

# Roscommon Metropolitan Recreation Authority (RMRA)

## September 17, 2014

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

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

Recognition of Guests: Tracy Bosworth (Gahagan Nature Preserve), Lori Mattingly (Christmas in the Village), Bruce Yannatta (CRAF Center)

Approval of Agenda – Motion C. Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Williams, with the additions Old Business: RiverFest New Business: CRAF Center Computer

Minutes – Motion to accept minutes of the July 16, 2014 meeting as presented and the August 14 minutes with the correction of the date for the Beer & Wine Event to July 17, 2015 P. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Hart, motion carried.

Correspondence – Received notification from Chemical Bank of a grant award of \$5,000 for Metro Park Playground.

Treasurer Report – P. Miller – The Income & Expense Summary (through September 16, 2014) presented. Motion to accept C. Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Williams, motion carried.

### Recreation Authority

#### Old Business

- Playground Update (S. Jock) Received a donation of \$2,500 from Northern Family Dentistry. The two can drives netted \$1,837.50. We will save \$2,400 by installing the ground filler ourselves. This was deducted from the total amount due. S & J Excavating will donate their excavating services along with fill and black dirt. Lake City Concrete will donate 2 loads of crushed concrete and charge us half price for any additional product. K. Williams spoke with J. Bertsch, Roscommon Rotary President, in regards to additional grant funds. S. Jock completed the new grant form request and submitted it to Rotary. Rotary has indicated that they will grant the additional funds needed to complete the project. We received 3 bids for old playground equipment. Unsold items are stored at Navigator Wireline. Site demolition will begin this weekend. The prebuild meeting will be Tuesday, September 23, 5:00 p.m. at the CRAF Center to discuss the pre-build construction agenda to get ready for our build day, Saturday, October 11 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 2014 Gazebo Concert Series – Attendance and donations down this year due to poor weather conditions and competition from other area activities and events.
- CRAF Center Lease Agreements and Rental Contracts were reviewed and updated. Tenet spaced have been rearranged to better serve our guests.
- Breakfast with Santa – This event has been given to Seth Kilbourn, Band Director, Roscommon High School.
- Marquee Sign – The base is in, there will be an electrical box at the bottom of the base to light the sign.
- RiverFest – After repeated requests, we have not received the financial report for the July 2014 festival. Mark Constance has been asked to have it to us no later than the end of September 2014.

#### New Business:

- Election of Officers- Chair-Sue Jock, Co-Chair-Derek Smitz, Secretary-Connie Allen, Treasurer-Pam Miller, Members-at-Large-Karrie Williams and Eric Hart
- Web Domain – Hosting fee and domain name renewal motion to pay for one-year E. Hart, 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Allen, motion carried. We would like to have a “Kids Calendar” added, winter project.
- Water Connection @ Metro Park – Deteriorating non-flexible end pieces previously repaired (Thank you Carl Jock) have been replace with flexible connections by Fiebs Plumbing at no cost. P. Miller will send a thank you for their donation.
- 2015 Concert Series – We will budget approximately \$3,500 for acts for the 2015 Concert Series. Acts are costing \$700 to \$1,200 each.

- Blues & Brews on the Banks of the AuSable – Proposed fundraising event to be held the Friday of RiverFest weekend (July 17, 2015). Permission will be requested from the Village to use Wallace Park. John Bennick will be asked to give us direction on vendor contacts, as we would like to have Michigan beers and wines. K. Williams has at contact at Shorts, Mainstream in Grayling is a possibility also. A touring grant could assist in payment of an act.
- CRAF Center Computer – P. Miller has researched options. A refurbished unit can be purchased through techsoup.org that would include Office 2010, Norton Utilities for 1-year and Quickbooks can be included for at admin fee of \$45. P. Miller will work with B. Yannatta to discuss needs and costs through this program.

#### AuSable River Center – No Report

Christmas in the Village (CIV) – L. Mattingly – Discussed the tree lights on the CRAF Center lawn. Power will be available for the lights. CIV can budget for the cost power for the lights. Due to poor attendance in the past couple of years, there will be no Friday concert this year. Pat & Lori Mattingly are the contacts for CIV.

CRAF Center – B. Yannatta – Membership is down, but will be picking up with the fall weather approaching. E. Hart recommended that the CRAF Center take credit/debit cards for monthly membership fees (offer a discount) on a monthly basis. The membership would have to be cancelled 30 days in advance to cancel out of the program. B. Yannatta will research. The Center received a \$500 grant from the Roscommon County Community Foundation to purchase new equipment for the fitness room. The floors have been redone and walls painted in the COOR area. The front foyer windows will be insulated and new seals put on the doors. A Consumers Energy audit indicated that motion detectors for lights and fitness equipment would be a savings. A grant will be applied for from Consumers. S. Jock suggested that a calendar/schedule be made for activities and events for the marquee sign.

Gahagan Nature Preserve – T. Bosworth – Annual open house and membership meeting will be held Sunday, September 21 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The ELF Program (Environmental Learning for the Future) bringing information and activities to our elementary classrooms to promote and understanding and appreciation for nature is looking for volunteers. The Preserve will be adding an outdoor restroom to the property for visitor use.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn P. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Williams. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will November 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the CRAF Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Allen  
Secretary