

## Roscommon Metropolitan Recreation Authority (RMRA)

May 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chair S. Jock at 7:00 p.m. at the CRAF Center.

Board Members Present: C. Allen, E. Hart, C. Hutek, K. Williams

Recognition of Guests: Pat Riss, CRAF Center

Approval of Agenda – Added to the Agenda was Group Insurance Plan, ProAm Canoe Challenge and Drive for your Community. Motion C. Hutek, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Hart, motion carried.

Minutes – Motion to accept minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting with a correction: Old Business; Metro Park, last sentence to read: 'Roscommon Rotary is willing to work with RMRA to come up with a two-year plan to help fund the completion of Metro Park'. E. Hart, 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Hutek, motion carried.

Correspondence - None

Treasurer Report – Attached.

Recreation Authority

Old Business

- 2017 Gazebo Concert Series – Grant has been approved for the full amount of \$3,950. The concert schedule rack cards have been distributed throughout the community. The first concert will be held June 7<sup>th</sup>.

New Business

- RMRA Logo –With re branding of the CRAF Center and RMRA entities a new updated, catchy logo was selected by the Board.
- Resolution for additional security cameras at the CRAF Center – Motion C. Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Williams to apply for a PAR Plan grant in the amount of \$3,756 to change out our 8 bit security system for a 16 bit system to add 4 more cameras to cover 4 blind spots in the CRAF Center. This will continue to promote community and patron safety. Motion carried.
- Metro Park Lawn Maintenance – A student has been hired to maintain (grass cutting) at Metro Park.
- 'Love Boat' Can Drive – After discussion, we will not hold a fundraising can drive this spring. The last drive brought in less funds and we had to discard approximately a third of the donations that were from microbrews not supported at Family Fare.
- Group Insurance Plan – Policy has been received and reviewed for the upcoming period. There was an increase of approximately \$15.
- ProAm Canoe Challenge – Jim Ward, owner of Campbell's Canoe, expressed an interest in expanding the event to bring more spectators and contestants to the event. A tentative plan called 'Blues, Brews & Canoes', held from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday in Wallace Park. This could include a poker run and other activities. The ProAm Canoe Challenge can be a member of RMRA as a recreation event in the Village.
- Drive for your Community – Hart Ford – Lincoln hosted the event May 16 and netted RMRA \$4640.
- Conversation regarding the current function of the Recreation Authority – We would like to initiate a conversation with the Village of Roscommon and Higgins Township regarding the Authority and its purpose. With our current tax designation, we are not eligible for grants to assist in park maintenance. Currently, Metro Park is funded through fundraising and donations. We will look into available avenues to realign RMRA and how to change, if possible, our tax code making RMRA eligible for grants.

AuSable River Center – No report.

Christmas in the Village (CIV) – No report.

CRAF Center – P. Riss – The walls have been painted in the gym. The new floors will be installed the last week of June 2017. The gym will be closed for a week for the tear-out and installation of flooring. Thus far \$47,000 has been raised with another \$20,000 promised in donation. Logos recognizing major sponsors (Roscommon Rotary Club, Roscommon Downtown Development Authority and the Roscommon County Community Foundation for the floor renovations will be on the gym wall, between the bleachers. The extra funds will be used to remodel the locker rooms, to include new lockers, flooring, and showers. The restrooms at the main entrance vestibule have been painted and new dividers installed. New basketball apparatus will be installed allowing the raising and lowering the nets for the younger children using the facility. The COOR area is in need of updating (carpeting and paint). The Center continues to have a monthly positive cash flow. The monthly payment for the light upgrade is complete and

the vending machine continues to make money. A new podium has been purchased and is available for CRAF Center functions. The Kids' Calendar is being updated daily with area events, classes and activities. The calendar can be viewed on the homepages of the CRAF Center, Library and Chamber. The Center has begun recognizing a 'Member of the Month' who receives a CRAF Center t-shirt. First Congregational Church will be hosting 'Movies Under the Moon' in Wallace Park every Friday, beginning in July. The event will be moved into the CRAF Center during the winter season.

Gahagan Nature Preserve – No report.

RiverFest – No report.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn C. Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Hutek. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Allen