

Minutes of the Manchester parks Foundation Board of Directors Meeting - October 13, 2014

Meeting location: CQNC building

Call to order: 7:03 PM by Chairman Ellen Rugemer.

Board members present: Bruce Smith, Robin Fishpaw, Bill Skinner, Barb Trump, Ellen Frey, Ellen Rugemer, Vince DePalmer, Donna Davis.

Minutes: Motion to accept minutes made by Bruce Smith. Seconded and passed.

Treasurers report: Treasurer absent. No report submitted.

Naturalist report: No naturalist report submitted. However, Barb Trump spoke to naturalist Sherry Fisher-Cole last week. Sherry suggested getting trash cans with lids. Trash is getting pulled out of the cans, possibly by animals or maybe from school field trips. We do not get trash pick-up here at the park. Ellen Rugemer will talk to the Town about options for trash pick-up. Barb also reported that Sherry is conducting numerous classes for Manchester and Ebb Valley at the center and is charging \$1/student because the center no longer receives money from the PTO. \$106.00 was collected from recent school trips.

PR: no PR report. Barb Trump mailed out the newsletters.

Programs: Oct 4 Bocce Ball: County paper printed two pictures. Vince DePalmer reported that despite the cold weather, it was a good tournament. The bowling contest went well and raised some funds. The winner received a gift certificate. Bruce Smith ran a 50/50 raffle and a contest where people who could answer certain questions about Manchester would get a free ticket. Knights of Pythias donated \$150.00 and ran the food tent. Food profits were \$110.00. Bruce Smith volunteered to help with fund raising for next tournament. Total funds generated from Oct. 4: \$1,314.00.

Autumn Planting – Day went well. 34 RSVP with estimated approximately 40 total people attending. A very nice yellowwood tree was donated by Kings Tree Farm. About 8 Cub Scouts assisted in planting the tree. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Bob Clark as a thank you for donating the Amalemma and sundial.

Facilities: Building - Bill Skinner reported that Steve Miller has not heard any new information about the building grant. Bill inquired about moving ahead with the sewer work while waiting for news about the building grant. Steve Miller will contact Ed Singer with County permits department.

Gate - Ellen Rugemer reported that she discussed the gate issue options with Steve Miller.

Grounds -Barb Trump planted butterfly bushes from her home in the butterfly garden. The small gardens are becoming a maintenance issue with onset of invasive plants. The Board discussed an “adopt a garden” program to find a person or group of people to provide regular weeding and maintenance. Ellen Rugemer will develop a brochure or look into finding scout groups that might be interested. Donna Davis suggested checking horticulture clubs at the high schools for interest.

Old business: Telescope: The Board discussed purchasing the specialized telescope closest as the money is now in the account from Bocce Ball funds. Barb Trump made a motion to purchase the closet when we receive a commitment from Westminster Astronomical Society that the nature center will be awarded the telescope. Bill Skinner seconded. After brief discussion, the Board voted to purchase the closet after we know the nature center will receive the telescope. Ellen Rugemer will make contact with appropriate persons at the Society.

New business: Ellen Frey will develop a volunteer schedule to assist members in tracking their hours. Sharon Hughes has requested Board members send her a list of volunteers to be recognized in the January newsletter.

The Board discussed the budget. Bill Skinner inquired about the balance received from the Town. Ellen Rugemer will ask the Town what this amount is.

Vince Depalmer made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 PM. Motion seconded by Bruce Smith and passed. The next meeting will be at the CQNC building. November 10 at 7PM.

Minutes submitted by Donna Davis, Secretary