



Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 9th, 2019 (6:30 p.m.)
Public Safety Building
8215 Shields Drive
Saginaw, MI 48609
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1. The regular commission meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Scott Branch.
2. Present: DJ Sova, Eric Whelton, Carly Rusch, Scott Branch.
Also Present: John Corriveau, Parks Director, Meaghan Zielinski, Parks Receptionist
Absent: Angela Alworden, Craig Blower, Dean Rusch
3. Pledge of allegiance.
4. Approval of the November 11th, 2019 meeting minutes: No questions or comments. Motion was made by C. Rusch, supported by DJ Sova, approving the November 11th, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Approval of Expenditures: No questions or comments. Motion was made by C. Rusch, supported by E. Whelton, approving the November 11th, 2019 expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Comment
 - a. Joshua Colpert and Ben Cook attended the meeting.
Commissioner D. Rusch arrived at 6:34 p.m.
7. Public Hearing:
 - a. None
8. New Business:
 - a. Approve Resolution 19-02 to approve the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation 5 year plan for 2020 to 2025: Every 5 years we are required to submit an updated 5 year recreation plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in order to be eligible for grant requests through the Trust Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Recreation Passport Grants. This recreation plan covers our existing parks and current program along with future plans and programs we might create if the opportunities presented themselves. This is the third recreation plan Director John Corriveau has submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by DJ Sova, to approve Resolution 19-02, Thomas Township Parks and Recreation 5 year plan for 2020 to 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: DJ Sova, Eric Whelton, Carly Rusch, Dean Rusch, Scott Branch.

Nays: None

Absent: Angela Alworden, Craig Blower

- b. Roberts Park community event to go along with Shields Lions Parade idea: The Shields Festival has been gone now for almost three years. The Shields Parade continues to happen and the thought is to see if the community is willing to get involved and help create a community event to go along with the parade. The idea would be to create a committee to organize and oversee the event.
- c. Approval of Park Commission meeting dates for 2020: Motion was made by DJ Sova, supported by E. Whelton, approving the 2020 Park Commission meeting dates. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Old Business:

- a. Christmas Train Event: The event runs December 6th-7th, and 13th-14th. The first weekend the event made \$3,123 total.

10. Reports:

- a. Parks:
 - Roberts Park: We are working on the big pavilion right now. The cedar shake vinyl siding has been installed on the ends of the building and the lights for the eaves should be completed in the next couple of weeks.
 - Roethke Park: We are holding the Christmas Train and Festival of Lights the 6th-7th-13th-14th. We have all the sites full and the Depot is ready for Santa.
 - Community Park: Nothing to report.
 - Nature Preserve: Grant scores should be available the end of this month for the renovations and relocation of the entrance drive. We came out in the top ten for the Land and Water Conservation Grant. One of the other grants we applied for, we are right at that middle point where there is a possibility we could get awarded the grant money, or we could not.
 - Day Park: Nothing to report.
- b. Recreation Programs: Boys Basketball and the Basketball Clinic are set to begin on January 4th. Archery classes begin on January 9th. We are bringing Floor Hockey back this year and it will begin in February.
- c. Sports Committee report: None.
- d. Concert Committee Report: None.
- e. Finance Committee Report: Next meeting will be January 27 to review 2020-21 budget. The Parks Commission will be approving that budget.

11. Adjournment: It was moved by DJ Sova, supported by D. Rusch, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday January 27th, 2019, at 6:30 pm at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8315 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carly Rusch". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Carly Rusch, Secretary