



THOMAS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
February 26, 2024
6:30pm

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman, Scott Branch.
2. PRESENT: Rusch, Blower, Branch, Aimar, Hoffman
ABSENT: Alworden, Sova

ALSO PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director, John Corriveau; Nature Center & Preserve Director, Lynda Thayer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Blower, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of January 22, 2024 minutes
6. Approval of February 2024 Expenditures
7. Public Comment
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
8. Public Hearing
 - a. Public Hearing for the 2024 Michigan Trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant Application for the Purchase of additional park lands to expand the Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course.
9. New Business
 - a. Approve the grant resolution 24-01P for the application of the 2024 Michigan trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant for the Purchase of additional park lands to expand the Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course.

- b. Approve Parks and Recreation Fees for 2024/25.
- c. Approve the Concert Committee 2024 Picnic in the Park Concert band recommendations.
- d. Approve the 2024/25 Parks and Recreation Budget.

10. Old Business

- a. None

11. Reports

- A. Parks Report: Attached
- B. Nature Center and Preserve Report: Attached
- C. Sports Committee Report: None
- D. Concert Committee Report: None
- E. Finance Committee Report: None
- F. Commissioners:

12. Other Business

13. Adjournment

- 5. Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Aimar, to approve January 22 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Motion made by Aimar, seconded by Hoffman, to approve February 2024 Expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7. Public Comment: None
- 8. Public Hearing: Public hearing for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant Application. Chairman Branch opened the hearing at 6:35 pm. With no public in attendance, hearing was closed at 6:36 pm.
- 9. New Business:
 - a. Approval of the grant resolution 24-01P for the application of the 2024 Michigan Trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant for the purchase of additional park lands to expand the Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course. A map showing the parcel location was shared with a drafted layout of the disc golf course.
Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Aimar to approve Resolution 24-01P.
Roll call vote required.
Ayes: Rusch, Blower, Branch, Aimar, Rusch, Hoffman
Absent: Alworden, Sova
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Approval of the recommended 2024/2025 Parks and Recreation Fee schedule. Based on the SWAT analysis presented, Director Corriveau recommended an increase to late fee charge from \$15 to \$25 for all programs. Corriveau also proposed a discounted flat fee for enrollment of a second child in the Roethke Day Camp program. Currently, families receive a 25% discount for a second child.

Motion made by Blower, seconded by Hoffman to approve the 2024/2025 Parks and Recreation Fee schedule

Roll call vote required.

Ayes: Rusch, Blower, Branch, Aimar, Hoffman

Absent: Alworden, Sova

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Approval of the Band Selection for the 2024 Summer Concert Series. Prior to the regularly scheduled park commission meeting, the concert committee met to review bands and fees. Recommended bands and dates for the 2024 Calendar year are as follows:

11-Jun	Todd Michael & The Ghost Town Marshalls
18-Jun	CEYX
25-Jun	Daves Not Here!
9-Jul	The Letter
16-Jul	Voortex Jazz & Blues
23-Jul	Bob Marshall Band
30-Jul	Laurie and the Lefties
6-Aug	The Rock Show
13-Aug	JAM

The selection was presented for approval. Motion was made by Aimar, supported by Hoffman to approve the 2024 Summer Concert Series Band Selections. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Approval of the 2024/25 Parks and Recreation Budget. Director Corriveau presented the 2024/2025 Parks and Recreation budget discussing projects and other key aspects regarding the budget. The commission

discussed the possible purchase of the Roenicke Light Show equipment. Corriveau also presented options for replacement of Parks & Recreation vehicles. Motion was made by Aimar, supported by Blower to approve the 2024 Parks and Recreation Budget to the Thomas Township Board for Budget review. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call vote required.

Ayes: Rusch, Blower, Branch, Aimar, Hoffman

Absent: Alworden, Sova

Nays: None

Abstain: None

10. Old Business: None

11. Reports:

- a. Receive and file the Nature Center & Preserve Report. Thayer reported that attendance for activities has been increasing. Tuesday nights have been well attended & activities are very popular. Storage facility, kayak launch & stairs, and signage are the most recent expenditures of ARPA funds. Thayer also informed commission that the Nature Center will receive their award for facility design at the 2024 MParks Conference this week in Kalamazoo. Artist Eric Schantz has been hired to create a habitat area in the nature center. He is installing a tree and painting a mural.
- b. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report. Corriveau added that the new kayak launch for Nature Center has been purchased and will be installed in late spring.

12. Other Business: None

13. Adjournment: Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Aimar to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig Aimar, Secretary

Dated

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, March 18, 2024 at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.