

**MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION  
BOARD MEETING March 3, 2008  
North Carroll Library**

**Present:**

**Guests: Stephen Israel, Benton Watson, Tom Devilbiss\ Maryland  
Archaeological Society**

**Board Members: Ellen Rugemer, Sharon Hughes, Betty Smith, Carol Hose, Ellen  
Frey, Bill Skinner, Elsie McCleary, Marcia Bogash**

**Volunteer: Tom Smith**

**Report from Maryland Archaeological society:**

**The Society contacted Steve Miller at Manchester Town office and received permission to do some digging. So far they have dug 30 pits. They believe that Hunters and Gatherers were in the area and that it was a large occupation over a long period of time. They distributed maps of Pine Valley Park showing the test pit locations. They also handed out pictures of some of the artifacts that have been found as well as the actual artifacts. They plan to do a display for placement at the Nature Center as well as one for the Town.**

**All information will be placed in a state data base. The exhibit will be about the ways of life of the people who lived here. Some of the materials found are made from materials not native to this area and it is believed that they were brought here from long distances and can be as old as 3,000 to 7,000 years old.**

**Discussion followed their request to continue with the dig. A motion was made by Betty Smith and seconded by Marcia Bogash that they continue their work at Pine Valley Park.**

**Minutes: Accepted as presented. Motion made by Sharon Hughes and seconded by Elsie McCleary.**

**Treasurer's Report : Accepted as read. Motion made by Marcia Bogash, seconded by Ellen Frey.**

**WEB Page: Sharon reported that it now loads much faster**

**Public Relations:** Article with pictures of Naturalist and Earth Kids recently appeared in the Carroll Eagle as well as an article about the need for volunteers by Angie Shiever appeared in the CCTimes. Posters out in Community for Easter Egg Hunt.

**Naturalist:** None at this time.

**Programs:** Easter Eggs will be stuffed on 3/08 and the Hunt is scheduled for 3/15

**Spring Fest:** Craft items are ordered. Master Gardeners will have a display as well as cockroaches. There will be a bird feeder making display. Betty Smith has completed the journals. To win there must be one full page completed. The person at reception will initial to make sure that there is some way of tracking. Bill Skinner will be in charge of the Scavenger Hunt. Price will be 50 cents for crafts and duck pond. Prizes will be ordered.

**Facilities:** A 2 wheeler track bike was left at the Park. Tom Smith called the police who confiscated the bike. The 2<sup>nd</sup> house from the Nature Center has a 4 wheeler, so far no problems. Betty Smith found a wounded fox and the police were called. It took them many shots and much ammo to put it out of its misery.

**Bulleting Board:** Ellen took off second layer of cord that had fallen. Bill Skinner will check into doing board with "homosate".

**Old Business:** The Town officials are receptive to getting together to address concerns. List is as follows:

**Mowing around the pond:** keeping grass clippings out of the pond;  
**Mowing schedule;** spreading out millings; piles of debris need to be removed;  
**concrete block and debris from pump house;** rotation of field mowing; any  
**cutting of trees;** making the Nature Center aware of what is happening; etc.

**Pavilion:** Money has been allocated through the Town from Maryland Dept of Natural Resources Capital Grants and Loan Adm. Program Open Space. Cost to be about \$35,000 for a 30 X 30 pavilion.

**New Business:**

**Public Relations** to send letters to organizations offering speakers from the in search for financial, as well as, volunteer help.

**Carroll County Garden Club** will be planting Native Trees for Arbor Day event.

**Tree\_Mendous-Tree Program as offered. 10 free trees for planting. Still no word on viability of this program.**

**Betty Smith reported that the PTO money will be used for Tarps; Walkie Talkies, To redo Butterfly Garden and for 4 sets of stamps for Nature Center.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM since the library was getting ready to close.**

**Submitted by Marcia Bogash, secretary**