

## **MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION**

### **Board Meeting**

**January 2, 2011**

**Present:** Ellen Frey; Ellen Rugemer; Bill Skinner; Barb Trump; Sharon Hughes; Justin Watts

**Guests:** Tom Smith; Vince DePalmer

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Sharon Hughes at 7:07 PM at the Manchester Town Office.

Minutes passed as presented. Motion by Ellen Rugemer and second by Barb Trump.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Justin Watts, second by Bill Skinner to accept the December Report as presented. Treasurer Ellen Rugemer reported that she had forgotten about the November Report and will have it at the February meeting.

**Elections:** Bill Skinner and Marcia Bogash were unanimously elected to another four-year term as Vice-Chairperson and Secretary, respectively along with Justin Watts and Donna Davis. Maryann Turner was elected to her first term on the board, bringing the total number of officers on the board to ten. Welcome Maryann.

**Public Relations:** Barb Trump reported that she and Marcia had a table at the Fire Hall during the Town's Black Friday Celebration. They had a very nice display including some taxidermy friends. Information available and a new volunteer recruited. Well worth doing in the future.

### **Programs:**

- **Easter Adventure:**
  - ◇ Egg stuffing on April 9, 2011 at 9 AM.
  - ◇ Volunteers needed for this weekend and the following weekend for the hunt. Assistance also needed for parking.
  - ◇ Ellen F. will purchase prize baskets.
  - ◇ Number of needed eggs decided closer to event.
  - ◇ April 16<sup>th</sup> (Hunt) 8 AM arrival time; 10 AM start time.
- **Spring Fest:**
  - ◇ Sponsor letters ready to go out.
  - ◇ Remaining funds from 2010 Spring Fest-invest in better PA system and sell the older unit. Possibly invest in banners and better signage.
  - ◇ Justin will plan Kids Corral; will share with committee.
  - ◇ Ellen to see what is remaining in crafts, prizes, etc. when weather warms.
- **Fishing Derby:** Still need confirmed date. Need info. before Egg Hunt.

- **Bocce Ball Tournaments:**

- ◇ Vince DePalmer has agreed to hold Bocce Tournaments in 2011.
- ◇ MPF will again sponsor the tournaments and the proceeds given to the foundation.
- ◇ Last year's proceeds are to purchase picnic tables for the new pavilion. 2011 proceeds are to purchase educational displays.
- ◇ Need digital software to design Bocce Tournament patch.
- ◇ Dates for 2011: June 18<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, and Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ◇ Foundation will look into new award prizes.

**Facilities:**

- Floor: Tom, Bill, Justin and Ellen took care of putting down the new epoxy floor. Cost \$300.00.
- Due to mouse issues there is to be no storage of food or paper goods in the building.
- Bookcase needs TLC.
- Trails: December winds brought down trees throughout park—these taken care of by Tom S. and the Town.
- Pile of mulch brought—mostly leaf mulch. Okay for trails, but will not last as long. Tom suggested that the schools might be interested in helping to distribute the mulch.
- Steiner mower not picked up yet for servicing, but on schedule. John Deere needs repair. Board decided to get estimate from Hartman when he takes the Steiner.
- Work Day: April 9, immediately following the egg stuffing.

**Old Business:**

No old business at this time.

**New Business:**

- Ellen said that in cleaning out the bldg.—almost one whole wall free. Suggested installing bins and purchasing new displays and hands-on activities, brought many examples. Also, update the Discovery Table. Attach animal tracks and purchase matching scat.
- Justin suggested purchasing wooden puzzles, a poison ivy display and animal calls.
- Purchase new nets, as the recently purchased were not what expected.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Hughes, Chairperson  
In absence of Secretary