

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

Board Meeting

September 12, 2011

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

Town of Manchester: Tammy Black

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Meeting called to order by President Sharon Hughes at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center at 7:10 PM.

Minutes: Approved as presented. Motion by Justin Watts, second by Ellen Frey.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as presented. Motion by Marcia Bogash. Second by Justin Watts.

Report: Tammy Black

Pavilion to go out for rebids. Waiting to hear from Steve Miller as to process. Spoke to Chief Gaul and a report was filed as to the vandalism at the Park. She has had a tour of all of the Manchester Parks by Dave Brown and Whitey. She expressed concerns about the tall grass along Walnut in the field that touches Memory Grove. Tom Smith stated that the Town mow these fields and expressed other concerns about the mowing. Tammy will set up meeting with herself, Tom and Dave to go over mowing issues...Aeration Systems: all ponds need attention.

Correspondence: Letter of Resignation from Elsie McCleary. She and Mickey will continue to do the Fishing Derby.

Letter from Sherry Fisher asking that her contract be renewed for only 3 months. She has personal concerns with health of husband as well as conflict of vision for the Nature Center. Board members suggested meeting with her at her convenience.

Public Relations: Invitations were sent out for the Tree Planting to be held October 2. Barbara Trump and Justin Watts had a booth at the Manchester Stampede. They signed up 14 volunteers. A birdhouse was donated for the raffle.

Black Friday: Tammy will reserve a table for the Nature Center. Stephen Israel is preparing a display for the table.

Benefactors Picnic: Successful...23 people attended. About 10 people who had said that they were coming did not come...Everyone felt that was due to 9/11 events and the Ravens game.

Memory Grove: Justin brought programs for input...Tom Smith reported that one tree is really leaning badly and needs to be braced. Marcia and Barb will clean around the trees. Justin will try and get volunteers to clean up on October 1...Donna Davis will order 22 trees, 13 for Memory Grove and the rest replacement trees. Tree-Mendous Program is selling water bags for trees. Donna will look into cost of a water tank for use on property. Bill Skinner will pick up the trees.

Bocce Ball: Vince DePalmer reported that he had 14 Teams signed up for October 1. He has gift certificates for the drawings and T-shirts for the winners. Park will pay for the T-shirts.

Sign on York Street:

Sign will be replaced with a simpler 2-sided version...Motion by Ellen Rugemer and second by Ellen Frey. It will consist of the name and an arrow...Marcia will check on prices with Runkles and Woodland Signs.

State Signs: Donna Davis checked and does not think that we qualify. However, she will put in an application.

Copier: Eickholtz out today and fixed it.

New Business:

First Aid Kit...Maryanne Turner has volunteered to take care of this.

Handicapped Ramp to Pavilion: Needs to be explored as to cost, etc.

Rental Price etc. for Pavilion needs to be determined. Meeting with Town for approval on this item.

Someone needs to cover Nature Center on Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.

Bill and Marcia will set up meeting with Principal of Manchester Elem. School to review relationship with Nature Center. Tom Smith stated that some classes have been coming and that Betty was aware of this.

Grace Bible Preschool would like to have a program. Donna will contact Sherry.

Weed Warriors will have a program on October 9 from 2 – 4. Motion by Justin Watts and seconded by Bill Skinner.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Submitted,
Marcia Bogash, Sec.