

Roscommon Metropolitan Recreation Authority
Year in Review 2011

In 2011 closing out the 2011-year RMRA has maintained an active schedule with great committee attendance and participation. We lost our Chairperson Joan Tyler-Milnes, active community member and advocate and she will be truly missed by all. New officers, Sue Jock as Chairperson and Al Schultz as Vice Chair has been appointed

The AuSable River Center finished their sixth canoe which was auctioned and subsequently sold back to a community member. They marketed to get the Roscommon Transit Authority to place the bus stop at the center however lost the bid. They hosted the farm market again this year which will be getting support from the DDA for growth and development in the 2012 year. ARC also hosted some activities such as "Made in Roscommon" vending shows that were in great attendance.

Gahagan Nature Preserve gained a new President, Brian Hutchens. They currently have been working on a book entitled "Pine Whispers", a book on Marguerite Gahagan. A local Eagle Scout completed a project improving the trail system. The Preserve hosted program through out the summer and also the school district.

Community Recreation Activity Facility, CRAF, has been filled with multiple community activities such as Silver Sneakers, gymnastics, seasonal volleyball, and the Roscommon Business Expo to name a few. Attendance in the gym and room rentals have been consistent. Finances are closely managed and stable. Marlyn has been busy with general upkeep and improvements gaining funding via grants and community donors for improvements. In the 2011 year the exercise room floor has been replaced, new treadmill, replacement of the remainder of the windows and currently working on a bid to replace the current lighting system to something that is more energy efficient and cheaper.

Metro Park has continued threats and damage from community teens. There had been an insurance claim this year for significant damages at the grounds. Funding has diminished in 2011 with more cuts from the village in 2012. Little League continues to be a valuable asset, with grounds work, yearly monetary donations. The longstanding member Sue Jock, President resigned and took a new position while Chris Young will be the new president.

Model Train Club which is relatively new has grown in numbers. They moved out of the ARC and purchased the old Sopscak building next to the tracks and renovated with the help of the DDA. They are financially supported by dues and donations. They have accomplished several projects and are a great addition to the downtown community.

Christmas in the village, headed by their new president Tammy Menghini pulled off another great year of festivities for the Christmas holidays.

Year end reports and finances have been submitted and insurance is reviewed annually.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Jock, Chairperson