

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

Board Meeting May 9, 2011

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

Volunteers: Jim Singer, Tom Smith

Guests: Isaac Downing, Scout; Tommy Banz, Scout

Meeting called to order by Sharon Hughes at 7:15 PM at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

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

Treasurer's Report: Approved as presented. Motion by Marcia Bogash, second by Ellen Frey
Winner of 50/50 Raffle was Jim Wagner. Ellen will notify.

Guests: Tommy Banz proposed a kiosk at Memory Grove for his Eagle Scout Project. Isaac Downing proposed Raised Herb Beds for Herbal Education for his project. They will bring plans to the next meeting.

Signs for Nature Center: To explore costs of replacement. Justin made motion, Elsie seconded. Also discussion on placement of signs. Ellen R made motion, Ellen Frey seconded that discussion with Steve Miller and Doug Myers as to "where sign can be placed for better viewing.

Programs:

- **Fishing Derby:**
To be held at Walnut Pond on June 4. The Post City Bassmasters thru Mickey McCleary will be donating things left from their events. Jane Hays, Mickey's aunt, will donate prizes. Mickey says that there are big bass in the pond. Port-A-Pot to be ordered. Same day as Manchester Day.
- **Spring Fest:** Concerns expressed as to change of day or adding a rain date. This is an event that takes a year of maximum work and the poor turn-out was weather related. Further discussion about moving Kids Corral into center to maximize exposure...Both options to be discussed again. Approx. 12 families attended the Archaeology Investigation.
- **Girl Scout Tree Planting Troop #440- May 14th**
Girl Scout Tree Planting at 9:30 AM. Doug has been emailed about holes for trees. 20 trees to be planted.
- **Venturing Crew Planting-May 14th**
Venturing Crew also coming to begin their planting. It will take 2 weekends. Bill Skinner has been in touch with them.

- **Memory Grove:**
6 trees have died. Tree-Mendous will bring replacement trees on May 14th.
Memory Grove Planting-October 2. Plans to be made.
- **Benefactor's Picnic:** September 11...Invitations and menu need to be planned.

Facilities:

Bill Skinner did a great job on building.

Tom Smith has done a great job keeping up with trails. A lot of concern with all of the rain and storms but are in reasonable shape.

Mowers not serviced. There are charging problems with Steiner. Tom contacted mower person and they will pick up the John Deere and the Steiner mowers and keep for a few days. Tom also found a fire extinguisher laying in the park.

April-High School Work Day...40 kids came and nine helped with mulching and painting.

Wednesday, May 11...Ebb Valley is having an Investigation Day for 4th Graders. Stephen Israel, Tom & Betty Smith, Barbara Trump will assist with the investigation. There will also be a GPS Hunt and mulching of trails. They will also mulch the picnic area. Mr. Thomas' wife passed away. Marcia will send note from the Board.

New Business:

- Lori Friedman wants to do some sort of memorial for her dog...Questions as to how to handle pet donations.
- Campout...Girl Scout group wants to have an overnight...Tom Smith suggested that they bring their own lock for Saturday night.
- Work Day...June 18th 9 – 12

Meeting Adjourned at 8:56 PM. Motion by Ellen Rugemer, second by Marcia Bogash.

Submitted:

Marcia Bogash, Secretary