

Manchester Parks Foundation

Minutes from **March 6, 2006**

OFFICERS

(p) Ellen Rugemer, President
(p) Bill Skinner, Vice-President
(p) Marcia Bogash, Secretary
(p) Sharon Hughes, Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS

Jenny Walters
(p) Betty Smith
Donna Baker
Elsie McCleary

(p) indicates presence at the date above

Volunteer Tom Smith, Carol Hose and Councilman Steve Bankert (p)

President Ellen Rugemer called the meeting of the Manchester Parks Foundation to order at 7:10 PM at the Manchester Town Office.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Not Available

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Sharon Hughes<Treasurer presented the January report.

Marcia Bogash moved and Betty Smith seconded the motion. The January report is attached and is approved.

Sharon Hughes, Treasurer presented the February report. Betty Smith moved and Marcia Bogash seconded the motion. The February report is attached and is approved.

NATURALIST REPORT:

Attached

Response to Suggestions:

1. Swifter Wet will be provided
2. Location of cabinet cannot be changed as project is to far along
3. Pavilion.. To be considered..There are issues as vandalism that need to be addressed.
4. OK to paint Discovery Table
5. Betty Smith will prepare a Bear Box

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Display for Easter Egg Hunt in place at library

Flyers distributed for Easter Egg Hunt

Press Releases mailed for Hunt

Website shows continued growth.

PROGRAMS & COMING EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt.....Need 1500 eggs...no hard candies...no peanut butter candy for eggs. Tootsie rolls, candy kisses and small chocolate eggs will be used to stuff eggs.

Sharon Hughes reported that she already had prizes except for the youngest kids. We will meet April 1 at 10:00 AM to stuff eggs.

SPRING FEST

Presently in place for events:

Guide Dogs, Puppets, Paper making, Sherry's animals

Instead of \$20.00 for space to charge 10% of income

Sharon has sent out letters and will send out letters to other possible vendor suggestions.

Steve Bankert reported on Hot Air Balloons. Costs from companies called could vary from \$950.00 to \$1600.00 per hour. Too costly.
Helicopter rides..Concerns as to location and noise.
Band..Ellen R will contact Pete's Band cost to be under \$500.00
Kid's Crafts...Betty and Ellen will do Incredible Insects and Bookmark kit projects.
Pizza...Betty and Ellen to handle

FACILITIES

Betty S. reported that the sign with the Map has rotted and falled. Tom S. placed it on the pile.
Clean-up for Spring Fest will be May 6 from 10:00 to 12:00 AM.
Leaning Tree is down. Steve B. has cut it into 5 foot sections.
Steve B. reported on the commercial grade lawn mowers. He had three proposals ranging from \$7600.00 to \$4225.00. Prices were obtained from Liberty, Beckers and Steiners. It was moved by Bill S. and seconded by Betty S. that group Ok purchase of the Steiner mower.
Ellen R. will write to State for reimbursement of mower and shed. The money is awarded to groups who develop, improve, and maintain trails to provide access for recreation and natural resources.

EARTH DAY

Betty S. 4th grade to use facility on April 20th with the 21st as a rain date.

CLEAN UP DAY

April 29th from 9 until 12.

SCOUTS

Sam Peregoy will have his Eagle Scout Ceremony at the Nature Center on April 2nd at 2:30. He built the Trail between the Nature Center and the Fire Ring.

OLD BUSINESS

Sharon Hughes moved that Carol Hose be elected to the vacant Board position.
Marcia Bogash seconded. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

A proposal was made for the organization to donate \$50.00 to Carroll Hospice in memory of Jim Singer's wife Nina. Steve B. will check into validity of one non-profit to another.
Sharon Hughes moved that a tree be planted in her memory. Seconded by Marcia Bogash. Motion carried. This will take place at October 1 Tree Planting in Memory Grove.

Betty S. moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 PM seconded by Sharon Hughes. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia L. Bogash, Secretary