

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

Board Meeting June 4, 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
Bill Skinner, Vice-Pres.

Called unable to attend:

Marcia Bogash, Sec.

Volunteers and Visitors: Tom Smith, Jim Singer

Secretary Report: April Minutes was reviewed. Ellen Frey made a motion to accept the April Report as written. The motion was seconded by Betty Smith. Motion carried. The May Minutes were reviewed and Betty S. motioned to accept as written, Sharon Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Ellen Frey motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Betty S. seconded. Passed.

Website: 256 new visitors to the website for the month of May and 187 hits to the calendar for the month.

Public Relations: Marcia left a report stating that the Press Releases for the Fishing Derby were sent and the new posters are up.

Naturalist: Programs doing well. Need to look into adding a second session for the preschool program, Nature Nook. Earth Kids will unveil their new exhibit. Researching wetland plants in the hopes of doing a stabilization planting at the pond. Will continue work on stream banks. Last year's plantings doing well.

Programs:

- Mini Camp: June 22
- Fishing Derby: Elsie is getting the fish. Donna gave Elsie the forms to apply for a permit for the fish.
- Memory Grove Planting: Many trees anticipated. Going up the hill-a problem. See if Town would do chipping of branches of larger trees removed to continue the uphill planting OR Bill Skinner may be able to use a chipper.

Facilities:

- The pond is scummy with lots of algae. Donna Davis gave Tom Smith the name of man at Cooperative Extension Service who specializes in ponds, Dan Terlizzi.
- Tom will caulk around building to help eradicate leaking problem.
- Tom took all paint home for the winter to protect against freezing.
- Board allotted Tom \$50 for supplies for some projects. Looking to fix the seeping area near Avian Cove with a bridge. May need \$30 or so for treated 2 x 4s and planks. Tractor will be able to go around the bridge if needed.
- Trails in good shape.
- Eagle Scout Kyle Mosley installed 4 benches on June 2. One at Honeysuckle Hill, one along Riparian Buffer, one at natural spring head, and one outside the building. Each bench is close to the specified area but not where they were supposed to go nor positioned in the best optimal way. A couple of the benches do not yet have mulch.
- Sean Dougherty running out of time and will not be able to do the expected map. Since Eagle Scout projects must be a new idea no one else in the Troop may do this project. Betty S. and Ellen R. will work on this over the summer.
- Cages left after Spring Fest. Betty will contact the "Petting Zoo" to see if these are theirs.
- John Deere tractor failing. Will seek estimates for a new one to handle trails and check on trading in the old one. The Steiner good for large areas but not for the trails.
- Steiner tractor needs minor repairs.

Old Business:

- Books on hold till next month's meeting. Naturalist Sherry Fisher has made a "Wish List".
- Received a check from MES PTA. Everything turned in.
- Gift of Trees cards in building.
- Purchased printed stationary and brochures are in.

New Business: none

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM.