

**Town of Mansfield  
Parks Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
January 5, 2011  
Secretary – Al Montoya**

Present: Sue Harrington, Tom Harrington, Jennifer Kaufman and Al Montoya

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.
- II. The minutes for the November meeting were approved. There were no meeting minutes for December as the meeting was cancelled.
- III. Old Business
  - a. The Dorwart preserve/Lions Memorial park opening was discussed. The rest of the trail needs to be marked out. Coordination will need to occur with OSPC to mark the connector between Nipmuck/Mansfield Hollow. Two bridges are being planned. In addition the group will need to determine what will go on the trail guide.
  - b. The Moss Sanctuary trail guide was reviewed. The points of interest were renumbered. In addition, more interpretive points will need to be added. The rock bridge is in need of a railing and step to make crossing safer.
  - c. Commonfields was reviewed. Help will be needed from Roberta Smith on historical facts.
  - d. The PAC presentation to the Town Council is still being planned. Photos are needed to complete this presentation.
  - e. The Committee recommended that George Arthur and the roving CFPA trail crew be nominated for the NAV award for all of their work. This will be presented in March.
- IV. New Business
  - a. Jennifer will be utilizing the GIS map tool for all meetings in order to provide a more comprehensive look at different areas.
  - b. There are several Eagle Scout projects that are upcoming. Three scouts are interested in completing a project as well as the Venture group. A bridge is planned for Dorwart, an observation deck for Sawmill Brook Preserve, and fixing a bridge on Eagleville Preserve.
- V. Other
  - a. The Committee will continue to review management plans in the spring.
  - b. The Winter Festival is being planned for February 12, 2011. A walk is tentative for that day at 1:00 P.M.

- c. Sue will be attending the Committee on Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. to address concerns regarding the committee charge.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Al Montoya, Secretary