



Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 26th, 2019 (6:30 p.m.)
Public Safety Building
8215 Shields Drive
Saginaw, MI 48609

1. The regular commission meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Scott Branch.
2. Present: DJ Sova, Angela Alworden, Craig Blower, Carly Rusch, Dean Rusch, Scott Branch.
Also Present: John Corriveau, Parks Director, Tyler Sutherland, Assistant Parks Director
Absent: Eric Whelton
3. Pledge of allegiance.
4. Approval of the July 22nd 2019 meeting minutes: No questions or comments. Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by DJ Sova, approving the July 22nd, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Approval of Expenditures: No questions or comments. Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by C. Blower, approving the July 22nd, 2019 expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Comment:
 - a. Lee Knepper at 6181 Fox Glenn Dr, from Mid-Michigan Laser Combat came and gave a short PowerPoint presentation about bringing laser tag into Roethke Park. He proposed working with Parks and Recreation to offer a Laser Combat league. It would start with small teams, with six different mission options with over 8 different "classes" to play as. It could be a one day event, a weekend series, or a weeknight series. The Parks Commissioners all were in favor of trying it.
7. New Business:
 - a. Survey Monkey for 5 year Recreation Plan: As part of the required Michigan five year recreation plan we have to do a community survey about our parks and programs. We have created a survey and it's on our website and on our Facebook page. Once we have those results, they will become part of that recreation plan and will be a valuable tool for us to use when creating our future plans.
 - b. Report on Train Cars at Garber Chevrolet: Garber Chevrolet has generously agreed to donate the time and materials to paint the train we purchased last year from Rose City. We have taken two cars over to them already and they have completed sand blasting them. They are now on their way to the paint booth. We will be getting the other two cars to them once they get the first two back.

8. Old Business:

- a. None

9. Reports:

a. Parks:

- Roberts Park: We are working on the upcoming Rebel Magnolia Flea Market that is taking place on September 6th and 7th. The Swan Valley Varsity soccer season has started and the recreational program will begin September 14th. We have removed all the metal roofing of the large pavilion and are preparing the bids for new roofing.
- Roethke Park: We are starting to prepare to winterize the pool, shut down camp, and get things rolling for the Haunted Train Ride.
- Community Park: Nothing to report.
- Nature Preserve: The tenants are moving out and the building will be vacant by September 2nd. We will schedule tours for you after that date as we will also be preparing to winterize and perform other transitional duties such as cleaning and setting rodent traps etc.
- Day Park: Nothing to report.

- b. Recreation Programs: Fall soccer registration is complete, season will start September 14th.
- c. Sports Committee report: None.
- d. Concert Committee Report: None.
- e. Finance Committee Report: None.

10. Adjournment: It was moved by A. Alworden, supported by C. Blower, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday August 26th, 2019, at 6:00 pm at the Nature Preserve Building, 6660 Gratiot Rd, Saginaw, MI 48609.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Rusch, Secretary