

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION, INC.
Board Meeting
Monday November 2, 2009

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

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Meeting called to order by Sharon Hughes at 7:03 PM at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

Minutes: Approved as corrected. Motion by Ellen Rugemer and seconded by Ellen Frey.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. It was voted on that the Naturalist submit hours quarterly. Motion by Marcia Bogash, second by Betty Smith

Letter from the Town of Manchester was read announcing that there have been financial losses to the Town due to economic downturn. Limited mowing will be put into place. Presently the Town provides the following: spot-a-pots, Naturalist Salary, office staff support, electric, and insurance plus money toward Spring fest and certain supplies. There is a possibility of some cuts. Ellen Rugemer will submit the bill for the Naturalist salary. The Board agreed that we could look into grants for the naturalist salary.

Membership: There are 18 new memberships and 5 of them through the Naturalist programs. There have been 10 field trips besides the elementary schools. Also there have been numerous requests for Pavilion Rental.

Pavilion: Meeting with Steve Miller when he stated that the Town would be taking the present Pond fence down. There was again much discussion about placement of Pond Pavilion. A motion made by Marcia Bogash and seconded by Betty Smith stated that a majority of the Board be present to pick the definite placement of the Pavilion with the contractor. Motion carried.

There was an excellent news article on October 17th about the archaeological investigation.

Possible Fund Raising Ideas: Selling food at Bocce Ball event and pavilion rental.

Spring Fest Committee Report:

4H Group will handle food sales

Marilyn Mause of Wild Acres

Reptile Wonders

Santoro's Creamery

Ellen Rugemer suggested contacting Bureau of Resources Mgt. for display.

50/50 Raffle

Sponsorships are being sought

Band...Aspen run \$600.00

Thursday's Reign \$350.00

Need to decide on which band ASAP.

Facilities: Tom Smith said that he had met with Steve Miller and the 3 parcels of property on Ferrier Road are not of concern. Steve informed him that the areas of concern are Town owned. The lot on Walnut Street will not be sold so Memory Grove can continue.

Work Day on October 10 Report: Picnic tables had preservative applied and trails were mulched.

Nature Center Floor: suggestion made about using paint that is used for garage floors.

Tom suggested that Lambs be contacted to see if a glaze can be put on memorial bricks to protect from the weather. He stated that people have not moved or damaged them.

Old Business: Kevin Utz has raised money for his Eagle Scout project. He plans to build it sometime this month. Money was earned at a Bake Sale.

Bill Skinner announced that the Chestnut Trees were measured and the results sent to Penn State. Trees are doing very well.

Pavilion Rental ideas will be tabled until 2010.

Good and Welfare:

Betty Smith announced that effective immediately she was resigning from the Board. The Memory Grove book was up to date and she had brought it to the Nature Center. She had given Tom Smith her keys.

Motion made by Ellen Rugemer and seconded by Barbara Trump to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Submitted

Marcia Bogash, Secretary