

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING
July 6, 2009

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

Volunteers: Tom Smith, Jim Singer

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

*Minutes of the June Meeting were accepted as presented. Motion by
Elsie McCleary, second by Betty Smith.*

Treasurer's Report: Kept for record

*Public Relations: Last month there were 4 news articles and a front
page picture of the Bocce Ball Tournament and the donation to
Charlotte's Quest.*

*Naturalist Report: Camp Fire and Night Hike to be held this Fall.
Herbs will be harvested from the Herb Bed.*

*Fishing Derby: Only 7 participants this year. 10 Bass and 10 Bluegills
were caught. How to attract more kids??? Prizes will be awarded on
July 14th at the Town Meeting. Jane Hays will donate money for prizes.
Gift for person who donated prizes for many years is still not done.*

*Memory Grove: Cutoff date is August 1st. Planting is first Sunday in
October at 3:00 PM. Holes will need some amended soil. Tom Smith
feels that Town should use auger and dig smaller holes than last year.*

All Volunteer names and addresses to go to Sharon Hughes.

Facilities:

Tom Smith has completed the privacy barrier for the spot-a-pots. He is also planning to fix the lattice work as well. Cost to date for project has been \$309.00.

Picnic Tables: Tom received an email telling him not to anchor the tables due to future placement of walkway. Marcia Bogash moved and Elsie McCleary seconded that Tom go ahead and anchor the tables due to the tilting problems. If they have to be changed it will be dealt with at that time.

Trails are in good shape. Fawns have been spotted in the Park and a lot of people fishing. Also Hawks and Baltimore Orioles have been spotted.

Bocce Ball. Another Tournament is planned for Sept. 26 & 27. Vince has suggested that a good project for Scouts to raise money might be to sell food at the Tournament. Ellen Rugemer will be asked to check on Scouts interest.

Pond Concerns:

Donna Davis took 3 different specimens from the pond.

Feathery plant is bushy pond weed.

One was sedge or rush

Under Water Bush is Egeria which is not Native and is invasive. It is a rooted Perennial.

Options: Removal of plant or drain pond or herbicide.

Removal would need to be done underwater.

Bill Skinner stated that his son had equipment to handle this. Tom Smith and Bill Skinner felt that the Town needed to be approached about Bill's son doing this removal. Bill will contact the Town about the scuba divers removing the Egeria and get back to the Board.

Stephen Israel had an investigation the last day of school and is planning one later this summer.

Master Gardeners Interns: Working on cleaning the front flower beds.

Old Business:

Ebb Valley has had a few groups to the Park and with permission walked across Tree Farm.

Paper work not yet done on Pond Pavilion.

Eagle Scout projects are in the works.

Chestnut Tree Planting: Bill Skinner has measured and submitted the paper work. It needs to be repeated in October. So far no mortality of any trees. Marcia Bogash moved and Elsie McCleary seconded that we purchase better Tree Shelters since there was concern about the ones supplied.

New Business: Money Tallied from Bocce \$330.00, Fishing Derby \$7.00 and donation box \$69.00.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 PM

Submitted:

Marcia Bogash, Secretary