

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

Board Meeting

Monday, July 09, 2012

Present: Bill Skinner, Marcia Bogash, Donna Davis, Justin Watts, Barbara Trump

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Guests: Vince DePalmer, Elsie McCleary

Bill Skinner called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

Minutes: Approved as presented. Motion by Barbara Trump, seconded by Justin Watts.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report

Public Relations:

- Vince DePalmer reported that he has 17 teams for the August 4th Tournament.
- There was a very good article in the newspaper about the Ecology Club at the Nature Center.

Programs:

- *Fishing Derby:* Elsie McCleary reported on the success of the Fishing Derby. Sixteen young children attended and 4 older children. All received prizes and she submitted a written report that will be sent to the newspapers. She stated that the top of the pond was in bad condition.

Sharon Hughes and Ellen Frey arrived at 7:37 and Sharon took over running the meeting.

- *Benefactor Picnic:* Sharon asked for names and addresses of volunteers to invite. Food list...Brownies-Barbara Trump, Pasta Salad-Sharon Hughes, Cole-Slaw-Justin Watts, Zucchini Bread-Donna Davis
- *Tree Planting:*
 - So far:
 - ❖ 4 from Master Gardeners;
 - ❖ 1 from Manchester Parks Foundation;
 - ❖ 1 Sharon Miller;
 - ❖ 1 Carroll Players

Barbara Trump asked for an application for a relative of hers.

Facilities:

- Bill Skinner reported on the meetings about the pond. (report attached)
 - The goal is to keep warm water from the stream
 - There are many options but no decisions
 - Tom Smith and Bill Skinner are to meet with experts tomorrow
 - Much discussion followed but it really is a decision to be shared with the Town
- Bill Skinner reported that the John Deere tractor (which he took home and worked on) is not usable. He will get rid of it.
- Tom Smith reported:
 - The mowing up to date
 - Trails look good
 - Fences not replaced at the new pavilion
 - 3 kids stripped trees in the Buffer Area
 - ❖ 12 trees are totally destroyed.
 - ❖ They left trash which Tom cleared.
 - ❖ Tom states that they built a shelter with what they took from the trees.
 - ❖ Much discussion followed as to what to do about vandals. Tom is opposed to posting signs about “what happens to vandals.”
 - ❖ Marcia proposed meeting with Steve Miller to discuss what to do. This was tabled.

Tammy Black arrived and was filled in on the meeting.

Old Business:

- Donated Picture is handing in the facility.
- Steve Allgeier has not yet scheduled BayWise inspection.
- Discussion of what sign to put in new pavilion. Marcia moved and Ellen Frey seconded that it be called the Pond Pavilion. Motion carried.
- Donna Davis brought brochures with information on finishing touches for the Taxidermy Display.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 PM.

Marcia Bogash, Sec.