

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

BOARD MEETING June 1, 2009

Present: Sharon Hughes, Marcia Bogash, Betty Smith, Ellen Rugemer, Bill Skinner, Ellen Frey, Donna Davis, Elsie McCleary

Volunteers: Tom Smith, Jim Singer

Town of Manchester: Doug Meyers

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

Chairperson Sharon Hughes read letter of resignation from Ed Poe. Letter accepted by vote of Board.

Minutes of the May meeting were accepted as written. Motion by Ellen Rugemer and second by Elsie McCleary.

Treasurer's Report: Reports were presented for April and May. April report accepted. Motion by Marcia Bogash second by Elsie McCleary....May report accepted..Motion by Marcia Bogash second by Ellen Frey.

Budget was presented as accepted by Executive Committee..Motion by Marcia Bogash, second by Ellen Rugemer...Budget will be sent to the Town of Manchester.

Betty Smith sent a note of "thanks" to the Manchester Elementary PTA for the \$700.00 which was put toward the picnic tables.

Tom Smith will anchor the 2 wheelchair accessible tables to the ground so that they do not tilt.

ByLaws..Marcia Bogash made a motion to accept the ByLaws changes, second by Ellen Rugemer..ByLaw changes will be sent to the Town of Manchester for approval. Sharon Hughes will send the ByLaws to the Town via email.

Public Relations: Poster out and press releases for Fishing Derby.

Naturalist: There was a problem with one field trip as to charge for events. The group paid \$1.00 per instead of the \$2.00..Letter was sent. Question to be discussed at next meeting..Should we charge for teachers and adult chaperones?

Everyone is to think of ideas for Master Plan for Nature Center to discuss ASAP.

Programs: Memory Grove sign is up and Carroll County Master Gardeners donated \$110.00 toward the cost.

List of trees purchased was given to Donna Davis and Betty Smith. Refreshments for the planting will be veggie tray, and sweets and drinks. The day will include honoring volunteers. A list will be made up and a letter sent to them. Bill Skinner will make volunteer certificates.

Fishing Derby: Will be held on June 27th. Prizes will be awarded at Town Council Meeting. Pond was not stocked this year or last year. The owner of the Bait and Tackle Shop has given prizes for the last 14 years to the Derby. It was agreed that Manchester Parks Foundation should give him some form of recognition. Sharon Hughes will look into this.

Facilities: Archaeology Investigation will be held June 11 and 12.

Aquashade treatment of Pond was done by the Town.

Trails: Tom Smith was approached by someone who felt that the Park was a recreational area for him to drive his tractor through. He complained to Tom who was on his tractor working in the Park.

The picnic table at the Pond has been repaired.

Spot-A-Pot privacy barrier. Tom Smith showed the group his idea for achieving this project. Motion made by Ellen Rugemer and seconded by Marcia Bogash that Tom go ahead with this project.

Tom Smith has cleared the trails and they are in good shape.

Pone Pavilion: Still no answer as to what is happening. Doug Meyers will check and report back.

Greenway: Next week the Ebb Valley 5th graders and the Manchester 3rd graders will hook up at Charlotte's Quest. Betty Smith has given the teachers an activity for that day.

The 2 Eagle Scout projects are in the works. Bill Skinner will look for a tree for inside the building.

Chestnut Tree Project: Bill Skinner will check the numbers and measurement of the trees and give Donna Davis the information.

Pond Export: Waiting for Donna Davis to gather vegetation.

Bocce Ball Tournament: Eight teams are to participate. Vince has gotten many items donated and any profits will go to Charlotte's Quest.

New Business:

Ellen Rugemer and Marcia Bogash will meet and come up with ideas to clean out and replant the island in front of the building.

Tom Smith reported a rabid fox and raccoon that were captured and euthanized.

Newsletter to contain information on ticks and rabies.

Doug Meyers will inquire if Town can get access to topsoil that could be less expensive than buying it on our own.

At 8:40 Ellen Rugemer moved, second by Ellen Frey to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted: Marcia Bogash, Secretary