

**Manchester Parks Foundation**  
Minutes from February 6, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:10

In attendance were Ellen Rugemer, Betty Smith, Tom Smith, Steve Bankert, Marcia Bogash and Carol Hose

There was no Secretary's or Treasurer's report. These will be reviewed at the March meeting. No official business was voted on due to the lack of a quorum.

**Facilities-** The pond is about 10" below the cap. That is the lowest Tom has seen it. Most of the stumps have been cleared from the area where the pump access road was installed, but the bank needs to be seeded as it is eroding. There were several signs from a child stapled to trees offering dog walking service, these were taken down by Betty and Tom. Betty also contacted the parent to inform her of these flyers and the dangers of such advertising.

The need for a possible shed at the pond to store nets was revisited and the board decided the problem of transporting the nets could be solved by having the field trip participants meet at the Nature Center building and have them carry the nets down and back thus making the walk part of the field trip. Participants could use one trail to the pond and return via another, making a nice round trip. The board agreed to look for a wagon to aid in the carrying of such equipment.

**Programs** – Easter Adventure, there are plenty of eggs in the shed, Ellen will buy non-peanut candy at BJ's and eggs will be stuffed on April 2. Spring Fest- The board discusses music options since the Bluegrass band from last year will be unable to perform due to a scheduling conflict. Ellen will call Pete Wulforst about his band playing. Steve will get prices on other entertainment options such as a hot air balloon or a climbing wall. Ellen suggested possible craft ideas from a catalog company that packages nature activity kits, and will bring a copy of the catalog to the March meeting. New Business-Money for a new lawn tractor and possible shed to store were discussed. Steve will talk to the Town and possible grant reimbursement money will be applied for thru SHA.

Meeting Ajourned-8:15

Submitted by President Ellen Rugemer