

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

Board Meeting

Monday, March 12, 2012

Present: Sharon Hughes, Bill Skinner, Ellen Frey, Ellen Rugemer, Barbara Trump, Justin Watts, Donna Davis, Marcia Bogash

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Town of Manchester: Tammy Black

Meeting called to order by Sharon Hughes at the Manchester Town Office at 7:05 PM.

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

Treasurer's Report: Approved as presented. Motion by Marcia Bogash, second by Barbara Trump.

Naturalist Report:

- Marcia reported that she and Sharon had met with Sherry Fisher.
 - ❖ The contract was renewed through 2012.
 - ❖ Sherry will assist in finding a replacement when the time comes.
 - ❖ She will cancel programs that do not have a minimum of 6 persons.
 - ❖ She would like to have surveys on hand to give out to people attending her programs.
 - ❖ Field trip participation has increased.
 - ❖ Sherry offered to do programs at the North Carroll Library to increase center awareness. Marcia will contact the Library. Sherry will be paid for her time and for the cost of materials involved in this programming.

Public Relations:

- April 10 Archaeology presentation at library. There will be handouts and list of upcoming events at Center. Marcia and Barbara will handle details.
- Ellen Rugemer will take care of a handout for Easter Adventure that will have Park Rules and upcoming events.

Programs:

- *Easter Adventure Egg Hunt:*
 - ❖ 3500 eggs will be stuffed on March 24th. Justin has volunteers who will assist.

- *Spring Fest:*
 - ❖ There will be a honey bee lecture and exhibit.
 - ❖ Reptile Wonders has said that they are coming.
 - ❖ Barbara also said the jumping rabbits are coming.
 - ❖ Sharon will take care of poster.
 - ❖ Ebb Valley and Manchester Elementary Bands are both playing.
- *Bocce Ball:*
 - ❖ Vince DePalmer announced that he has many people already signed up. He is busy putting in a second court. He will send Marcia a poster that she can have printed.
 - ❖ Nature Center will have handouts and newsletters at the Tournaments.
- Letter from Stephen Israel asking permission to include the investigation at Pine Valley Park in archaeology web site. Marcia moved and Donna seconded that we allow this. Motion carried.

Facilities:

- Bill Skinner reported that the pavilion by the Pond is finished. He has some concerns about the sloped roof of the storage area.
- Sharon will send a sketch of parking area for pavilion to Bill.
- Donna will get prices on picnic tables. These tables are to be labeled purchased by proceeds from Bocce Ball Tournaments.
- Town wants to put fence back up when these items are completed.
- Signs thanking Open Space need to be purchased for both pavilions.
- Tom Smith reports:
 - ❖ We need signs stating no alcohol, no swimming, and to leave after dark.
 - ❖ Need more police to drive through the Park.
 - ❖ He has taken care of the downed trees.
 - ❖ The four locks for the sheds and the keys are in the desk in the top left drawer.
- There are a lot of deer and ground hogs in the Park.
- Tammy Black:
 - ❖ The Board needs to work on shared goals with the Town.
 - ❖ A Master Plan needs to be devised in conjunction with the Town.
 - ❖ She also feels that we need to develop a restrictive ground proposal and a non-restrictive ground proposal.
 - ❖ A strategic plan needs to be developed with facility goals and a vision for Memory Grove. What is the projection and upkeep of trees in Memory Grove?
- Sharon has been working on a Master Plan.

New Business:

- Donna will work on Mowing schedule.
- Marcia moved that the Board contribute \$50.00 toward Sharon's new printer. Ellen seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- Marcia moved and Ellen R. seconded that a tree be purchased in memory of George Hooper who was a long time center volunteer. Marcia will send form to Ellen R. to send check to state. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Submitted: Marcia Bogash, Secretary