

**MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

Present:

**Ellen Rugemer
Betty Smith
Marcia Bogash
Ellen Frey
Sharon Hughes
Elsie McCleary
Bill Skinner**

Volunteers:

**Tom Smith
Jim Singer**

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

Minutes: Approved as read. Motion by Donna Davis second by Elsie McCleary.

Treasurer's Report : Approved as read. Motion by Marcia Bogash, seconded by Ellen Frey.

WEB PAGE: 127 new hits

Eagle Scout Presentation: Travis Sullivan is planning to build a Puppet Stage for his Eagle Scout Project. He will be using 5/8 plywood and will use safety chains to keep stage from being extended too far. He will hold a bake sale to raise funds.

Public Relations: Two Master Gardening Groups have used facility in the last month. Carroll County MG members have offered help with redoing signs at Memory Grove (Bench, sign, latticework) Carroll Garden Club is interested in doing something with entrance.

Naturalist: Problems with Scout Halloween Party. Tables moved and blocked Trail access. Trees spray painted. President Ellen will address with Troop. Needs a desk chair.

Programs:

Memory Grove Recap.: Very large attendance of about 80 or 90 people. McDaniel students were a big help. Tom Smith has been watering the new trees and they seem to be doing OK.

Discussion: to decide if we stay with Tree-Mendous Tree Program or purchase trees of our own. Plus is that state does replace dead trees. Donna Davis will try to find out if there is a better way to track tree purchases after problems this past year. Prices to be gotten from Joe Barley.

Christmas Crafts: To be held Saturday December 1 from 10 to 12 Mugs with greens, suet ball holders, wreaths, door hangers, tree ornaments, puzzle piece ornaments, clay pot bell. Tom Smith will gather greens.

Discussion on how to attract larger crowds..Presently through news media, posters and web site.

Food will be brownies, cookies and cider.

Spring Fest: Ellen Rugemer to contact band: Thursday Reign to see about booking for 2008.

School Use: Betty Smith

4th Grade Science Field Day – 140 children and 30 parents attended,

2nd Grade wants to do an insect program with Naturalist

145 Kingergarten students also booked time.

Betty has worked on simplifying paper work for teachers and feels that this will increase usage. PTO has put \$800.00 into budget

Tom Smith presented a notebook where the students have written comments of experience at Charlotte's Queset.

Facilities:

October 28. Concerns about clearing 3 spots down to bare earth, moving picnic tables and spraying trees. Caution letter will be sent to Pack 320

Four Wheeler Issues:

There were problems in May and June. October 10 damage was found consisting of hitting logs, spraying mulch and mowing down trees. They seem to be coming across Nova Drive. Person on Walnut Street has blocked his drive and called police. 2 or 3 other vehicles are coming from school property. Ellen Rugemer will call Town Office and Sharon will request posting on Town WEB site.

Old Business:

Ellen Rugemer will speak to Steve

New Business: Pavilion..Ellen Rugemer will check with Town Office

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Marcia Bogash, Sec.