dump piles and do not spread the leaves. Also there are cans and plastic often mixed in with the leaves...Some piles are 3 feet tall. Doug Myers suggested that the Town send a letter to the folks along Wilhelm suggesting that the leaves be taken to Christmas Tree Park.

The Pump House has a new dawn to dusk light on it

Someone around December 1<sup>st</sup> had gone into the Park and broke limbs off of trees with an axe.

Town does not plow inside of gate to Park.

Mower: Tom will contract for annual service...

Tom has cleared hardwoods that came down during recent high winds off the trails.

He strongly suggested that something be put in the newsletter about elements of nature being beyond our control and that a warning be posted on grounds in the kiosk.

Tom did not see water in the building following all of the heavy recent rains...Bill Skinner suggested putting flashing and will look into this.

Ellen Rugemer has capped the drain in the floor to keep out mice.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Open Board Position will be advertised in the newsletter.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Sharon will be meeting with someone interested in helping Nature Center by sitting there. Concerns expressed about giving her key. Marcia and Sharon will meet with her to resolve key issue.**

**Executive Board to meet again on 1/11/10 to review Master Plan.**

**Bill Skinner feels that a realistic and important goal will be to produce a Volunteer Handbook.**

**Display in Town Office will be worked on by Bill to reflect what is happening in the Park with the Investigation.**

**Ellen Frey will send out the dues letters.**

**Barbara Trump will be arranging a donation of some sort of materials from Black and Decker worth about \$100.00. How to best use not decided.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM**

**Submitted**

**Marcia Bogash, Secretary**