

# MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

## Board Meeting April 2, 2007

Recorded & Submitted by Sharon Hughes, Treasurer

Meeting Called to order by Ellen Rugemer at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center at 7:05 PM.

### **Present:**

Ellen Rugemer, Pres.  
Sharon Hughes, Treas.  
Betty Smith, Board Member  
Donna Davis, Board Member  
Ellen Frey, Board Member  
Carol Hose, Board Member  
Elsie McCleary, Board Member

### **Called unable to attend:**

Marcia Bogash, Sec.

### **Volunteers and Visitors:** Tom Smith

**Secretary Report:** Betty made a motion to accept the February Minutes as written and Carol Hose seconded the motion. The February Minutes passed. Ellen Frey made a motion to accept the March Minutes with the needed change. Betty Smith seconded the motion. The March Minutes passed with the needed change.

**Treasurer Report:** Donna Davis made a motion to accept the Treasury Report for March. Ellen Frey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Website:** 110 new visitors to the website for the month of March and 153 hits to the calendar this month.

**Public Relations:** Nothing to report.

**Naturalist:** Nothing reported.

### **Programs:**

- Easter Adventure:  
A success with approximately 115 children and \$57.00 in donations.
- Spring Fest:  
Tremendous Tree Activity and the rocks and minerals order came in. Gems a little big, chips would work better. Ellen R. will order. Will also need sand and paper plates for this activity.

Sharon will contact Ellen R. about the food and drink purchased last year and this will be modified for this year.

Sharon is to make the schedule for the activities of the day.

Will clean the building and prepare items the Saturday before Spring Fest, May 5, 2007.

Approximately 10 tables needed. Ellen will contact Steve about getting these.

- Fishing Derby- scheduled for June 23, 2007 8am – noon. Elsie will check into hatcheries to purchase the fish (bluegills and sunnies, instead of catfish). Elsie would like to give a little something to each participant so they don't go home empty-handed. Will think about this and come back with ideas next month.

### **Facilities:**

- The pond will be left as is at this time to see how the changes put into place last year help with the algae problem. The pond water is clear- this is a good sign. Still the ongoing problem with the drain. The Catch & Release sign is up.
- Tom Smith to remove the pyramids in front of the building due to bee problem.
- Tractor is not in the shed-Betty will call Steve Bankert about this. Need to mow in the next two weeks. The other tractor is back and believed to be operable.
- Trail Maps-Betty will have additional made.

### **Old Business:**

- Naturalist Contract-The Town agreed to the contract. Will need to have Sherry sign it.
- Ellen talked to Steve Miller about the Walnut tree and the small building on Walnut Street. Although the Town mows the property around each Steve believes that they belong to the property owner across the street.
- Pond-The Town is looking into how to shore up the far bank with rocks or dirt.
- Order using Manchester Elementary School PTA money. Binoculars are in. The books just purchased could be submitted for use with PTA money. Sharon Hughes will make additional order for supplies suggested by Betty Smith, teacher at Manchester Elementary School. Betty suggested not asking for any money in the coming school year.

### **New Business:** none

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM.**