

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

Board Meeting March 5, 2007

Recorded & Submitted by Sharon Hughes, Treasurer

Meeting Called to order by Ellen Rugemer at the Manchester Town Office at 7:05 PM.

Present:

Ellen Rugemer, Pres.
Sharon Hughes, Treas.
Betty Smith, Board Member
Ellen Frey, Board Member
Donna Davis, Board Member

Called unable to attend:

Marcia Bogash, Sec.
Carol Hose, Board Member
Elsie McCleary, Board Member

Volunteers and Visitors: Tom Smith

Secretary Report: January Minutes were accepted as written. February's Minutes will be reviewed next month along with March's Minutes.

Budget: The Executive Board held the annual budget meeting and proposed the budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008. Ellen Frey motioned to accept the proposed budget and Betty Smith seconded the motion. The budget is adopted.

Treasurer Report: Balance-Betty Smith motioned to accept the January Treasury Report. Ellen Frey seconded the motion. The January Treasury report stands approved. The February Treasury Report was presented. Ellen Frey motioned to accept and Betty seconded. Report stands approved.

Website: 33 new visitors to the website month and 54 hits to the calendar this month.

Public Relations: Nothing to report.

Naturalist: The Earth Kids Club is working on some hands-on interactive, mobile displays. The group will have animals, field activities, and the puppets again this year for Spring Fest.

Programs:

- Easter Adventure:

Will stuff approximately 1300 eggs on March 25 @ 1 PM. Ellen Rugemer will get the candy and Sharon Hughes will purchase the prizes. Betty Smith will print T-shirt giveaways. Ellen will call Marcia Bogash about helping out on March 31st.

- Spring Fest:

Band-CB Pickers is booked. Tremendous Tree Activity and the rocks and minerals for the archeology dig ordered. Donna Davis is able to get a Stream Table through the "Venturing Group" that do the Envirothon.

Facilities:

- Pond all but overflowing. Tom & Betty Smith have unclogged drain and cleared algae from the pond to help eradicate this problem. The drain clogging up is an ongoing problem.
- Little debris on the trails from the winter's storms.
- A "Catch & Release" sign is being made for the pond.
- Will discuss the stocking of the pond for the Fishing Derby in the coming month.
- Is the old smoke house across from the pond on Town property? If so, could this be torn down and the foundation used to make a new storage facility down at the pond? Ellen R. will talk to the town about this.
- Kid's sledding in Memory Grove trying to miss trees when sledding BUT purposely broke one of the trees. No sled marks just foot prints up to the tree.
- The Facilities Letter made by Sharon Hughes & Marcia Bogash, to accompany the Confirmation Letter, is okay.

Old Business:

Naturalist Contract-Betty made a motion to adopt the new contract if this contract also suits the Town of Manchester. Donna Davis seconded the motion. Approved.

Stationary-Another quote but is more expensive than last month's. Sharon Hughes moved to order the stationary at last month's quotes and Ellen Frey seconded. All in favor so will order.

New Business: none

Meeting Adjourned.