

**Parks Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Mansfield Community Center Conference Room**  
**November 6, 2013**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Chair: Sue Harrington**  
**Minutes**

- I. Welcome – 7:45 pm
- II. Attendance – Bill Thorne, Susan Harrington, Juliana Barrett, and Jennifer Kaufman
- III. Approval of Minutes –minutes will be distributed at the next meeting.
- IV. Old Business Park Updates
  - Laguardia Property- Jennifer updated the committee on the Laguardia Property acquisition. She stated that the Town is working on an easement with Joshua's Trust to protect the natural, cultural/historic, and agricultural resources.
  - Recent/Upcoming Programming-Sue reported on their Walktober programs. As always, their programs were successful. They are considering doing a Wildflower slide show in early spring. Jennifer reported that the Star Party was very well attended.
  - Mansfield Tomorrow-Jennifer updated the committee on the project. A draft plan should be complete and ready for committee review in early December.
- V. Ongoing Parks Projects
  - Review of down trees on trails-there are several down trees on trails. Schoolhouse Brook Park is of particular concern. Jennifer will visit the property to assess the situation and see if the trail needs to be rerouted or if a tree service can assist with the situation.
  - Volunteer work days- There were six volunteer workdays this fall, with a total of about 75 volunteer hours completed. A big thank you to UConn Community Outreach and the Alternative Incarceration Center for their assistance.
  - Trail blazing Troyer Property- Jennifer stated that the committee needed to complete the trail on the Troyer property. The committee will try to get out there sometime before the weather turns.
- VI. New Business
  - Open Space Grant Round- Jennifer stated that there was an open space grant round coming up. She told the committee to make suggestions for properties. She will be discussing this with Open Space at their November meeting.
  - Eagle Scout Project Dunhamtown Forest- Jennifer has been working with Patrick Kornegay to complete a bridge at Dunhamtown across the seasonal brook. An exemption from a wetlands permit was granted on 11/4. The scout hopes to begin the project before the weather turns.
- VII. Announcements-none
- VIII. Items for next agenda-none discussed.
- IX. Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.