

10 AUGUST 2015 MANCHESTER PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Manchester Parks Board held a business meeting at Charlottes Quest Nature Center on Monday, August 10, 2015. Chairman Ellen Rugumer called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Those in attendance were Bruce Smith, Bill Skinner, Robin Fishpaw, Vince DePalmer, Justin Watts, Barb Trump, Tom Smith, Ellen Frey, Donna Davis, and guests Susan Wazniak, and Lynne Sneeringer.

Minutes: A motion to approve the July 13, 2015 meeting minutes was made by Barb Trump, seconded by Ellen Frey and passed.

Introductions: Barb Trump introduced new guest Susan Wazniak. Susan was a great help during the Nature Center Plant Swap.

Treasurer Report: None submitted.

PR: None submitted.

Naturalist Report: None submitted. Ellen Rugumer reported that Sherry does have the other missing taxidermy items.

Programs: Ellen Rugumer gave a recap of the National Night Out. It was a great success. The Town really organized a great event. CQNC had an info booth and two games for different age classes to win prizes.

Springfest: Tom Smith provided information about a wood carver that may be interested in participating in Springfest. Ellen Frey will send information to him.

Bocce- Vince DePalmer reported that the next tournament is October 3. Vince turned in funds from the last tournament. He reported that folks are bringing their own coolers of food so food tent sales are down, and questions whether to continue with the food tent. An effort will be made to encourage more purchases and let people know that the food tent is another important avenue of fund-raising for the Nature Center

Facilities: Ellen Rugumer contacted the Town about the possibility of installing a frost free for water. Steve Miller said that he has not received any new information about the building and septic. The applications are still being reviewed. Bill Skinner reported that a Carroll County Times reporter visited the park today and was given a tour of the facilities for an article, with pictures. The Town reported that there was a homeless person seen sleeping in the park. The police responded and asked him to leave. The Town will ask the police department to step up patrols in the area. Tom Smith reports trails are in good shape, need more nature trail guides, cleared a few downed trees and found an old honeycomb in one hollow tree. There is one dead tree in Memory Grove, several have not been growing, several with very few leaves. He is finding other lean-to's being built in the woods and someone expanded on the one the nature class made near the spring. He found trash, a fire pit, and chairs in it. Live trees were cut to build these other lean-tos. Bill Skinner reported that the town did a great job grading and seeding

around the star shed today. Tom Smith reported that the Sundial has been vandalized, someone took the arrow.

A Work Day was scheduled for Thursday Aug. 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

The Board briefly discussed signage for the gate and a name and sign for the star shed. The Board also discussed a possible date in September to have a fall star gazing event, or one to look at sunspots. Bill Skinner will contact the Astronomical Society and the papers to set a date.

Old Business: Barb Trump reported that the outdoor trash cans are now fitted with lids.

New Business:

Bill Skinner reported that there will be a collector car show at Manchester Carnival Grounds to benefit the fire department. They are trying to bring in community organization involvement and would like CQNC to participate. The event is from 10 -2 on Saturday Sept. 12. Bill will notify the organizers that the nature center will set up an information table at the event. Bill, Susan and Barb will represent the Board.

Barb Trump made a motion to nominate Lynne Sneeringer as a new Board member. Motion seconded by Vince DePalmer and passed. Welcome aboard Lynne!

Justin Watts reported that he will be bringing his daughters Girl Scout troop to the park for some organized hikes.

Tom said the Memory Grove book does not have a listing of where the trees were planted in 2012, which was the last planting year.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next Board meeting will be Monday, September 14, 2015, 7 PM at the Nature Center building.

Prepared by Donna Davis, Secretary, 17 Aug 2015