



Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (6:30 p.m.)  
Public Safety Building  
8215 Shields Drive  
Saginaw, MI 48609

1. The regular commission meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Chairman, Scott Branch.
2. Present: Eric Whelton, Angela Alworden, Scott Branch, Carly Rusch and Dean Rusch.  
Also Present: John Corriveau, Parks Director, Tyler Sutherlund, Assistant Parks Director, Meaghan Zielinski, Receptionist
3. Pledge of allegiance.
4. Approval of the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes: Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by E. Whelton, approving the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Approval of Expenditures: Motion was made by A. Alworden, supported by D. Rusch, approving the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 expenditures. Motion carried unanimously
6. Public Comment:
  - A. Receive comments on the 2019 Michigan Trust Fund Grant application for renovations of Nature Center. Opened to the public at 6:44 p.m., closed at 6:45 p.m. with no public comment.
  - B. Receive comments on the 2019 Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund Grand application for renovations of Nature Center. Opened to the public at 6:45 p.m., closed at 6:46 p.m. with no public comment.
7. New Business:
  - a. Introduction of Tyler Sutherlund new Assistant Parks and Recreation Director. Tyler officially started work on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  - b. Approval of Resolution 19-04P to commit to providing the matching funds of \$300,000 for the Michigan National Resources Trust Fund Development Grant to renovate the proposed Nature Center. Motion was made by A. Alworden, supported by D. Rusch to approve resolution 19-04P to allocate the matching funds of \$300,000 for the Michigan Trust Fund grand for the renovation of the proposed Nature Center.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Eric Whelton, Angela Alworden, Dean Rusch, Carly Rusch, Scott Branch  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None

Absent: DJ Sova, Craig Blower

- c. Approval of Resolution 19-03P to commit to providing the matching funds of \$300,000 for the Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund to renovate the proposed Nature Center. Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by E. Whelton to approve resolution 19-03P to allocate the matching funds of \$300,000 for the Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund Grand for the renovation of the proposed Nature Center.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Eric Whelton, Angela Alworden, Dean Rusch, Carly Rusch, Scott Branch  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: DJ Sova, Craig Blower

- d. 5K run/walk event held at Roberts Park. Meaghan Zielinski (Receptionist) presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining the plans for a 5K to be held at Roberts Park. The 5K plans to allow for participants to bring their dogs along to participate in the event.
- e. Approval of fees for joining Swan Valley Little League.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Eric Whelton, Angela Alworden, Dean Rusch, Carly Rusch, Scott Branch  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: DJ Sova, Craig Blower

- f. Introduction of the resident pool card. With the addition of the nonresident fee to the pool, we are working on ways to make it easier for resident to show they are a resident when they come to the pool. We would have a resident card that could be picked up at the park office that shows they are a resident and that can be used each time they come to the pool. We could also use this card for other programs or events where a resident discount is available.

8. Old Business:

- a. none

9. Reports:

a. Parks:

- Roberts Park: Nothing to report.
- Roethke Park: Norm has been doing some work at the depot. He has installed a new door and is working on getting the carpet taken care of in there.
- Community Park: A second ice rink was attempted, but it didn't take.
- Nature Preserve: The closing date for the building is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup>. They begin paying rent on March 30<sup>th</sup> and have until December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to be out of the building.
- Day Park: Nothing to report.

- b. Recreation Programs: Girls Basketball and Soccer Clinic started the 16<sup>th</sup>. We started Spring Soccer registration.
- c. Sports Committee report: None.
- d. Concert Committee Report: None.

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

**The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8315 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609.**

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Zielinski, Parks and Rec Receptionist