

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

Board Meeting July 11, 2011

Present:

Justin Watts, Sharon Hughes, Barbara Trump, Marcia Bogash, Donna Davis, Ellen Frey, Ellen Rugemer

Guests: Vince DePalmer

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Boy Scout: Isaac Downing

Meeting called to order by Sharon Hughes at 7:05 PM at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

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

Treasurer's Report: Approved as presented. Motion by Marcia Bogash, Second by Donna Davis.

Scout Isaac Downing presented his Eagles Scout idea for an Herb Garden. The Garden will have an overhang with gutter on the shed and a rain barrel will be included. There will be a kiosk with information on the herbs in the garden. Marcia Bogash volunteered to donate the rain barrel. Motion by Justin Watts, seconded by Marcia Bogash that this project be accepted. Motion carried. The list of herbs will be shown to the Naturalist for approval.

Public Relations: Still waiting for the Town to put the case back in place for the archaeology display on Pine Valley Park.

Marcia Bogash will ask Steve Allgeier if he will write articles for newsletters.

Travis Rugemer is working on developing a Facebook page for the Nature Center.

Programs:

- **Bocce Ball:** Vince DePalmer reported that the Tournament on June 11 was a success. People brought their own food. He has people signed up for the August 6 event and is hoping that the Advocate will be running an article. Bill Skinner will be doing the food for this event.
- **Benefactors Picnic:** There will be a brief ceremony for 9/11 in memory. Donna Davis has a flag.
Paper goods and drinks, chicken and rolls will be supplied. The following have volunteered:

Ellen Rugemer...Pasta Salad; Ellen Frey...Slaw; Donna Davis...Chips and Pretzels; Barbara Trump...Brownies and Cake; Justin Watts...Banana Pudding; Marcia Bogash...Corn Pudding; Sharon Hughes...?

Sharon Hughes will send invitations to the Benefactors.

- **Memory Grove:** Presently there are the following trees to be planted
Master Gardeners...3
Carroll Players...1
Donna Davis...2
Linda Skinner...1
Wayne Thomas...1
Justin Watts will coordinate planting. There will be lite refreshments served...sweets, beverages, veggies...

Facilities:

- Tom Smith brought in photos and a drawing of the electric and phone lines. Marcia will put in a binder and bring back to the facility. The lines do run under 3 trees.
- Tom found a dead fawn and a living one. He called Animal Control and they picked up the fawn which was dehydrated. It was taken to Scales and Tails. On June 19 he found a turtle that had 13 plates. He had seen the same turtle 2 years before. He encountered riders on horses in the park as well as bikers. On July 3 encountered 4 boys with air guns. He informed them that they were illegal. He has also again found drug Paraphernalia. There are 2 Geoseeker caches in the Park since 2006. One sheet had over 100 names.
- He has mowed around the Chestnut Trees and removed some trees that were down on the Trail.
- He again expressed concerns about the Venture Planting using the blue plastic covers.
- Sharon Hughes will do a sketch of sign to get prices.

A/C Unit: Justin reported that the unit arrived and was not working. The busted one went back. It is 13,000 BTUs. Justin came to facility today and put the new unit on at 4:30 PM. The building was comfortable for the meeting. He expressed concerns about using outlets if unit is on. Tom Smith says that each side of building has its on breaker. The A/C unit cost was \$629 with shipping. Hooray for Justin...

Aerator: Donna Davis will speak to a person in Urbana who has installed a unit in his pond. There is an environmentally friendly electric pump. Sherry Fisher says that the kids have been catching things and that the Pond seems healthy. Donna feels that the pond is healthy except for the 2 invasive plants.

ByLaws: Barbara Trump, Sharon Hughes and Marcia Bogash to look into this.

Master Plan: Sharon Hughes is working on this.

Greenway: Wayne Thomas does not want an open greenway. Tom Smith expressed concerns should the property exchange hands. Board voted to plant a tree in memory of Mr. Thomas' wife who passed away recently. Marcia will contact him.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM.

**Submitted,
Marcia Bogash, Secretary**