



Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 24th, 2019 (6:30 p.m.)
Public Safety Building
8215 Shields Drive
Saginaw, MI 48609

1. The regular commission meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairman, Scott Branch.
2. Present: DJ Sova, Angela Alworden, Carly Rusch, Dean Rusch, Scott Branch.
Also Present: John Corriveau, Parks Director, Meaghan Zielinski, Receptionist
Absent: Eric Whelton, Craig Blower
3. Pledge of allegiance.
4. Approval of the May 13th, 2019 meeting minutes: No questions or comments. Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by DJ Sova, approving the May 13th, 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 May 13th, 2019 expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Comment:
 - a. None
7. New Business:
 - a. Ruff Around Roberts Park update: Corriveau discussed the event scheduled for July 20th. It will start with a walk/run race at Roberts Park. We have two sponsors right now, Gratiot Animal Hospital and Garber Buick for a total of \$600. We are still looking for more. The race will be followed with the free movie in the park which will start at around 9:30PM.
 - b. Thomas Trail extension update: Corriveau explained that when the new trail was built, it was extremely wet causing delays in the project being completed. We are now trying to wrap the project up. We again had another wet season this spring and are struggling with water issues along the trail. Giersbach came out on June 18th to fix some of the draining issues. City Sewer came out to clear out a tile that drains into the Rieneke Drain which will hopefully help as well.
8. Old Business:
 - a. None

9. Reports:

a. Parks:

- Roberts Park: Work was done to the play area by diamond 3 of the softball fields and 8 yards of mulch was added to the playground area. We are working on warning tracks and the weeds that are growing in the area. New flags were put on top of the soccer pavilion and the posts coming into the park were painted. We have started working on the roof of the men's club pavilion.
- Roethke Park: Pool and camp are now both open and running. The train has not been able to run due to the tracks being under water. We are working on pumping the water out to have it running for the second concert. A new sidewalk is being installed between the depot and pavilion three.
- Community Park: It is getting pretty busy with kids playing basketball.
- Nature Preserve: Nothing to report.
- Day Park: Nothing to report.

b. Recreation Programs: Girls Softball started May 8th, Men's softball begins May 21st, pool opening June 7th, and Camp started June 10th.

c. Sports Committee report: None.

d. Concert Committee Report: None.

10. Adjournment: It was moved by DJ Sova, supported by D. Rusch, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday July 22nd, 2019, at 6:30 pm at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8315 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Rusch, Secretary