

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING

Date: June 2, 2008

Charlotte's Quest Nature Center

Present: Ellen Rugemer, Ellen Frey, Carol Hose, Sharon Hughes, Donna Davis, Betty Smith, Bill Skinner

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Town on Manchester: Dale Wilder

Meeting was called to order by President Ellen Rugemer at 7:05 PM.

Minutes: approved as read..Motion Sharon Hughes, seconded by Ellen Frey.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as presented. Motion by Ellen Frey and seconded by Carol Hose.

WEB Page update: 175 new hits and hits to calendar 224

Public Relations: Marcia Bogash sent posters for Fishing Derby. Some had already been distributed. Remaining posters were to be dispersed by Board Members.

Naturalist Report: Sherry requested space in the utility shed so that there would be more space in the building. She also wants to schedule Adult Programs on one Saturday afternoon a month. This would require a Board member to be there to lock up. The Board recommended that the program be held on the first Sunday of the month while Sharon, or Elsie are present.

Sherry also suggested that the Fire Ring in the Council Ring be removed due to possibility of fire. The trees are close and there have been problems with vandalism.

She also brought information to the Board about "green practices" that could be put into place. This was not acted on.

Sherry also brought up that we have been invited to set up a table at Common Ground on July 13 and 14. Free of cost. Bill and Sharon expressed interest in helping Sherry man a table. Donna spoke of borrowing a professional display for the table. Ellen will look into times of events and contact others.

Programs:

Spring Fest: With donations of food and paper goods and money from Town there was approx. a profit of \$300.00

Fishing Derby: Elsie was unable to attend meeting but Sharon believes that he fish have been ordered. The Derby is to take place on 6/28/08

Facilities:

People are swimming in the pond.

Two dozen trees are down or broken since Gladfelter was in. There is a tree down on the trail. Tom Smith has cleared away limbs and left the trunk to deter motorized vehicles.

Bricks cleared out at “old barn” and used in Butterfly Garden.

Pond: Tom is raking off the top-takes about an hour a week compared to 2 hours last year. He feels Aquashade is helping with the algae. He is also keeping the water level down. Donna Davis asked about the size of the pond. Guesstimate was ¼ acre and 10 feet deep. (questionable)

Pavilion: Nothing more heard since article appeared in paper.

Butterfly Garden: Planted \$200.00 worth of plants donated by PTO. Mary Hoy donated 50 gallon-sized plants worth approx. \$300.00. Some plants placed near Riparian Buffer.

Old Business: Bill Skinner and Ellen Rugemer are to meet with Town officials on June 13th.

Ellen brought info. about microphones. One is to be purchased with money donated by Eagle Scout. She will talk to IT Dept. at McDaniel and Radio Shack for assistance with purchase and will present it at next meeting.

New Business:

Geo Cache. Email request to do this project again. Board approved it.

Committee Situation again discussed...nothing resolved.

Donna brought information from Arbor Day Foundation about Nature Explore program that uses different learning situations similar to what was discussed as Eagle Scout project at last month's meeting.

The Board feels that it needs to learn how to turn on water pump. Someone is to contact Jim Singer since he seems to have a process that is less time consuming.

Adult Voluteers, membership events and other info should be included in Town Newsletter. Dale Wilder will approach Town about allowing us a full page for this information.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Motion by Ellen Frey seconded by Bill Skinner

Minutes taken by Sharon Hughes and Carol Hose. Transcribed by Marcia Bogash.