

## Minutes of the Manchester Parks Board

The Manchester Parks Board held a business meeting at the Town Office building on Monday January 12, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Ellen Rugemer at 7 PM. Those in attendance were Justin Watts, Bruce Smith, Donna Davis, Ellen Frey, Ellen Rugemer, Tom Smith, Debbie Howe.

**Minutes:** November minutes were reviewed and approved with the following amendment: Justin Watts was able to meet with Ebb Valley, but not Manchester Elementary. Ellen Frey made motion to accept the November meeting minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Bruce Smith and passed.

**Treasurers report:** none

**PR:** Ellen Rugemer provided a draft of a very nice Volunteer opportunity brochure she prepared to put in the library and other locations. Suggestions from the Board were to add Spring Fest as a volunteer opportunity. Add a contact telephone number for the Center. Highlight service learning hours and discounts members receive.

**Naturalist Report:** none

### Programs:

**Easter Egg Hunt-**Stuff eggs on Sat. March 21. Meet at Center at 9AM. Hunt on March 28 with rain date of April 4. Hide eggs and set up at 8AM. Hunt will begin at 10 AM sharp. Ellen Rugemer will order eggs and candy.

**SpringFest-** Sunday May 3 – 12 to 4 PM. Ellen Frey mailed application for raffle certificate, re-designed sponsorship letter. Discussion on what other businesses to send monetary sponsor letters to. March 15 is the cut-off date for donations if sponsors want to be mentioned in any SpringFest advertising. Perks for sponsors include free booth space at the festival, free newsletter. Board agreed to invite the magician back again.

### Facilities:

**Building-** Mr. Clark will send Ellen Rugemer the specifications necessary to house the telescope.

**Pond-** no new report

**Trails –** Tom Smith found evidence of fire near the Ferrier Rd. field where the base of a tree had been set on fire. Tom also found much damage on trees done by a hatchet. Trees were also cut down and cut up into pieces. Bruce Smith found trees damaged on property adjacent to park property. The Board discussed the vandalism issue and possible future actions.

**Grounds-** Bruce Smith has been inventorying the deer activity on the park. He has met with several deer experts and has been noting deer sign (buck rub, droppings, bedding areas). He would like to work with Sheri on developing a more interactive, interconnected way to reach people with an education message, using social media. Next goal is to get a count of the resident deer population. He would like to develop a deer education component for young people.

**Mower** - Tom Smith reported that the “new –used” mower is here and works very well.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

Ellen Frey made a motion to adjourn at 8: 20 PM. Seconded by Justin Watts.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Town Hall building on Monday, February 9, 2015, at 7PM.