



Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 27th, 2020 (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, Craig Blower, Carly Rusch, Dean Rusch, Scott Branch.
Also Present: John Corriveau, Parks Director, Tyler Sutherlund, Assistant Parks Director, Meaghan Zielinski, Parks Receptionist
3. Pledge of allegiance.
4. Approval of the December 9th, 2019 meeting minutes: Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by E. Whelton, approving the December 9th, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Approval of Expenditures: No questions or comments. Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by A. Alworden, approving the December 9th, 2019 expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Comment
 - a. None
7. Public Hearing:
 - a. None
8. New Business:
 - a. Approval of 2020 Fee Schedule E: Every year the Parks Commissioners have to approve the Fee Schedule for the parks. Each year a comparison of fees is done from the surrounding areas and we see where our prices fall in comparison. There is an attached spreadsheet with those comparisons for review. Not all programs are the same as ours, but it gives a good idea of what everyone else is doing and charging for those services. Parks Director John Corriveau believes our prices are fine where they stand. Commissioner DJ Sova did notice a mistake on the Fee Schedule. The fees for our programs had the same price listed for residents and non-residents. That was a mistake. Our fees are \$50 for residents and \$55 for non-residents. John Corriveau also brought up the Men's Club Pavilion we acquired at Roberts Park and explained how that pavilion will be available for rental as well. It was suggested by S. Branch that the Men's Club will be rented as two separate pavilions. Motion was made by C. Blower, supported by DJ

Sova, to approve the Amended 2020 Fee Schedule and for the new Roberts Park Pavilion to be rented as two pavilions. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Community Event Update and approval of dates: The Community Group has met twice and the date for the event has been picked which is the weekend of July 17th, 18th, and 19th. Garber will be our title sponsor as they donated \$10,000 for this event. The event would run Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning. It would be focused around robotics and would include activities such as: corn hole, volleyball, bands, beer tent, inflatables, and the Lion's Club Parade. The event will close at 10:00 p.m. The next Community Event Meeting will take place on February 13th, 2020, at 12:00 noon, at the Thomas Township Library. Motion was made by A. Alworden, supported by DJ Sova, to approve the Community Event dates on July 17th, 18th, and 19th. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Park Commission Approval for Roethke Pool Changes: Throughout the 2019 Roethke pool season, we collected data from pool users based on where they reside, the time of day they used the pool, groups, season passes, swim lessons and took a look at the Roethke Pool Revenues and Expenses. Based on the results from the analysis we came up with changes we would like to implement for the 2020 season. We brought our recommendations to the Thomas Township Policy Committee in which they approved the recommendations to bring to our Parks Commission for approval. We would begin offering a group option at the pool, which would charge \$15 per four people. This is for groups that are not family. The family rate will remain the same. The pool hours will change and instead of having session times, we will offer open swim from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily. This eliminates sessions altogether. We will offer swim lessons, level 1-3 now. The level 4 will be eliminated due to very little or no participants over the past 5 years. The times for the lessons would be: 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m., 6:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m., 7:15 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. Motion was made by C. Blower, supported by E. Whelton, to approve recommendations for changes at the Roethke Pool. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. 2020/21 Parks and Recreation budget recommendation to the Board: Each year we are required to review and make a recommendation to the Board for the new fiscal year budget.

Commissioner C. Rusch left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Parks Director John Corriveau presented the budget on the projector, explaining the budget for the 2019/20 fiscal year.

Commissioner A. Alworden left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by DJ Sova, to recommend for approval to the Board the 2020/21 Parks and Recreation budget. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Old Business:

- a. None

10. Reports:

a. Parks:

- Roberts Park: Not a lot going on at Roberts right now. Norm is working on some lights in the large pavilion and I am still working on finding someone to build the copulas for the roof.
- Roethke Park: Lots of people walking the trails yet, but pretty quiet out there right now. We are cutting some brush and dead trees around the tracks.

- Community Park: Ice rinks have water but are not ready yet.
 - Nature Preserve: Nothing to report.
 - Day Park: The sledding hill is finally open.
- b. Recreation Programs: Boys Basketball, Basketball Clinic and Archery are all running. Girls Basketball, Soccer Clinic and Floor Hockey start in February.
 - c. Sports Committee report: None.
 - d. Concert Committee Report: None.
 - e. Finance Committee Report: Revenues are up in the clinics this year.
11. Adjournment: It was moved by DJ Sova, supported by D. Rusch, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday February 24th, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8315 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Rusch, Secretary