

**Town of Mansfield
Parks Advisory Committee
Minutes
February 3, 2010
Secretary – Al Montoya**

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

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.
- II. The minutes for the January meeting were approved.
- III. Continuing Business
 - a. Discussion was held on the presentation to the Town Council. There was a joint meeting with the Open Space committee on January 25, 2010 where they revised the presentation. Jennifer reviewed the presentation with the group and changes were made to focus on the benefits of these committees. The presentation to the Town Council will be on March 8, 2010 and a dry run will be on February 16th.
 - b. The Dunhamtown Forest management plan has been turned into Jennifer and any further information regarding specifics needs to be turned in.
- IV. New Business
 - a. The committee reviewed the Schoolhouse Brook Park management plan and determined that it appeared to be a good plan and is in better shape than the other management plans. Tom requested that the geological aspects with the quartz be added to the plan. In addition it was noted that there is currently sign damage. Jennifer added that plant monitors had been inspecting the foliage in the area and trees have been cut for safety reasons. Sue stated that the general goal should be to monitor trails for erosion and keep management plans general, with more specifics being raised in the committee meetings. It was also noted that Schoolhouse Brook Park is the only park where mountain biking is allowed.
 - b. Walking weekend plans were discussed. The plans for the walking weekend activities are due March 5th. Various parks and activities were discussed. The plans will be finalized by the next meeting.
- V. Other Committee Minutes
 - a. Open Space meeting minutes were reviewed without comments.
- VI. Other
 - a. Jennifer informed the committee that there is some additional money available for the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program. These resources could potentially be utilized for the Eagleville preserve.

She also stated that there are very prescribed rules for how this money can be spent.

- b. The NAV award will be presented at the next meeting on March 3rd therefore the meeting will start at 7:00.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Al Montoya, Secretary