



Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
6:30pm  
Via Teleconference 701-802-5040  
Access Code: 2459644  
Saginaw, MI 48609

1. The regular commission meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman, Scott Branch.
2. PRESENT VIA PHONE: DJ Sova, Dean Rusch, Angela Alworden, Scott Branch, Carly Rusch (joined late)  
ALSO PRESENT VIA PHONE: John Corriveau, Parks Director and Tyler Sutherlund, Assistant Parks Director.  
ABSENT: Craig Blower and Eric Whelton
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Approval of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes: No question or comments. Motion was made D. Rusch. supported by DJ, Sova, to approve minutes of the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented: Roll Call:  
Ayes: Sova, Alworden, D. Rusch, Branch.  
Absent: None  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None
5. Approval of Expenditures: No questions or comments. Motion was made by D. Rusch and supported by A Alworden to approve May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 expenditures as presented.  
Ayes: Sova, Blower, Alworden, D. Rusch, Branch.  
Absent: None  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None
6. Public Comment
  - a. None
7. Public Hearing
  - a. None
8. New Business
  - a. Picnic in the Park Summer concert Series and COVID-19. Motion was made by A. Alworden and seconded by D. Rusch to cancel all concerts of June and evaluate again in July to see if we can begin then.  
Ayes: Sova, Branch, Alworden, D Rusch  
Absent: C Rusch, E. Whelton, C. Blower

Nays: None  
Abstain: None

- b. Summer Day Camp and Roethke Pool closer due to COVID-19. Motion by D. Rusch and seconded by D.J Sova to close the pool and day camp for the summer due to COVID-19 Guidelines.

Ayes: Sova, Branch, Alworden, D Rusch  
Absent: C Rusch, E. Whelton, C. Blower  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None

- c. Men's softball and Sand Volleyball leagues and COVID-19 Guidelines. Motion by D. Rusch and seconded by D.J Sova to postpone both leagues until July to evaluate if we can hold them then.

Ayes: Sova, Branch, Alworden, D Rusch  
Absent: C Rusch, E. Whelton, C. Blower  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None

**9. Old Business**

- a. None

**10. Reports**

**A. Parks:**

- Roberts Park: Fields remain closed along with play areas however the park remains busy with people walking the trails. We have had a lot of flooding and are dealing with getting the drainage working.
- Roethke Park: We have the sump pumps running as the lake has begun to overflow and flood the train tracks.
- Community Park: Basketball Courts remain closed until Governors Mandate ends of social distance and gathering.
- Nature Preserve: We are monitoring the river height from flooding and have a plan and several pumps ready in case the basement floods.
- Day Park: No Report.

B. Recreation Programs: All programs remain on hold per the Governors Mandate.

C. Sports Committee report: None

D. Concert Committee Report: None

E. Finance Committee Report: None

- 11. Adjournment:** It was moved by D. Rusch, supported by A. Alworden to adjourn the meeting at 7:00p.m.

Ayes: Sova, Alworden, C. Rusch, D. Rusch, Branch.

Absent: None

Nays: None

Abstain: None

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Carly Rusch, Secretary

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Dated

**The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 at 6:30pm at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8315 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.**

