

# Roscommon Metropolitan Recreation Authority (RMRA)

## July 29, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sue Jock at 6:00 p.m. at the CRAF Center.

Board Members Present: S. Jock, C. Allen, P. Miller, E. Hart, K. Williams

Recognition of Guests: Tom Dale, Kirtland Warbler Festival, John Rosczyk, Roscommon Village Manager

Kirtland Warbler Festival – Tom Dale – Reported that the event, held the first weekend in June, was a success. There were at least 300 visitors, with over 40 volunteers on hand. The event was organized through Huron Pines with grant funding. Huron Pines will not organize the event indefinitely. It will eventually be a standalone festival organized by the Kirtland Warbler Committee. At that time the Committee will need a fiduciary for all financial transactions. After much discussion the request was denied by the RMRA Board, based on our mission of providing community recreation, and not being a responsible for the financial aspects of this event.

Approval of Agenda – Motion C. Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Miller, motion carried.

Minutes – Motion to accept minutes of the May 13, 2015 meeting as presented P. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Jock, motion carried.

Correspondence –

Treasurer Report –P. Miller - The Income & Expense Summary (through July 29, 2015) presented. Motion to accept C. Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Hart, motion carried.

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Old Business

- 2015 Gazebo Concert Series – S. Jock – The 2015 concert series using our local talent has been a success. The last concert will be held Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. In-kind donations and concession income have covered all most all of this year's expenses.
- Drive 4UR Community – Hart Ford-Lincoln hosted the program to benefit RMRA May 19. The event raised \$4,720 for RMRA.
- Equipment Grant – Roscommon Rotary Club approved a grant of \$10,000 for new exercise equipment and a card swipe system. Those funds will be held until we receive approval of the PAR Plan Grant that will be used to cover the cost of security cameras and a door-swipe system that would allow 24-hour member access to the CRAF Center. A suggestion was made to make sure the card-swipe system is compatible for direct billing to member bank accounts or credit cards.
- Metro Park Playground Sponsor Sign – Installed at the Park, looks great. Very positive feedback in regards to the 'new' park makeover. Two new trash cans have been donated through the Village (DDA).
- Metro Park Maintenance – S. Jock – The Park has been maintained by the Little League for their season. E. Hart has a contact that will maintain the park through the rest of summer/fall.
- Metro Park Restrooms – Being repainted.

New Business:

- Fall 'Love Boat' Can Drive – The 'Love Boat' will be placed at the Sunny Spot parking lot from August 25 through Labor Day weekend, with proceeds going to RMRA.
- Metro Park – Phase 2 – Be prepared with your suggestions at our September meeting, what should our priority goal be for Phase 2. Suggestions included Water Park, basketball or tennis courts, irrigation system. The old small basketball court needs to be removed and the parking lot needs to be organized for better usage. J. Rosczyk will research wells for irrigation or water activity in the Village ordinances.
- MSU Winter Workshops – First year great success, last year approximately 8 children per session. Do we want to continue or organize activities such as snowshoe Saturday, fitness day...?
- 2016 Gazebo Concert schedule presented – S. Jock - applying for grant to support 2016 season, at a cost of \$3,075. 2016 schedule was approved.

AuSable River Center – Minutes submitted for July 16, 2015. The Center will be holding a river cleanup day September 11 from the Village to Steckert Bridge Road landing. If enough volunteers they would like to go to Chase Bridge landing. S. Jock requested better access to the River Center Restroom for events. They will give her the code to access the restrooms.

Christmas in the Village (CIV) – The pine trees on the CRAF Center lawn are diseased and should be removed. CIV has a quote from Schilbe Tree Service to remove 3 pines and stumps for \$600. J. Rosczyk suggested that an article in the local newspapers let the public know the situation to hopefully eliminate as much negativity as possible. The plan is to replant in the spring. The RMRA Board was in favor and recommend proceeding. CIV will also apply for their annual fundraising raffle license under RMRA.

CRAF Center – S. Jock –Risk Assessment inspected the CRAF Center and recommended minor repairs of small items, some of which included replacing some GFI outlets, replace/repair frayed wiring, etc. Some of these repairs have been completed. They also suggested that we have appropriate signage at Metro Park to indicate that there is ‘No Smoking / No Alcohol’ etc. These are already in place. New carpeting in the foyer areas would improve the appearance; the DDA may be able to help with this. A Consumers Energy representative reviewed the Center and suggested installing light switches with motion sensors. This would afford the CRAF Center tremendous savings. \$7,500 is available for this upgrade through Consumers, using their approved vendors. Fagerlie Electric, an approved vendor will give us a cost to replace lights, add light motion sensors and replace the breaker box in the gym. Consumers have a \$15,000 grant available for these types of projects. S. Jock motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Hart to request funds from the DDA to replace carpet in the back and front foyers of the CRAF Center, motion carried. Hull Lumber recommended using carpet ‘squares’. Damaged areas can then be replaced by sections.

Gahagan Nature Preserve – A naturalist has been hired to promote the Preserve and prepare programs.

S. Jock recommended that we look at the current structure of RMRA, possibly moving it under the auspices of the Village so that we would be eligible for grants and support. J. Rosczyk commented that the CRAF Center use base is larger than the Village of Roscommon and that we should enlist the aid of our community and township for support.

E. Hart brought up the need for a daycare center, possibly at the CRAF Center. There is a definite need, but at this time there is no space available for such a venture.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn C. Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Miller. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting will be September 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Allen  
Secretary