

**Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee
Minutes for March 2, 2005**

Members present: Sue Craig, Jean Haskell, Jaquelyn Perfetto, Jennifer Kaufman.

I. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Sue Craig, at 7:45 pm. The minutes of 2-2-05 were accepted.

II. Continuing Business

A. PAC member recruitment continues and the Committee on Committees has been contacted.

B. PAC reports:

1. Management. *Dunhamtown Forest* management schedule was reviewed and approved. *Eagleville Preserve's* land management plan was reviewed by Jean and Jennifer who had visited the site in February. Assignments were made to visit sections of *Schoolhouse Brook Park* for it's land management plan review at the April meeting.
2. There were no park updates.

C. Parks Staff Reports

1. Natural Areas Volunteers, J. Haskell.
 - a. Official registration of volunteers continues. Three site reports were completed and returned.
 - b. Plans continue for the volunteer recognition event of April 6. Perfetto moved and Haskell seconded that PAC order two plaques for the service awards.
 - c. The spring workday schedule was announced and advertised, with 9 workdays.
 - d. Sue will organize volunteer training dates for the summer butterfly count, due by March 30.
2. Friends of Mansfield Parks, S. Craig.
 - a. Nature center proposal surveys will be emailed soon.
 - b. Winter env. ed. programs are going well; spring schedule has been announced.
 - c. Sue will email info about the family activity guide for the Q-S grant proposal due in April.
3. Development, J. Kaufman.
 - a. Work continues on the Online Trail and Plains Road projects with Kristin Schwab.
 - b. The Commonfields grant proposal was submitted.
 - c. No new acquisitions to report.
 - d. The possibility of a new bond referendum for open space was discussed. **Perfetto moved and Haskell seconded that PAC supports the Advisory Committees and Parks staff efforts to prepare presentations for the Town Council about a new bond referendum acquiring open space, but that past and**

future acquisition must also be paired with land management funding. The motion passed.

4. PAC should submit a new name for the Plains Road park at the April meeting.

III. Other parks-related Town business.

- A. **Perfetto moved and Haskell seconded that PAC supports the comments of the Conservation Committee's minutes of Feb. 22, 2005 regarding PZC File# 1214-2, Smith Farms Development. PAC considers the proposed open space and trail as not usable by Mansfield public as a potential park, and that any land given to the Town as open space should also have a land management endowment. The motion passed.**
- B. **Perfetto moved and Haskell seconded that PAC supports the comments of the Conservation Committee's minutes of Feb. 22, 2005 regarding PZC File# 1225-Dorwart Family Trust. The motion passed.**

IV. Future Agendas. April 6, Volunteer Reception at 7:00 pm, Schoolhouse Brook management plan review. June 1. October 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Haskell, PAC secretary
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