



Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 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 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Scott Branch.
2. Present: DJ Sova, Dean Rusch, Scott Branch, Craig Blower.  
Also Present: John Corriveau, Parks Director, Tyler Sutherlund, Assistant Parks Director, Meaghan Zielinski, Receptionist
3. Pledge of allegiance.
4. Approval of the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes: Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by C. Blower, approving the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Approval of Expenditures: Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by DJ Sova, approving the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 expenditures. Motion carried unanimously
6. Public Comment:
  - a. Gerald Neilson at 7225 McCliggott, Saginaw, MI, 48609, spoke about requesting to have a Swan Valley travel soccer program.
7. New Business:
  - a. Letter from Trustee Craig Monahan in regards to wage scale for employees under 18 years of age.
  - b. Recommendation of the 2019/20 Park Employee Wage Scale. Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by C. Blower, recommending the changes to the 2019/20 Park Employee Wage Scale. Motion carried unanimously.
  - c. Presentation on Swim Lesson University for Roethke Pool swim programs. Thomas Township Assistant Parks and Rec Director, Tyler Sutherlund, gave a short PowerPoint presentation on how The Swim University Program allows us to certify Tyler as our Program Instructor and he can then certify the instructors each year. Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by DJ Sova, approving the Swim Lesson University Program. Motion carried unanimously.
  - d. There will be an 8K race event, scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, held on our trail system. Thomas Township Parks and Rec are not putting on the race, just supplying the trail.
  - e. Closing on the Heritage Building is scheduled to take place on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  - f. Approval of 2019 Spring Soccer Rules with edits. Motion was made by C. Blower, supported by D. Rusch, approving the edits to the 2019 Spring Soccer rules. Motion was

carried unanimously.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: DJ Sova, Dean Rusch, Scott Branch, Craig Blower

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Eric Whelton, Angela Alworden, Carly Rusch

#### 8. Old Business:

- a. None

#### 9. Reports:

##### a. Parks:

- Roberts Park: There is beginning to be more and more foot traffic as the weather improves and people are getting outside to enjoy the weather. The first Swan Valley Soccer game is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> which is going to depend on if the weather cooperates.
- Roethke Park: We are starting to see more people as spring is approaching. We have been working in the Depot Building and Pool Building replacing lights, painting, and doing other repairs to get ready for the season.
- Community Park: There was a few skaters out playing most days with the single digit temperatures at night, the ice held up.
- Nature Preserve: There is a signed purchase agreement and lease with a closing date set for March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Day Park: Park was busy with the snow on the ground and most days after school the parking lot was full.

- b. Recreation Programs: Registration is still open for Girls Softball, Spring Soccer, Archery, and Volleyball. We are working on getting swim lesson information out along with Day Camp.

c. Sports Committee report: None.

d. Concert Committee Report: None.

10. Adjournment: It was moved by C. Blower, supported by D. Rusch, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 6:30 pm at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8315 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Rusch, Secretary