

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION, INC.

Board Meeting

Monday, January 14, 2013

Present:

Bill Skinner, Vice-Chairman
Marcia Bogash, Secretary

Barbara Trump
Ellen Frey
Justin Watts
Ellen Rugemer
Vince DePalmer

Volunteers: Tom Smith

Meeting called to order by Bill Skinner at 7:05 PM at Town Office Building

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Minutes from December Special Board Meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.
- Motion by Ellen Rugemer and second by Justin Watts
- November Minutes were not presented

TREASURER REPORT:

- Motion by Marcia Bogash to accept the December Treasury Report and seconded by Ellen Frey
- income \$2404.50
- outflow \$164.88
- Final balance \$5310.55
- Report accepted
- No November report

ELECTIONS:

Election of Board of Directors: Ellen Rugemer moved and Marcia Bogash seconded that Vince DePalmer's name be placed on the ballot.

Slate presented by Bill Skinner were as follows:

Sharon Hughes, Ellen Rugemer, Ellen Frey, Barbara Trump, and Vince DePalmer.

Marcia Bogash moved to accept the slate, seconded by Justin Watts. Motion carried.

Ellen Rugemer announced that she wishes to step down as Treasurer but will continue for a few months until someone else steps into that role.

NATURALIST REPORT:

- Did away with Wonders of Nature class.
- Added two new programs: Eoadventures: Chesapeake Bay Watershed & Super Science

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- New Programs: Stephen Israel is doing a presentation at North Carroll Library on April 16th. Sherry Fisher has several programs scheduled at North Carroll Library as well.

PROGRAMS:

- Easter Adventure Egg Hunt:
 - Scheduled for March 23
 - Eggs to be stuffed on March 16
 - Ellen Frey will purchase baskets
 - Ellen Rugemer will purchase candy for stuffing
- May 5 Spring Fest:
 - Letters have not yet gone out to Vendors. Sharon is working on them.
 - Ellen Frey agreed to Chair event.
 - Justin will handle Kids Corral.
- Fishing Derby:
 - No date as yet.
 - Sharon will need to contact Elsie McCleary since she and Mickey choose the date of the event.
 - Discussion as to use of pond at Christmas Tree Park
- Bocce Ball:
 - Vince announced the following dates: June 22, August 17, and October 5
 - On June 8 & 9 Courts will be open to first timers to create interest.
- Tree Planting:
 - 3 trees were ordered before change in venue.

FACILITIES:

- Shelving and a light are now in the new shed next to the building.
- Tom Smith announced that trails are in good shape. Some trees were down but were removed.
- Tom is working on the buffer area.
- Vandals damaged the information box on the Herb Garden as well as rails on the bridge near the building.
- Gate by the pond was hanging crooked.
- Tom put in railroad ties to hold back.
- There are (8) 12 foot poles near building to be used as needed.
- Gate is open all the time but not locked.
- Someone told Tom there have been recreational vehicles riding in the park.
- Steiner mower needs to go out for annual servicing.
- Top of hill near Memory Grove needs mowing. Tom will mow in the spring but keep the mower deck up high.
- Shed behind building had damage done to the lock.

OLD BUSINESS:

- NFWS is out of money at the present time. Looking for opportunities to find funds to proceed with pond.

GIFT PROJECT:

- After much discussion Ellen Rugemer moved that the Center plant a single tree of Remembrance and have a brief ceremony where the names of each person be remembered.
 - Marcia moved and Vince seconded.
 - Motion carried.
- Brochures need to be designed for donations.

- Ceremony will not be weekend of Bocce Ball.
 - Date to be October 13
 - Motion by Ellen Frey, second by Justin Watts
 - Motion carried.
- Suggestions that the gift be made to the Nature Center. Gift be used to educate the community **children and enrich nature.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Something to be done in Memory of Al Shaffer who was very involved with the Center.
- Motion to make a donation in his memory to the Gift Project.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:40 PM

Submitted

Marcia Bogash, Sec.