

# MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

BOARD MEETING     March 9, 2009

**Present:** Sharon Hughes, Ellen Rugemer, Ellen Frey, Donna Davis, Bill Skinner, Betty Smith, Ed Poe, Marcia Bogash

**Volunteer:** Tom Smith

**Town of Manchester:** Dale Wilder

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sharon Hughes at the Manchester Town Office at 7:05 PM.

**Minutes:** Approved as corrected...to read that Betty Smith will lead facility walk at Spring Fest not Ellen Rugemer...Motion by Bill Skinner, second Ellen Frey.

**Treasurer Report:** Approved as presented. Motion by Betty Smith, second Marcia Bogash.

**Naturalist:** Earth Kids are starting to work on bed near shed.

**Public Relations:** Letter sent to Miss Berwager thanking her for donation. Oak Notes had PR on Spring Fest, Easter Adventure and Presentation at Library on archaeology. Also Library had PR in the magazine "Currents". Article appeared in Merchandiser. Article also about Naturalist Programs in Carroll County Times.

***Easter Adventure Egg Hunt:*** Troop 665 will help with parking and crowd control. Betty Smith hopes to have some Volunteers to help stuff eggs. Betty has also made signs to define age areas at Hunt. Rules and brochures to be given 1 per family; also to contain Spring Fest Information. Children will be advised not to steal eggs from others.

## ***Spring Fest:***

- Don Malbrough will be bringing his rock display again. Betty Smith has picked up quartz rock bags and donated them for the sand sifting activity. Ellen Rugemer will look into finding smaller rocks for same activity.
- Petting Zoo: Deep Run 4H will provide.
- Bill Skinner cannot do Smokey due to surgery but will try to find a replacement. Donna Davis will also check on a Smokey person.
- Betty Smith has made plaster craft butterflies, owls and birds for the craft program. She is also making coupons for volunteer food purchase.
- Recycling Display: Bill Skinner said that there would be one for Spring Fest
- Donna Davis will get Bear Box for Betty Smith and also will provide Fire and Water Board Game along with Smokey Bear, nuggets for prizes.

## **Facilities:**

- Water needs to be turned on. George Hooper did this last year. Dale Wilder will look into having Town turn it on mid April.
- Tom Smith went with Steve Miller to place stakes for Pavilion.
- Trails: More trees down.
- Mower was serviced and a sealant placed in tires.
- Coyotes were spotted in the Park.
- The snow fall brought in snow mobiles again.
- Tom Smith cleaned up the pond so that it could drain to where we want it. Donna emailed the Pond Experts again about problem with pond.
- Clean Up: Will be on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9—12:00. Cornerstone Church is looking for a project. Betty Smith will contact them about work day.

## **Old Business:**

Pavilion should be completed by Spring Fest. Betty Smith brought up the idea of having Town employees make picnic tables 8 foot tables will cost approx. \$100.00. PTA has about \$500-\$700 for the Facility. One table will be wheel-chair accessible. Marcia Bogash moved and Ellen Rugemer seconded that we arrange to purchase these tables.

Greenway: Betty Smith will be meeting with teachers from Ebb Valley, the principal and other professionals to discuss Greenway. She did not know if Mr. Thomas was contacted. Hashawa will have reps there who have knowledge of Greenways. Meeting is to be held on March 12.

Telescope Donation: Dale Wilder will check to see if it was dropped off to the Town.

Memory Grove: Gift Project still not done.

By-Laws Update to be done at time of Budget.

Eagle Scout Project: Suggestion was for benches for Memory Grove.

Bench Source: Ed Poe knows of a mill in Gettysburg who will make benches from downed trees.

Sign: Marcia Bogash has offered to paint the posts on the Charlotte's Quest sign to make it more effective visually. Dale Wilder will check with the Town.

Ink Cartridge Recycling: Sharon Hughes would like someone to take over the ink cartridge mailing for reimbursements. Bill Skinner agreed to do so.

Gate into Facility: Gate needs to be raised. Bill Skinner, Tom Smith and Ed Poe will look into this.

## **New Business:**

- A certificate will be presented to those who leave the Board after serving out their term.
- Ed Poe will plant a tree at Memory Grove for Catherine's Cause.
- American Chestnut Foundation is looking to place 50 trees at facility. These are test trees and will need to be in an area that can be observed. An area will need to be cleared for this project and they are suggesting 10x10 per seedling. Dale Wilder will check with Town about this project. Bill Skinner has offered to take this on if the right spot can be found. Donna Davis will follow up.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:45 PM**

**Next Meeting to be held on March 30**