

**Manchester Parks Foundation
Board Meeting August 6, 2007
Submitted by Marcia L. Bogash**

Present:
Ellen Rugemer, Pres.
Bill Skinner, Vice-Pres.
Sharon Hughes, Treasurer
Marcia Bogash, Sec.

Board Members:
Carol Hose
Ellen Frey
Betty Smith

Volunteer: Tom Smith, Jim Singer

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

Minutes were accepted as presented. Sharon Hughes moved Bill Skinner seconded.

Treasurer Report was accepted as presented. Betty Smith moved and Ellen Frey seconded.

WEB Page Update: 101 new visitors for month of July.

Public Relations: New brochures and newsletter have been distributed to libraries.

Naturalist: Summer Programs going well. Nature Nook so well attended it will be divided into 2 groups.

Programs: October 7 will be Tree Planting at Memory Grove. At 3:00 PM. Bill Skinner suggested that an invitation be sent to members as well as volunteers and families.

Trees: Concern expressed about replacement trees. Tom Smith figures at least 5 or 6 replacement trees. At least 12 trees are to be planted. Tom has been watering the new trees that have been stunted by the drought.

**Facilities: Bird Feeders and Bird Houses...Tom will repair houses.
Ellen's son will repair the feeders as a school hours project.
Tom Smith will purchase bird seed.
Tom Smith will also repair fences.**

Kiosk: Thicker cord is needed as the present cord does not hold thumb tacks.

Lawn Mower: Tom will put in front of his house and make it disappear.

Pond: Town is using aquashade in the pond. Tom expressed concerns about using copper sulfate. He has read of the many side effects. Tom is still cleaning algae off of pond.

Chain Saw: Tom and three other volunteers bring their own chainsaws when they are needed. To purchase one to keep at Charlotte's Quest would be at least \$300.00 plus the cost of hard hat, etc. Ellen will speak to Town about liability issues of purchase.

Ellen will also speak to Town about mowing of fields.

PTO has donated \$100.00 for binoculars.

Eagle Scouts:

Kevin Malbrough has donated the left over materials from the Fire Pit.

Kyle Mosley has left over funds from his project which he is donating to Charlotte's Quest.

Flower Beds: Date for group clean-up will be 8/13 at 7:00 PM

New Business: Betty Smith spoke to group about pitching Charlotte's Quest to teachers from out of area. Betty will be doing a presentation on Pond Studies and the Chesapeake and will put together an information bag for the other teachers.

Tom Smith suggested that a trail be established between the new elementary school and Charlotte's Quest. A right of way will be needed across Thomas' property.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM