

Roscommon Metropolitan Recreation Authority (RMRA)

September 18, 2013

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

Present: S. Jock, C. Allen, D. Smitz, P. Miller,

Recognition of Guests: Bruce Yannatta (CRAF Center), Tracy Bosworth (Gahagan) and Diane Lippert (Village of Roscommon Trustee)

Approval of Agenda – Motion C. Allen, 2nd D. Smitz. Motion carried

Minutes – Motion to accept as presented D. Smitz, 2nd P. Miller. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Village of Roscommon – Manager A. Lowe, on behalf of the Council, raised concerns regarding Metro Park. The Village Council has received complaints about graffiti inside the ship and the condition of the playground and playground equipment. S. Jock reported to the Council that the ship has been removed and plans are proceeding to renovate Metro Park and replace the playground equipment. The Roscommon Rotary Club has donated \$25,000 toward playground equipment. Security cameras have been installed to help control vandalism to the park.

Treasurers Report – P. Miller– Report presented, Metro Park savings account was closed and funds were transferred to the Money Market Account, \$24,000 was transferred from the checking account to the Money Market Account and \$4,716 from the security camera PAR Plan Grant was deposited to the Money Market Account. Motion to accept as presented C. Allen, 2nd D. Smitz. Motion carried.

Reports:

Recreation Authority – S. Jock

- Metro Park security camera installation is complete. Reimbursement has been received.
- Tisdale Trail System – All 10 miles of trail have been mowed and are ready.
- DNR Passport Grant –RMRA needs to have a Capital Improvement Plan and a budget for 2014 prepared to include with grant by October 31, 2013.

AuSable River Center –Minutes for the August 15, 2013 meeting presented. The River Center has been selling raffle tickets for the cedar strip canoe that will be raffled off on September 21 at the Firemen’s Memorial Festival. Made in Roscommon day should not be held the same day as Higgins Lake Awareness Day. Data is being gathered for an energy audit. A list of duties is being prepared for a community service person to include, grass cutting, snow removal, window washing, and painting. Website will be updated.

Christmas in the Village (CIV) – No report.

CRAF Center – B. Yannatta – Membership levels are up, rentals are up. Working is being done on the boiler system. A staff member is being trained in Grayling for TRX. We now have 3 dance classes, COOR student enrollment is up, Catholic Human Resources programs are increasing, and NA (Narcotics Anonamous) will be meeting once a week. S. Jock will complete the grant for the 2014 Gazebo Concert Series. If we do not receive any commission from the vending machines, they need to be removed. The financial statement for the CRAF Center was submitted. The report will be filed for audit.

Gahagan Nature Preserve – T. Bosworth – Open House will be held Sunday from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. School field trips have been scheduled. Parent volunteers are needed to present to the classrooms.

Old Business: S. Jock – Wooden boat has been removed from Metro Park. S. Jock is researching prices of electronic signage for the CRAF Center. She has a lead on a new/used system that might be appropriate for our needs.

New Business:

- RMRA has had an offer from a licensed and insured tree service to remove the scrub trees in front of the softball fields, we will keep the hardwoods. This will increase the viewing advantage of the security cameras and game watchers.
- 2014 Metro Park Maintenance – S. Jock – we will have a volunteer to mow and assistance from the Sheriff's department community service program.
- Capital Fundraiser – S. Jock – Playground equipment needs to be acquired for Metro Park with universal access. A letter has been prepared and donations will be requested from area businesses and organizations.
- The 5th Annual Off Road Jamboree will be held October 26. Sponsored by Nester Auto Group, the proceeds will come to RMRA.
- Comedy Night – S. Jock – Per Tom Massey, this is an easy fundraiser with very little work. He has a group of comics that would be available for this event. We will look at dates in late February and March.
- RMRA Webpage – S. Jock – This website would incorporate the sites from the CRAF Center, Gahagan, Christmas in the Village, Metro Park and the AuSable River Center. We will meet with Traci Daugherty October 3 at 10:00 a.m. at the CRAF Center.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn C. Allen, 2nd P Miller. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the CRAF Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Allen
Secretary