

Roscommon Metropolitan Recreation Authority (RMRA)

November 13, 2019

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

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

Guests: Tracy Bosworth & Tom Dale (Gahagan Nature Preserve)

Public Comment: None

Minutes of September 18, 2019 meeting were approved as presented, motion K. Williams, 2nd E. Hart, motion carried.

Treasurer Report – Attached. Motion to approve as presented C. Allen, 2nd K. Williams, motion carried.

Payment of Bills: Water Bill, last mowing of the season, refurbish of Metro Park bathrooms.

Correspondence: None

New Business:

- Schedule of 2020 RMRA meeting dates: Jan 15, March 25, May 20, July 15, Sept 16, Nov 18.
- Gazebo Concerts – S. Jock reported that the 2020 schedule is set, \$2800 grant has been approved by the Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs, \$800 is still owed from 2019 season.

Old Business:

- Name change to Roscommon Area Recreation Authority (RARA) –Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws were NOT approved by Higgins Township. Vote 2 to 2. Concerns of liability to the Township, RMRA/RARA board residency and audits held every two years. S. Jock delivered copies of the current agreement to the Township for further review and comparison. Higgins Township will be holding a work session Wednesday, November 27, at 10 a.m. C. Allen will attend. In regards to future finances, the Village attorney suggested that all financing be in one account, Jim Anderson and Dan Decker stated that all financial accounts could be separate but should be combined, with the exception of Gahagan Nature Preserve. GNP is incorporated with their own EIN. Once RMRA/RARA AIO and Bylaws are approved a new management agreement will be signed with GNP. We will work with the ARC, CRAF Center and RMRA accounts oh how to best proceed with merging accounts
- Update AOI and By-Laws – Quick Claim Deeds will have to change names to RARA, RMRA EIN will not change with AOI, it will always remain with the CRAF Center. Name change was discussed (Metropolitan / Area). RARA will be the new name with the reorganization of RMRA.
- Metro Park Bathroom renovation – Renovations are ongoing and will be completed in the Spring. The early winter weather prohibits the completion of the epoxy flooring.
- 2020 is audit year for 2018 -2019. This is the regular audit schedule so we will proceed with a 2019 audit.

Christmas in the Village (CIV) – Christmas in the Village will be held Saturday, December 7, 2019.

AuSable River Center – No Report

Gahagan Nature Preserve- (T. Bosworth) – GNP will be open all winter offering a snowshoe club and various other activities.

CRAF Center – (S. Jock) – ‘Hell Week’ will be held the first week in January 2020. Participants can try five different activities and will be awarded a t-shirt. This will be an excellent opportunity for members and non-members to tryout many of the different activities offered at the Center. Leased equipment has been paid off. Acquisition of new equipment was discussed.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn C. Allen, 2nd D. Smitz. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Allen, Secretary