



Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 6th, 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, Eric Whelton, Angela Alworden, Scott Branch, Craig Blower, Carly Rusch and Dean Rusch.
Also Present: John Corriveau, Parks Director, Meaghan Zielinski, Receptionist
3. Pledge of allegiance.
4. Approval of the December 10th, 2018 minutes: Motion was made by C. Blower, supported by A. Alworden, approving the December 10th, 2018 minutes. Carried unanimously.
5. Approval of Expenditures: Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by C. Blower, approving the December 10th, 2018 expenditures. Carried unanimously
6. Public Comment: Bob Weise, Thomas Township Supervisor, was present to comment on the parks employee's wages and not receiving minimum wage. He also inquired about the ice rinks the township provides and how the parks departments' budget process works.
7. New Business:
 - a. Introduction of Tyler Sutherland new Assistant Parks and Recreation Director. Tyler officially started work on January 8th, 2019.
 - b. The parks department is looking for new ideas for the 2019 Evening in the Park. This event has always been held at Roethke Park. I have noticed that over the past several years our attendance has lowered and the average age has risen making the walk from the parking lot to the event difficult for some along with the walk to the bathrooms. Now that we have the new Soccer Complex at Roberts Park along with the parks other upgrades, that venue might work better for the event. The bathrooms are located at the pavilion and we have more of them. We have a large covered pavilion and large open space, sound system, concession stand and better parking. Overall as we look at new ideas to get more people to attend this event, moving it to Roberts Park would be a great step in the right direction.
 - c. Approval of 2019 Summer Concert Series band selection. The Concert Committee met earlier in the day and reviewed the 2018 bands and any new applications that were received. The Concert Committee recommended the following bands for approval:

- o The Savior Machines
- o Brush Street with Julie Mulady
- o The Rock Show
- o The Beets
- o The Yesterday Country Band
- o Michelle Spitz
- o CEYX
- o Laurie and the Lefties
- o Todd Michael Band

Motion was made by A. Alworden, supported by DJ Sova, approving the bands for the 2019 Summer Concert Series bands.

- d. 2019 Fee Schedule SWOT analysis review.
- e. Recommendation to the Board of the 2019 Fee Schedule. Each year we are required to approve a fee schedule for all our programs, rentals and leagues. I have completed a spreadsheet with a comparison of our fees with other programs in the region. Motion was made by C. Blower, supported by D. Rusch, approving the 2019 fee schedule as presented.
- f. Recommendation to the Board for the 2019/20 Parks and Recreation Budget. Parks Director John Corriveau presented a PowerPoint explaining the budget for the 2019/20 fiscal year. Motion made by DJ Sova, supported by Eric Whelton, to recommend for approval to the Board the 2019/20 Parks and Recreation budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

8. Old Business:

- a. none

9. Reports:

a. Parks:

- Roberts Park: Nothing to report.
- Roethke Park: Nothing to report.
- Community Park: Nothing to report.
- Nature Preserve: Nothing to report
- Day Park: The Park was used for sledding for the couple of days that we had snow.

b. Recreation Programs: Boys Basketball, Basketball Clinic, and Archery are running.

c. Sports Committee report: None.

d. Concert Committee Report: Selection of 2019 Summer Concert Series Bands.

10. Adjournment: It was moved by C. Blower, supported by A. Alworden, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Zielinski, Parks and Rec Receptionist