

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION, INC.

Board Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2013

Present:

Sharon Hughes, Chairman
Bill Skinner, Vice-Chairman
Ellen Rugemer
Justin Watts

Barbara Trump
Ellen Frey
Vince DePalmer
Donna Davis

Town of Manchester Representative: Councilperson Tammy Black
Volunteer: Tom Smith

Meeting called to order by Chair Sharon Hughes at 7:12 PM

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Motion to accept as presented by Justin Watts
- Second by Ellen Frey
- Motion carried

TREASURER REPORT:

- Motion to accept as presented by Barbara Trump
- Second by Bill Skinner
- Report accepted

NATURALIST REPORT: none

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Marcia Bogash was not able to attend the meeting. Easter Egg hunt posters were handed out to several members for posting. Sharon reported that she has a list of sites where Marcia will be distributing posters.

PROGRAMS:

- Spring Fest
 - May 4 cleaning and set-up day starting at 9 AM
 - May 5:
 - ◆ Arrival time: 10 AM
 - Ellen reported \$900.00 in donations received
 - ◆ Vince DePalmer will ask the Lions Club for a donation.
 - Ellen Frey will send advertising info to her list of newspapers in mid-April.
 - Ellen Frey reviewed the list of registered participants

MD chapter of The American
Chestnut Foundation

Dennis Trump
Vince DePalmer
McDaniel Bees
Brooks Rugemer

John Sies Papermaking
DNR Firewise

Invasive Species Walk
With Carolyn Puckett

Police
Steve Israel archaeology site
Reptile Wonders
Christian Farmers
Crafts with Ellen Rugemer
Face Painting

Manchester Valley Environmental
Club

Master Gardeners
Flower Sales
Jumping Rabbits
PTO 4-H food tent
Carroll County Forestry Board

- Justin Watts reported that there are no school bands available to play this year.
- Signage needed includes:

Kids Corral	Crafts	Ticket sign
Vendors	Parking signs	Event day direction for
Games	50/50 Raffle	street sandwich boards

 - ◆ Bill Skinner will get banner for the Corral and make signs for the vendors
 - ◆ It was decided to list each game/craft and the number of tickets needed for each instead of the price.
 - ◆ The yellow "Spring Fest" banner will be put up on the park entrance fence before the Egg Hunt.
- 100 flyers will be available to hand out at the Egg Hunt.
- There will be a 50/50 Raffle of \$1.00/chance or 6/\$5.00
 - ◆ Generic Tickets on a roll will be used.
- Egg Hunt:
 - March 16—egg stuffing 10:30 at the center
 - ◆ Justin Watts will bring 8 student volunteers
 - March 23—Egg Hunt Day—
 - ◆ Arrive at 8 AM for preparation
 - ◆ Egg hunt begins at 10 AM
 - ◆ Ellen Rugemer will get more flagging tape used for crowd control
 - ◆ Age group signs have been made
- Archaeology Talk
 - April 16—7:30 PM
 - "Dig It"
 - Stephen Israel at the North Carroll Library

FACILITIES: Report by volunteer Tom Smith

- Vandalism:
 - Tom Smith replaced the vandalized motion detector lights and pickets in the fence.
 - Birdfeeders were also pulled down by vandals
 - Info box at herb garden also broken
 - ◆ Ellen Rugemer will keep eyes open for another one.
 - ◆ Bill Skinner suggested a metal one that cannot be smashed.
- Steiner being serviced
- 4-wheelers were in the park during the last snow storm
- Some trees limbs and tree tops snapped off due to weight of snow, mostly poplars
- Trails in good shape
 - Tom is mulching some trails
 - Plenty of mulch available.
- Still telephone poles available

OLD BUSINESS:

- Compost Bins:
 - Discussion started at February meeting re-visited
 - Barb Trump mentioned that we should have three bins to cover the stages of decay
 - All present agreed that the center could benefit from the compost bins
 - Ellen will present the design and construction of several compost bins as scout project.
- Pump:
 - Ellen Rugmer made a motion to spend the estimated \$800.00 to repair the well pump.

- Donna seconded
- Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Board discussed the cobblestones used at Christmas Tree Park.
 - Tom Smith outlined the history of the stones.
 - ◆ They came from the old cobblestone streets in Baltimore 30 years ago.
 - Ellen R. said the scouts spent many hours cleaning the stones years ago.
 - The stones have been removed and piled for construction of a gazebo at Christmas Tree Park.
 - Tammy Black contacted Dave Brown, who said they are going to try to incorporate as many as they can into the new design.
 - Ellen R. will call Steve to let him know that the Parks Board would like to have any remaining stones that will not be used at CTP gazebo.
- Steve Miller is looking for volunteer groups to stencil the storm drains.
 - Ellen Rugemer said that it could be an Eagle Scout project
 - Will contact Steve.
- Steve also looking for a volunteer group to organize and plant more trees around the town.

Ellen Rugemer made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Justin Watts

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.