

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION, INC.

Board Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2013

Present:

Sharon Hughes, Chairman
Bill Skinner, Vice-Chairman
Marcia Bogash, Secretary
Ellen Rugemer

Barbara Trump
Ellen Frey
Vince DePalmer
Justin Watts

Meeting called to order at 7:12 PM at the nature center

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Minutes from April Meeting presented
- Motion by Justin Watts and seconded by Ellen Rugemer to accept as presented
- Motion carried

TREASURER REPORT:

- Motion by Ellen Frey. Seconded by Bill Skinner.
- Approved as presented.

NATURALIST REPORT: None

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- Great article in The Advocate by Jon Kelvey on Spring Fest and the nature center.
- GIVE A GIFT TO NATURE PROGRAM being publicized at library and Tourism Bureau.

PROGRAMS:

- Spring Fest:
 - 50/50 drawing winner — Carl Lundquist \$52.00
 - Income Total: \$1607.00
 - Expenses: \$831.00
 - Profit: \$776.00
 - Some ideas for tweaking the event for next year:
 - ◆ Prominent donation boxes scattered around the area
 - ◆ Relief schedule for breaks to the board members throughout the day
 - ◆ More parking by moving area downward
 - ◆ Pre-school crafts
 - ◆ Redoing Girl Scout puppet show
 - ◆ New vendors and crafts
 - All of this year's vendors did well.
 - Weather fantastic. GREAT DAY.
- Fishing Derby:
 - No report.
 - To be determined.

- Bocce Ball:
 - Tournaments as scheduled.
 - More advertising for "rookie day".
 - Prizes: ribbons with discs will be handled by Bill Skinner.
 - Motion to provide a spot-a-pot for tournament days made by Bill Skinner. Seconded by Ellen Rugemer.
- Library Programs:
 - Stephen Israel's program on April 16 did well. Good turnout this year.
 - Sherry also had a great program at the library.
 - More programs at later dates.

FACILITIES:

- All trails cleared by Tom Smith.
- Stay away from all animals in park because of rabies.
- Bad ticks this year.
- Lawn mower is broken and is being repaired.
- Bill Skinner had a meeting with the town concerning the fence around the new pavilion.
 - ◆ Motion made by Marcia Bogash to put fence up behind pavilion,
 - ◆ Seconded by Ellen Rugemer.
 - ◆ Motion carried.
 - ◆ Bill will talk to town about board's wishes.
- More signage concerning children needed for the area.
 - ◆ Maybe the town will install them.
- Pond: town treated with Aqua Shade.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ellen Rugemer will take care of the project for the tracks display to be placed in front of building.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Marcia Bogash found 2 new volunteers.
- Would like to find a benefactor or get town support for a portable hand sink to stay at the center part of the year.
- Plant sway is being considered for next year. More info needed.
- Marcia invited a possible new board member to our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Motion by Ellen Frey

Seconded by Barbara Trump

Prepared by Ellen Frey, Board Member.