

# Manchester Parks Foundation

Minutes from **August 1, 2005**  
Recorded and submitted by Sharon Hughes

## OFFICERS

- ✓ Ellen Rugemer, President
- Bill Skinner, Vice-President
- Brenda Wulforst, Secretary
- ✓ Sharon Hughes, Treasurer

## BOARD MEMBERS

- ✓ Jenny Walters
- ✓ Betty Smith
- ✓ Donna Baker
- Marcia Bogash
- Elsie McCleary

(A check "✓" indicates presence at the date above.)

Volunteer Tom Smith was also present.

President Ellen Rugemer called the meeting of the Manchester Parks Foundation to order at 7:12 PM at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Minutes from the July meeting were read.
- Betty Smith moved to accept the July minutes as written, and Jenny Walters seconded the motion. The minutes stand approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The July Treasury Report was presented by Sharon Hughes:
  - July income - \$259.00
  - July expenses - \$568.22
  - Balance - \$6, 189.92
- Jenny Walters moved to accept the Treasury report as written. Betty Smith seconded this motion. The Treasury Report stands approved.

### NATURALIST REPORT:

- The programs are tried and true but some are not attended, as she would like. Therefore, Sherry has decided that promoting the nature center needs to be the first step and then promoting her programs the second.
- It was suggested that a complete list of Sherry's programs go into the Oaknotes.

### PROGRAMS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wildflower Walk- Sunday, August 7, 2005 **CANCELLED**  
Dave Pyle needs to have surgery that weekend and is unable to do and no one else was available to secure to do this program.
- Earth Kids- Due to rapid water in the stream following the remnants of Tropical Depression Cindy Sherry Fisher chose to have the kids do trail maintenance. They cleared trash, tree branches and debris from the trails.  
Meeting dates: August 12, September 9, and October 14
- Nature Nook-Five children faithfully coming each month.

Meetings dates: Aug. 5, September 2, and October 7.

- Manchester Parks Foundation Meetings- September 12, October 3, and November 7. No meetings in the month of December.
- Forest Ecology- Sherry will do a forest ecology study on Sunday, July 17.
- Full Moon Nighthike-August 19, 2005 7:00 PM-8: 30 PM
- Incredible Insects-September 18, 2005 4 PM-5PM.
- Memory Grove-planting is scheduled for 3:00 PM October 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
One tree is split and needs to be replaced. At this time no one has ordered any trees for Memory Grove. Brenda Wulforst was interested in a tree for her mother Geraldine who recently passed away. Betty Smith will check with her about this. As the planting will be uphill any new trees will need to be hardy and “like” rocks. We discussed getting a tree for Geraldine as a Board for all of the work that she had done for us and for the Town of Manchester. Betty will see if the Town is interested in a tree for Geraldine as well and if they would be willing to pick up the trees prior to the Memory Grove Planting.
- Christmas Crafts Workshop-December 3, 2005 10:00AM-Noon.

## **FACILITIES**

- Riparian Buffer is doing real good. The trees seem to be adjusting well.
- Mowing-George Hooper is keeping up with the mowing of the trails and around the building. Riparian Buffer has been mowed twice. Volunteer Tom Smith has done this. Tom has also left islands of wildflowers and ferns that look real nice. The fields appear to have all been mowed at the same time again instead of doing succession mowing and leaving habitat for the wildlife. Tom mowed the trail that was covered with poison ivy trying to irradiate this situation. This trail still needs to be cleaned up along the edge. Switchback trail done.
- Trails-in good shape. Two trees are down but can be walked over. One leaner-will be difficult to remove.
- Building-trim and other painting has not been finished—TOO HOT—will be done at a later (COOLER) date.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Sunday Opening pay-It was discussed about paying someone to sit there on the first and third Sunday when Sherry is not available. Sharon Hughes made a motion to pay whoever wants to come in to sit on the Open Sundays. Jenny Walters seconded the motion. The motion stands approved. The individual is to receive \$7.00 an hour.
- Betty is going to a 3-day workshop on brackish water. She may learn more about what plants to use to replace the evasive cattails in the pond. At this time Tom has been cutting them back each year before seeding to help with the spread. Cattails are also growing along the stream now.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A boardwalk along the edge of the pond and a handicap ramp up to the boardwalk from the drive was discussed. More research needs to be done. This could be an Eagle Scout project. This is an important issue because of handicap individuals that may visit the pond for field trips.

Betty motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and Jenny Walters seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM. Next meeting scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> at CQNC @ 7:00 PM.