

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

Board Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2012

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

Town: Tammy Black

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Guest: Vince DePalmer

Meeting was called to order by President Sharon Hughes at 7:06 PM at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

Minutes: Approved with corrections. Motion by Justin Watts, second by Ellen Rugemer.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as presented. Motion by Ellen Frey seconded by Barb Trump.

Naturalist Report:

- Sherry would like literature bin in building removed, fire pit removed at end of trail and benches with graffiti also removed. We may just wire brush the graffiti from the bench. The new storage shed is great for her.
- Also she has thought on new bathroom system. There are still problems with new system she suggested.
- Sherry sent out field trip evaluation to scout troop 660. Came back with 10+ rating for Sherry and suggests having a sink for hand washing.

Public Relations: Fishing posters out. Bocce ball posters out. Stephen Israel's program at the library not well attended. Special fishing derby ad approved. Looking into same type of ad for the next Spring Fest.

Programs:

- *Spring Fest Update:* Band participation was a great idea. Would like to expand on this and other music for next year. The food vendor, face painting, and other vendors (as much as we can determine), did well this year. Need new signage next year for moon bounce area. All comments heard about the event were good. Spring Fest gross income--\$1294.00. Final figure next month.

- *Fishing Derby*: June 23rd
- *Bocce Ball*: 12 teams for sure signed up. Maybe two courts will be used. No port-a-pot needed. Bill motioned to buy a new set of bocce balls and scoreboard for Vince. Marcia seconded. Motion carried.

Facilities:

- New shed arrived. Working on shelving and organization needs.
- Pump update: No water yet. Bill working on it. Justin may put in submersible pump to solve problem. Mr. Gary Watts offered equipment and help to fix it. Getting an estimate on cost for this.
- Picnic Table Update: Four tables on order. Looking into signage for tables also.
- New storage shed keys made. One key to be given to Stephen Israel for his archaeology equipment.
- Parking area formed around new pavilion.
- Need dead bolt for new storage shed.
- Trails needed minor work at this time.
- Steiner mower back. John Deere mower should go. Suggestions? Probably a free sign will do.
- Mulch pile next to Council Ring only for trails. Tom will replenish.

Old Business:

- Sherry and Essex Community College had classes at the archaeological investigation site.
- Tammy and Tom think old mowing schedule is fine. Donna has different views. Do we need this investigated further?
- Signage for different mowing areas needs to be checked for good placement.
- Sign repair by pond doesn't have to be moved to be repaired. Bill will repair at site when fencing area is permanent.

New Business:

- Charity Lodge No. 58, Knights of Pythias has chosen CQNC to be a recipient of funds from their annual golf tournament. This year's golf tournament is to be held at Westminster National Golf Course on September 28, 2012.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 PM.

Submitted by: Ellen Frey, Board Of Director