

**MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING  
MAY 12, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Ellen Rugemer, Vice Chair Bill Skinner, Barbara Trump, Treasurer Marcia Bogash, Ellen Frey, Justin Watts

**CALL TO ORDER:** by Ellen Rugemer at 7 pm

**SECRETARY REPORT:** A motion by Ellen Rugemer to accept the minutes for the April meeting. Motion seconded by Barb Trump. Minutes accepted as presented.

**TREASURY REPORT:** Treasurer Marcia Bogash presented Spring Fest Income Report along with other transactions of income and outlay. The balance in the checkbook is \$9125.71 less debit of \$327.00 and \$98.00. A motion was made by Ellen Frey and seconded by Barb Trump to accept the treasurer's report and passed.

**NATURALIST REPORT:** Sherry has requested a shop vac for the building due to the current leaking problem. We will try and re-arrange the cabinets to check on the origin of the leak. Chips placed in the parking lot was suggested to help the water runoff into the front of the building. Bill Skinner will talk to Steve Miller. We will purchase a shop vac for the building.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT:** We need to re-order nature center brochures. The old copy will be tweaked to reflect the current changes at the center.

**PROGRAMS:**

**SPRINGFEST:** The event was deemed a total success this year. Ellen Rugemer drew the 50-50 ticket. The winner was Brianna Farrow [REDACTED]. Marcia Bogash will contact her. We will make some changes to the kid's corral next year by changing the price to \$3.00 and not having different prices for each game. Total \$3.00 for all day play. Also some of the participants would like different locations for their tables. Will work on placing them to their best advantage. Ellen Frey will send a final update to all sponsors and participants of the event.

**BOCCEE BALL:** The 1<sup>st</sup> tournament is June 21<sup>st</sup>. So far 10 teams have signed on.

**AUTUMN PLANTING:** We talked about a possible site for the tree. Marcia Bogash has started ordering tree certificates.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ellen Frey will contact Skip Bird and inform him that at the present time we are concentrating on our building enlargement, but if he has a telescope that would be a good fit for us he is more than welcome to present it to us. A motion was made by Justin Watts to contact Mr. Bob Clark about his analemma project. Barb Trump seconded it and it was passed. There was a discussion to try and change our newsletter into an e-letter format. There are pros and cons to this as we need paper copies for the tourist bureau, (etc).

**BUILDING GRANT:** Nothing till July on phase 1.

**SEWAGE GRANT:** Nothing yet. Health Dept. wants to use the best available technology for our project. The town will cover water line trenching.

**FACILITIES:** The tractor is back. Our holly bushes look bad. We will plant nothing around building. 20 trees from the state were planted in buffer. We might get 20 more trees in the fall also. We are still working on new signage for York Street. A vertical sign was suggested to it could be larger. Checking into prices. At this time our interpretative building will not be open on Sundays. Little to no traffic and little to no volunteers.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Marcia Bogash, Treasurer, has changed the names on our bankcard to reflect Sharon Hughes stepping down as chair. A motion was made by Marcia Bogash to elect Ellen Rugemer as our new chairman. Seconded by Justin Watts and passed. The town will pay tribute to Sharon Hughes for all of her years of service to the nature center at their next meeting, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Ellen Rugemer to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Seconded by Ellen Frey and passed.

**PREPARED BY:** Ellen Frey, Board Member