

**MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 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 7:10 PM by President Ellen Rugemer at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

Minutes were approved as read. Motion by Betty Smith, seconded by Elsie McCleary.

Treasurer Report : Approved as read. Motion by Marcia Bogash, seconded by Betty Smith. (attached)

WEB site update.....67 new visitors

Public Relations: Brochures placed in Public Libraries, Letter to CC Dept. of Tourism with date of Spring Fest. Invitations out for Tree Planting about 100 expected.

Naturalist No Report

Tree Planting:

Holes have been dug by Town. Concerns expressed about delivery charge for trees from the state. Marcia Bogash to contact Steve Allgeier at Extension service about local tree grower. Tree-Mendous Program is costly and tracking of trees was difficult this year. Betty Smith has made a planagram of tree placement. All agreed to continue with Fall Planting. Trees to be planted should do well on hills and high rocky ground.

**Such as oaks, hickories, sassafras, red maple and chestnut oak.
Prices need to be gotten for this type of tree and availability.
Trees to be 3 to 6 feet in height.**

Christmas Craft:

**Betty Smith has donated mugs for one project,
Greens and oasis to be placed in mugs as one adult project.**

Bags for Stamping

Christmas Bell Count Down

Suet Ball Holder

Snowman over soda cans

Puzzle piece ornaments

Clay pot bell suet holder.

There are still wreath forms and wreath decorations. Bill Skinner brought many different materials and donated them to be used for this project.

Facilities:

Tom Smith reported damage along trails, a bench was broken and the treads along the cave trail. He approached a group of teens that he felt were involved and told them that there was a reward for catching those doing the damage. Travis and Ellen are working on the cork board and took bird feeders home to work on.

Tom Smith is working on bird houses.

Old Business:

Ellen has not had time to pursue the chain saw with the Town.

New Business:

Betty Smith suggested a kiosk at Memory Grove for a tree map.

Ellen Rugemer said that there are some new scouts coming along who might take on project. Once specific project would be the puppet theater. Ellen will ask Town Office about Pavilion.

Sharon Hughes reported that there are many new groups using the building. Betty Smith did a presentation today about Charlotte's Quest at Science for Teachers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.