

Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee
Minutes of June 4, 2008
Acting Secretary Juliana Barrett

Present: Tom Harrington, Ethan Avery, Jennifer Kaufmann, Eric Kruger, Michelle Baughman, Jean Haskell, Cindy Weiss, Juliana Barrett

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

The Minutes of the April 2, 2008 meeting were approved with minor changes.

New Members Eric Kruger and Michelle Baughman were welcomed.

New Business

- A. No opposition to accepting the open space PZC file #1229-2
Michelle will coordinate PZC field trips and we will try to get at least one member of PAC on the field trips.

Continuing Business

- A. PAC membership is full.
- B. PAC reports
 - 1. Sawmill Brook Preserve management plan – no report
 - 2. Park Updates:
 - Merrow Meadows – Nice and dry, looks good
 - Dunhamtown Forest – Sibley property looks good, Ethan and Michelle to work on area, Ethan taking care of signs
 - Fifty Foot is in good shape
 - Schoolhouse Brook – Should trail be discontinued and officially closed? People are still using it despite trail sign removal.
 - 3. FOMP Upcoming Programs
 - Butterfly NAV program in July
 - CTFP – Fifty Foot Wildflower hike
 - Fall Programs in process – Coney Rock, Pond at Schoolhouse Brook, Wolf Rock/Sawmill Brook, Kids walk at Dunhamtown, Star Party to be rerun in September
 - Nature reading group continuing (back again in November)
 - 4. PAC Projects
 - a. Nature Center – Southeast and Goodwin afterschool science program
 - b. Outstanding Management Plans:
 - Schoolhouse Brook – staff projects in process
 - Dunhamtown – in process
- C. Staff Report
 - 1. WHIP – Approx. \$20,000 to do invasives control in 4 open space/parks; Schoolhouse Brook Park – doing plant monitoring through NAV
 - 2. River Park – almost completed; will be opened for the Willimantic Trails Day June 14 and then closed again; need to secure the field from vehicular traffic; wooden guard rails to be put in.

3. Land Management Committee – has not met; Jennifer planning to do a presentation to the Town Council on planning and acquisition guidelines, and the importance of management.

4. NAV workday – 2 workdays with UConn approx 10 volunteers each

Also Alternative Route to Incarceration – came with supervisor and tools

5. Report to Town Council – not yet

6. Other – no formal proposal from White Oaks Condo Association

D. Non-PAC reports

Minutes of other committees reviewed; Michelle will coordinate PZC field trips for PAC

Correspondence – None

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Future meetings – September 3, 2008 at 7:30

Respectfully submitted, Juliana Barrett, Acting Secretary