

Village of Roscommon & Higgins Township  
Recreation Committee  
May 23, 2017

Present:

Sue Jock, Chair  
Connie Allen, Secretary  
Julie Crick, MSU Ext.

Diane Lippert  
Bill Curnalia, Higgins Township Supervisor  
Nancy Smitz

Absent: Ron Alden, Higgins Township Treasurer, John Rosczyk, Roscommon Village Manager

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by chair S. Jock.

Minutes of the May 9, 2017 were accepted. Motion to accept B. Curnalia, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Lippert, motion carried.

Old Business: Reviewed first four Issues, Goals and Objectives discussed at last meeting. These included: Issue 1- Limited trail system for walking, running and biking. The Roscommon Apartments are low-income housing for area residents with little or no transportation. As this is federally supported housing there may be grant funds available for a walkway to the Village. Issue 2 – Increase knowledge and awareness of existing area recreation opportunities by developing an Ap. The committee will look into how to build/develop an Ap for visitor to use as a wayfinding tool for area recreation, businesses and amenities. Issue 3 – Reevaluate funding for recreation within the Village of Roscommon and Higgins Township. This committee, along with Higgins Township and the Village will plan future conversations the formation of a Parks and Recreation Department. This department would be responsible for all park maintenance, to include Wallace and Metro Park. Issue 4 – Finish the connections for current motorized trails. Our current motorized trails are not connected. The final link at Billman Road and Old 76 needs to be opened for use so that visitors can travel through Roscommon and take advantage of the many amenities that are available.

New Business: Additional issues were discussed such as completing Metro Park, senior housing, visitor accommodations, area beautification by planting fields of wild flowers. Added to the Rec Plan will be Issue 5 – Encourage the development of year-around accommodations such as camping/RV park, small cabins, bed & breakfast, or hostel. Accommodations are in urgent need in the area with the proposed Iron Belle Trail that would come through Higgins Township and the Village of Roscommon. Existing Village property could be used, such as the Roscommon Industrial Park or the M18 property along the creek. Issue 6 – Update and expand amenities at Metro Park to include a possible basketball court and parking.

Motion to adjourn by J. Crick, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Curnalia, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at the Village Hall, at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Allen