

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

Board Meeting

November 7, 2011

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

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Town of Manchester: Tammy Black

Meeting called to order by Sharon Hughes at 7:08 PM at Manchester Town Office.

Minutes: Approved as presented... Motion by Ellen Rugemer, second by Marcia Bogash

Treasurer's Report: To be resolved

Public Relations: April 10, 2012 Presentation at North Carroll Library "Old Traditions, New Stories" The 2011 Field Season at the Pine Valley Park Prehistoric Site.

Flyers for all events in early 2012 to be handed out at Black Friday.

Tammy Black has made arrangements for a table for Nature Center in Fire Hall. Marcia will make flyers.

Naturalist Meeting: Sharon Hughes, Ellen Frey, Marcia Bogash and Barbara Trump met with Sherry Fisher to try to work out some areas of concern. The meeting was very positive...Sherry will design a questionnaire to explore what people are looking for from the Nature Center. There will be ongoing meetings to keep line of communication open.

Facilities:

- Tom Smith reported that someone had pulled tubes off and damaged some of the Chestnut Trees. He replaced the tubes on the ones that were not broken
- Motor scooters were in the Park the last weekend in October.
- The Town has mowed the fields.
- A big Maple and a big Mulberry tree went down in the snow storm. The Town removed the large limbs. Trails are clear and in good shape.
- Some trees in Memory Grove are damaged and will need replacing (mostly dogwoods).
- Three loads of clippings were dumped by the Town and will be used in the Trails.
- Tom will mow one more time

- Motion made for Tom to make arrangement to have the Steiner serviced. Marcia moved and Ellen R. seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- For further planting where test well is to be placed, the Town wants a 30-40 foot area with no trees. Town wants a drawing of the area.
 - Mowing Concerns:
Town mows 3 times a year and the mowers have to be transported a long distance. Nature Center Board needs to come up with a map to identify specific areas in writing and the number of mowing. Donna Davis will draw a map for the Town and also reassess wildlife habitat plan.

Old Business:

- Ellen Rugemer will get prices on metal signs (like Christmas Tree Park's sign)
- Bill Skinner passed around drawings of new Pavilion with storage shed built in the back corner.
- December 4 will be an Open Day. Bill Skinner will be there from 12:30 to 4:00.

New Business:

- Budget needs to be worked on for 2012.
- Weed Warriors: Justin Watts, Barbara Trump, Ellen Rugemer, Donna Davis and Bill Skinner attended the Training Workshop held at the Nature Center.
- Marcia will send the Federated Garden Clubs information on the Nature Center. They are interested in possibly making a donation.
- Bill Skinner will contact Steve Miller about adding a bump out to the building for storage...He will see what is needed for permit, etc.
- By Laws: Change in meeting for the Board. Motion for 3rd Monday not seconded. Motion for 2nd Monday made by Ellen Frey, seconded by Ellen Rugemer. Motion Passed. Next meeting will be on January 9.

Motion to Adjourn made by Marcia Bogash, seconded by Justin Watts.

Submitted

Marcia Bogash, Secretary