

**Manchester Parks Foundation
Board Meeting September 10, 2007
Submitted by Marcia Bogash**

**Present:
Ellen Rugemer, Pres.
Sharon Hughes, Treasurer
Marcia Bogash, Sec.**

**Board Members:
Carol Hose, Ellen Frey
Donna Davis, Betty Smith**

Volunteers: Tom Smith, Jim Singer

**Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center by
President Ellen Rugemer.**

Minutes: accepted as presented. Motion by Ellen Frey, second Carol Hose.

**Treasurer Report : Accepted as presented. Marcia Bogash made motion, Ellen
Frey seconded.**

WEB Page: 144 new hits

**Public Relations: Carroll County Garden Club has approx. 45 people attend the
picnic and meeting as Charlotte's Quest...The group gave a donation of \$50.00.
For everyone in attendance it was the first visit to the facility.
Steve Allgeire, Horticulture Consultant is planning an identity walk at the Quest in
September.**

**Visitor: Kyle Mosley, Eagle Scout donated the remaining money from his project
to Charlotte's Quest.**

October Tree Planting at Memory Grove:

**Betty Smith mapped out existing trees and what is needed for this years
planting. Last year the town dug the holes. Town needs to mow the area...27
trees are to be placed. 35 have been ordered including replacements. There is
some confusion as to the names of people being remembered with trees this
year. Donna Davis will follow up with name check...Betty feels that we can spread
trees up the hill for planting area...Ellen will check about proclamation and who
will read it. Donna will take care of planting invite and Sharon will handle the
same for Volunteers and members.**

Facilities:

Eagle Scout will not be doing the flower bed project...

There was great feeling in all present that the beds next to building need to be changed...Presently the weeds and thistle are impossible to keep up with... Betty Smith suggested looking into switch grasses, Marcia suggested ferns for shaded area. Jim Singer suggested 4 O'clocks. Flowers would be maintained in bed directly in front of building, other beds to go to low maintenance.

New Trail: Steve Miller discussed greenway from Ebb Valley School. To be discussed with Thomas Tree Farm for path across their property.

Chain Saw... Town attorney does not feel that facility should own a chain saw. To be discussed further as to education of those using saw, etc.

Port-A-Pot: Extra one is being left at facility to compensate for lack of lock and sanitizer.

Bird Feeders: Ellen Rugemer's son will repair for credit hours for school.

Tom Smith has been purchasing bird seed and putting it out. He will repair bird houses.

Ellen will purchase cork for the board.

Old Business: Betty gave away shirts to Cranberry and Hampstead schools at her presentation.

Betty also brought up problems with school getting permission slips for visits. There are multiple concerns with these permission slips. Specific permission slips are now required for each excursion.

Spring Fest: Date to be May 4 from 12 - 4

New Business: Tax exempt renewed for Staples, Lowes, Home Depot, WalMart, Bowmans, Target...Sharon will send copy of card...Sharon also brought up that we now to file a long tax form annually. It was suggested that if this is too time consuming that we hire an accountant to do or use the Town's accountant.

October 13th ...8 – 4 Forestry Board will conduct Invasive species Day. Contact person is Donna Davis.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM