

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

Board Meeting

Monday, April 9, 2012

Present: Bill Skinner, Ellen Frey, Ellen Rugemer, Barbara Trump, Donna Davis, Marcia Bogash, Justin Watts

Town: Tammy Black

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Bill Skinner at 7:09 PM at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

Minutes: Approved as presented. Motion by Justin Watts, second by Ellen Frey.

Treasurer's Report: Report accepted as presented. Motion by Barbara Trump seconded by Marcia Bogash.

Naturalist Report: Sherry is working with North Carroll Library to do presentations. There will be a display about Nature Center. Date not firm at present.

Public Relations: Stephen Israel will be speaking at North Carroll Library on 4/10 about updates at Pine Valley Park.

Programs:

- *Easter Adventure Egg Hunt* was a success. Concern about people taking things from display will be addressed by turning cabinet to the wall during large community functions. Bill will place rollers on cabinet.
- *Spring Fest:* May 5th will be workday to do maps and set up. Police and Fire confirmed. There will be watershed restoration booth. No confirmation from Rock person. There will be an archaeology demo. We need at least 6 more posters (Hampstead Elementary, 2 more for Manchester Elementary and Celebree). Marcia will handle tickets at Kids Corral. There are 2 more Master Gardener Volunteers to work on front beds. Bill Skinner...shed will be in and water on by Spring Fest. Marcia will bring hand sanitizers and extra toilet paper and paper towels for toilets.
- *Fishing Derby* will be held on June 23. Information will be included on handouts at Spring Fest.

- *Bocce Ball*: Vince has at least 10 teams for 1st Event. Merchandiser to do feature on him. Bill Skinner suggested that Nature Center rent spot-a-pot for the Event. Marcia moved and Ellen Rugemer seconded that we look into this. Bill will get prices.
- *Benefactors Picnic*: for next meeting
- *Memory Grove Planting*: Will continue up the hill for one more year. Justin not sure if he will be there since he and wife expecting at that time.

Facilities:

- We need key to new storage area in Pavilion. Bill will check into locks and keys. No deadbolt in place.
 - Bill will level area in back of center before the new shed arrives.
 - Tom Smith
 - ❖ Dry conditions in Park
 - ❖ Ticks and deer ticks out
 - ❖ Baltimore County has had reports of rabies
 - ❖ Trails in good shape
 - ❖ In touch with mower service. Mower not serviced yet
 - ❖ On Saturday there was a large family group in Park. Thinks they are people who were at Easter Egg Hunt and never there before.
 - Donna Davis
 - ❖ Presented prices on picnic tables
 - 2 regular 4' X 8'
 - 2 wheelchair accessible 4' X 10'
- Prices seemed fair. Marcia moved and Ellen R. seconded that we go ahead. A sign will go up stating that these were purchased with Bocce Ball Donations. Bill will order tables.

Old Business:

- Signs:
 - Justin reported that Steve Miller will see that new pole is put up. Ellen Frey will drop off the 2 signs to go on York Street. Another sign (Dawn to dusk) will go on gate.
- Ideas were discussed as to Memorials other than Tree Planting. Will continue to look into this.
- Ellen Rugemer will update First Aid Kit.
- Letter to Schools about scheduling approved

New Business:

- Tammy Black: Report on Town Budget
 - \$900 Port-a-Pots
 - \$800 Insurance and supplies
 - \$540 Electric
 - \$3500 Naturalist
- Electric Box labels cannot be read and need to be redone with darker print.
- Donna Davis will meet with Town to discuss mowing schedule that will benefit Town and Center as well. April and August birthing times should not be mowed.
- Tom Smith and Donna will meet with Town about signs that need to go up.
- Many issues like no herbicides.
- Tammy Black recommended better handicapped signs. Bill will take care of this.
- Milling of the driveway at pond.
- Moving and repairing Pine Valley Park sign.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Submitted: Marcia Bogash, Secretary