

**Manchester Parks Foundation
Minutes from June 7, 2004
Respectfully submitted by Brenda Wulforst**

OFFICERS

- √ Elsie McCleary, President
- √ Ellen Rugemer, Vice-President
- √ Brenda Wulforst, Secretary
- √ Sharon Hughes, Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS

- √ *Jenny Walters*
- √ *Steve Bankert*
- √ *Betty Smith*
Bill Skinner
- √ *Donna Baker*

(A √ indicates presence at the meeting on the date above.)

Center volunteers George Hooper, Tom Smith, and Pete Wulforst also attended the meeting.

Elsie McCleary, President, called the Monthly Meeting of the Manchester Parks Foundation to order at Charlotte's Quest on June 7, 2004, at 7:00 PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed.
- Sharon Hughes moved to accept the May minutes as written, and Jenny Walters seconded the motion. The minutes stand approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Sharon Hughes presented the May Treasurer's Report.

May income-\$757.90
May expenses-\$572.83
Balance-\$3,089.06

Brenda Wulforst moved to approve the Treasurer's report as written. Jenny Walters seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report stands approved.

NATURALIST POSITION

- Olivia Canfield's letter of resignation was read and accepted by the Park Board.
- Manchester town budget continues to allocate funding for Naturalist position.
- Sherry Fisher will assist Charlotte's Quest as a volunteer naturalist.

FISHING DERBY

- Steve Bankert has reserved port-a-pot through Hughes Sewage.

- The event is scheduled for June 19 at 8:00 AM.
- Capitol Bass Master will weigh and measure fish.

BUILDING COMMITTEE-

- Presentation of a "concept plan" to the Manchester town council was discussed.
- Formal motion was made to present this "concept plan".
- Elsie McCleary, President, called for a Parks foundation vote to present the plan. The vote was as follows:

Yes- Elsie McCleary, Sharon Hughes, Jenny Walters, Donna Baker, and Brenda Wulforst.

No- Betty Smith and Ellen Rugemer

Abstention- Steve Bankert

Not Present- Bill Skinner

- The Building Committee will present "concept plan" at a future Manchester Town Council meeting.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

- Ellen Rugemer presented plans submitted by a scout to build a kiosk at the Nature Center.
- Plans were reviewed and approved.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Memory Grove planting scheduled for October 3, 2004.

FACILITIES-

- Manchester Elementary second grade classes requested permission to use Charlotte's Quest on several dates during the 2004-2005 school year. The request was approved.
- Donna Baker discussed the need for yearly inventory of diseased trees on Parks Foundation property. Prompt attention is needed to prevent possible injury and subsequent lawsuits.
- Riparian buffer planting appears to be successful. Of 185 trees planted, only 5 appear not to have survived.
- Several issues relating to destruction on Nature Center property were discussed. Vandals have destroyed birdfeeders, picnic tables, and trail benches.
- Charlotte's Quest properties continue to be destroyed by unauthorized motor vehicle traffic.
- Ellen Rugemer purchased 2 "user friendly" canopies for Nature Center use.
- Betty Smith used \$40.00 for grass seed to re-seed area.

Ellen Rugemer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Donna Baker seconded. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2004 at the Nature Center at 7:00 PM.