



Roscommon Area Recreation Authority (RARA)

March 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chair S. Jock at 7:02 p.m. at the AuSable River Center.

Board Members Present: S. Jock, C. Allen, D. Smitz, C. Hutek (video), S. Hinds, K. Williams (video) Excused: E. Hart

Guests: Pat Riss (CRAF Center), Tracy Bosworth and Tom Dale (Gahagan Nature Preserve) Sean Brabant and Jason Sharpe (Roscommon Canoe Classic), Video: Pam Tucker (Christmas in the Village)

Public Comment: None

Minutes of the January 27, 2021 meeting was approved as presented, motion D. Smitz, 2nd S. Hinds, motion carried.

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

Payment of Bills: Profit & Loss Statement through 03/15/2021 attached.

Correspondence: None

New Business:

- Village Website – Village of Roscommon has a new website, under the Economic Development tab there is a link for RARA, with links to RARA entities, includes contact information and RARA minutes.
- AuSable River Center – Virtual Tour – Watched by many, with only a few comments, none of which gives us direction.
- 2021 Farmers Market – The Market will open May 22 and run through October 2021. They have asked for better access to the storage shed, sound system, and benches; trading with flowers, general discussion, they have a meeting in April 13th.
- Grounds Maintenance CRAF Center, Metro Park, AuSable River Center- We have received a fair bid from Twin Oaks Landscaping, cutting grass at three locations as needed, will go with it for 2021 but need a long term plan for grounds and building maintainance.
- Community Clean-up May 1, 2021 – Working together area groups that include the Roscommon DDA, Rotary Club, Boy Scouts and community volunteers will be doing Community Clean-up from 9:00 a.m. til noon. Meet at the AuSable River Center, and be assigned designated areas in the Village. Roscommon Rotary will grill hot dogs at the River Center following clean-up.
- Metro Park Design-Court Layout Bid Costs – We have received a bid of \$16, 000 for fencing that would enclose pickle / basketball courts. Area prices for building/construction material are skyrocketing, and it looks like the trend will continue. The Splash Pad might be a better option to begin with.

Old Business:

- Metro Park Playground Equipment – Piece installation is scheduled for June 5th, Roscommon Rotary will assist.
- Scavenger Hunt – The Tisdale Trail Scavenger Hunt went well, very cold, positive feedback from participants. We will repeat this event next year.
- Roscommon Canoe Classic Events – Sean Brabant and Jason Sharpe – Scheduled for May 8-9. A one-day (May 8) liquor license has been secured, BC Pizza has offered to donate pizza to the racers. S. Hinds can procure the beer; fund raiser for ARC. P. Riss is looking into a system for music and announcements. There will activities for the children that will include corn hole, pelts from Gahagan, etc. Awards will be presented between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m., Contestants will be registering online. Live music and food truck for others to eat.
- Tisdale Trail Grooming – Season is complete. There will be a roundtable discussion to discuss season and plan for 2021-22.
- RARA Director Position – The position will be reposted.

Member Comments/Reports

Christmas in the Village (CIV) – .P. Tucker – January Pastie sale went well.

AuSable River Center – S. Jock – Renovations in the ‘Fire Place Room’ will include gas logs, painting the walls and trim, and re-flooring the entire building. Renovations will be covered by a \$10,000 grant.

CRAF Center – P. Riss – All aspects running smoothly.

Gahagan Nature Preserve- T. Bosworth – Land swap with the Village of Roscommon is complete. This will give more space for parking, including buses. There are currently no 2021 summer camps or field trips scheduled due to Covid-19 and area schools trying to catch up. Needs include procuring a mulcher; mulch the trails, trail and parking lot lights.

FUTURE FUNDING AND IDEAS

- RARA Webpage – May 2021
- Next meeting May 19, 2021

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn C. Allen, 2nd D. Smitz. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM. The next meeting is May 19, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Allen, Secretary