



Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 28th, 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: Eric Whelton, DJ Sova, Craig Blower, Carly Rusch, Dean Rusch, Scott Branch.
Also Present: John Corriveau, Parks Director, Meaghan Zielinski, Parks Receptionist
Absent: Angela Alworden
3. Pledge of allegiance.
4. Approval of the September 23rd, 2019 meeting minutes: No questions or comments. Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by DJ Sova, approving the September 23rd, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Approval of Expenditures: No questions or comments. Motion was made by D. Rusch, supported by E. Whelton, approving the September 23rd, 2019 expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Comment:
 - a. None
7. New Business:
 - a. Haunted Train and Haunted House event report: This year we had a very successful event. The first night, Friday, October 12th, we did get rained out. That Saturday we had a good turnout along with the following weekend. We made just over \$18,300 in three days. Last year, in 2018, the Haunted Train event brought in just over \$17,000. The additional train car that was added this year helped with the increased revenue, along with some great weather. There was a new train loading location which made getting people on and off the train more efficient and kept the line moving. D. Rusch made a suggestion for November's meeting, to include an agenda item regarding the cost of the Haunted Train and changing it to include ages 3 and under are free. Currently for our train events, ages 5 and under are free.
 - b. Christmas Train event: The Christmas Train and Festival of Lights will be held the first two full weekends in December. The dates are December 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th. There are businesses who have already signed up to do sites. The ones who have contacted us already are: Hemlock Semiconductor, McDonald Ford, and Stanley Steemer.
8. Old Business:

a. None

9. Reports:

a. Parks:

- Roberts Park: The new gate has been installed at the entrance and looks great. The new metal roof is going on the large pavilion and the path has been repaved by softball diamond 3. All of the bathrooms and the buildings have been winterized.
- Roethke Park: Our Haunted Train event wrapped up and we are now starting to prepare for the Christmas Train event.
- Community Park: Nothing to report.
- Nature Preserve: We are getting ready to winterize the building. In December, we find out if we are awarded the grant that will allow us to do the new driveway and the hallway on the side of the building.
- Day Park: Nothing to report.

b. Recreation Programs: Boys Basketball and the Basketball Clinic are set to begin on January 4th. Archery classes begin on January 9th.

c. Sports Committee report: None.

d. Concert Committee Report: The committee reviewed the bands from this year and agreed that they want to make an offer to all of them to return next year. They also discussed changing the time of the concerts, and that will be on the agenda for November's meeting.

e. Finance Committee Report: None.

10. Adjournment: It was moved by DJ Sova, supported by C. Blower, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday November 11th, 2019, at 6:30 pm at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8315 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Rusch, Secretary