

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION, INC.

June Board Meeting

June 7, 2010

Present: Elsie McCleary, Sharon Hughes, Ellen Frey, Marcia Bogash, Ellen Rugemer, Bill Skinner, Barbara Trump, Justin Watts, Donna Davis

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Guest: Vince DePalmer

Meeting called to order by Chair Sharon Hughes at 7:08 PM at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

Secretary Report: Minutes from April were reviewed and accepted as presented. Motion by Ellen Rugemer and second by Ellen Frey. Minutes from May were reviewed and accepted as presented. Motion by Ellen Rugemer and second by Donna Davis.

Treasurer's Report: Presented and accepted. Motion by Marcia Bogash and second by Ellen Frey.

PR:

**Much positive feedback from Spring Fest...
20 posters placed for Fishing Derby and included in many
community calendars**

Pavilion: Building to begin soon. Permits being pulled.

Bocce Ball: Two teams from Nature Center. One is Bill Skinner's group, and another is Ellen Frey, Ellen Rugemer, her husband Brooks and Donna Davis.

Vince said that he needs someone to award prizes as well as prayers for a pleasant dry day...He has 15 teams coming and he is allowing 30 minutes of play.

Doughnuts and coffee will be provided in A.M. Water will be placed in a cooler on the honor system.

Ellen R. Will take care of cooler and water

**Ellen Frey will take care of coffee
Vince will provide cups.**

Prizes: Center will provide stainless steel water bottles with logo and name. (Cost 137.50) Enough ordered for all tournaments. Certificates for membership at Nature Center to be provided to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Vince spoke to Manchester Manor about Bocce Ball and they have come to visit him. He has 2 teams coming to August Tournament.

Fishing Derby: There were 8 attendees –Five in first group who caught the most fish and 3 in second group. Mickey says that he will do it again because most of the kids were catching their first fish. Mickey lent his equipment to the children and his Aunt Jane Hays is providing the prizes. We need to do advance PR for this event at Spring Fest and Easter Adventure Egg Hunt. Everyone had a good time.

Facilities: Ellen Rugemer has found a product that will cover inside floor. It is a garage floor product and will provide a cover for concrete. Flecks are placed on product after it is down. Marcia used product on cement floor in screened in room. It will have to be done in stages. One side of building at a time. The building will be closed the last 2 weeks in October and the first and second weeks in November. Donna suggested renting a POD to store everything and then the whole building can be emptied and done at once. Ellen R. will check prices.

Work Day: Not a lot of people but much was accomplished. Next work day will be July 17th, 9 AM—12 PM

Herb Garden: Changes need to be made. Possibility is to place herbs in raised beds to cut down on weeding.

Tom Smith: Trails are fine. He has been mowing along the fence near the new pavilion. The canopy from the bandstand was torn down by the wind. It was still up for 2 weeks after the event. Also a sign at Main and York was blown about and Tom had to remove it. Tom has fixed the port-a-pot light again.

Pond: Donna Davis...Mark Staley from DNR coming out on June 11 at 1:00 PM with someone from County to do Pond Plan. It will include

Pond Plan as well as management of fish and vegetation. Stocking of Pond: This will determine what kind of fish are in pond and do we need fish at this time. Donna has info on how to apply for State fish. Elsie will do follow up.

Memory Grove Bricks No problem from Town about treatment. Thomas Water Sealer...new bricks will be treated at time of placement. Older bricks on an ongoing basis. Treatment will need doing every few years.

Hemlocks We have permission to spray...Bill Skinner will handle.

New Business:

Key Issue...Key to gate and one to building. Sharon feels that there should be a master lock box in place. Justin suggested that we purchase a lock box with code. That could be placed outdoors. There is also the issue of money left after outings and trips. Not resolved.

We had a donation of cabinet of rocks from Don Malbrough.

Rental of Pavilion: not resolved.

Town Newsletter: Suggestion to include all sponsors of Spring Fest.

Donna Davis reported on new group called “Weed Warriors” who will be trained to pull non-native invasive species. Training will be through Forestry Board.

Ellen Rugemer reported that Scout Reed Portney wants to do project at Park. He is suggesting a Stream Table or something on invasive species. He wants to become an environmental professor. Ellen will follow-up with him.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM... Next July 5th

**Submitted by
Marcia Bogash, Secretary**