

PARKS AND RECREATION 5 YEAR RECREATION PLAN

TOWNSHIP OF THOMAS, Saginaw County, Michigan

2025 - 2030



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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The purpose of the 2025 Recreation Plan for Thomas Township is to provide direction for the community regarding the future development of recreation resources. The plan is intended to be used by the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission, Board of Trustees as well as the Parks and Recreation Department for guiding decisions concerning recreation, parks and public open space.

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Recreation Facilities

Roberts Park
Roethke Park
Community Park
Day Park
Thomas Trail - Linear Trail Park
Nature Center & Preserve

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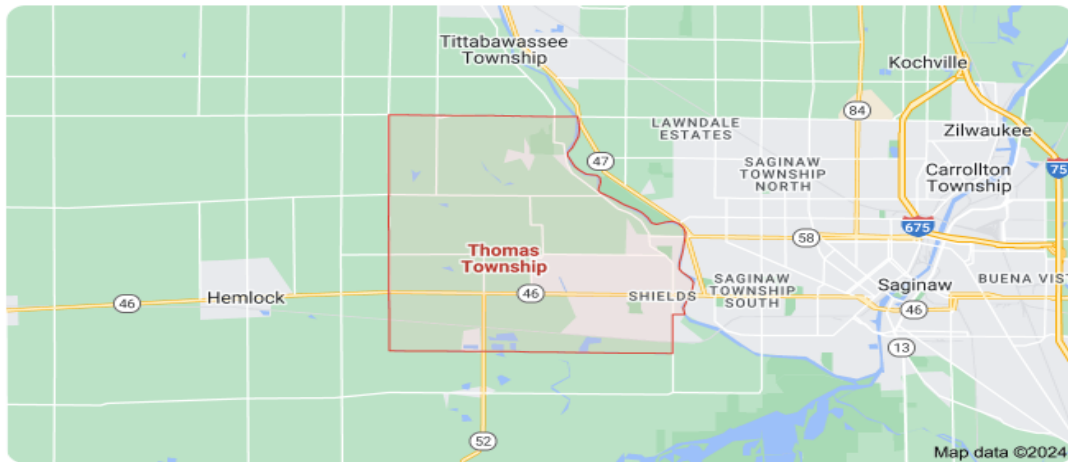
I. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Community Description section describes the physical features, social and demographic characteristics. This gives us a good understanding of the community and can assist with the formation of goals for future recreation improvements.

A. General Location

Thomas Township is approximately 32 square miles in size and located in Saginaw County. It is 3 miles from the City of Saginaw, 14 miles from Midland, and 4 miles from MBS International Airport. The Township is home to various communities including: Swan Valley (Shields area) and southern portions of Freeland. Currently, Thomas Township is primarily a residential and agricultural community with a moderately sized commercial corridor along M-46, and four manufacturing development areas, which are growing due to the expansion of the solar industry in the United States.

The Township falls within three area school districts: Swan Valley, Hemlock and Freeland. Swan Valley Schools are physically located in the Township. Township residents who attend Hemlock and Freeland schools are bused to these schools outside Township boundaries.

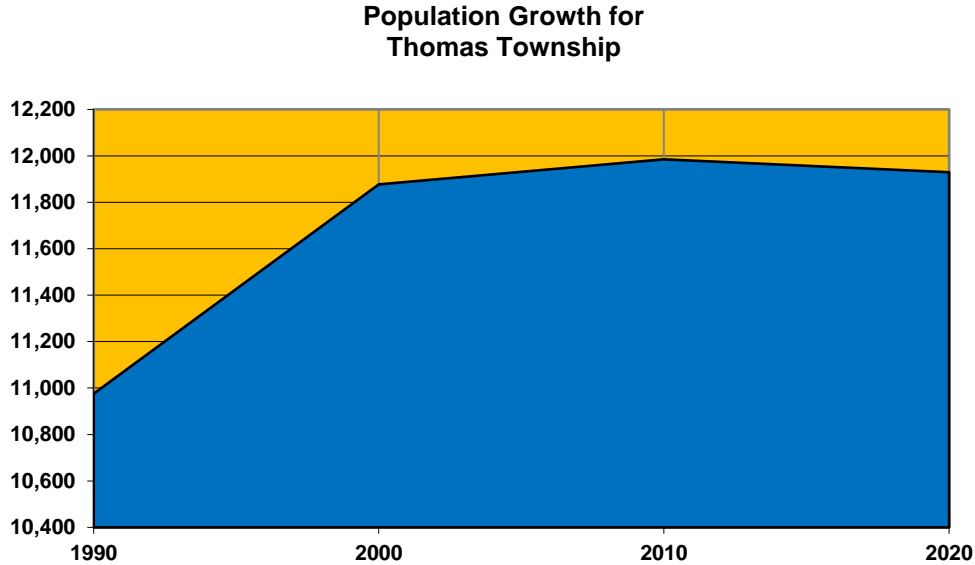


For this recreation plan, the Township boundaries will be used as the service area even though recreational activities at Hemlock and Freeland schools may be considered beneficial to Thomas Township residents. Parks, facilities and school facilities within the Township have space for Township residents, as well as residents in adjoining areas.

In general, the Township is a balanced community consisting of both urban and rural/agricultural land uses. The urban area is concentrated mostly around the Gratiot (M-46) corridor. Industrial and commercial business provide a solid employment base.

B. Social Characteristics

The Township's population had increased dramatically in the 1990's, but has since slowed. The population numbers represent the 2020 census figures.



The 2020 population breakdown is as follows:

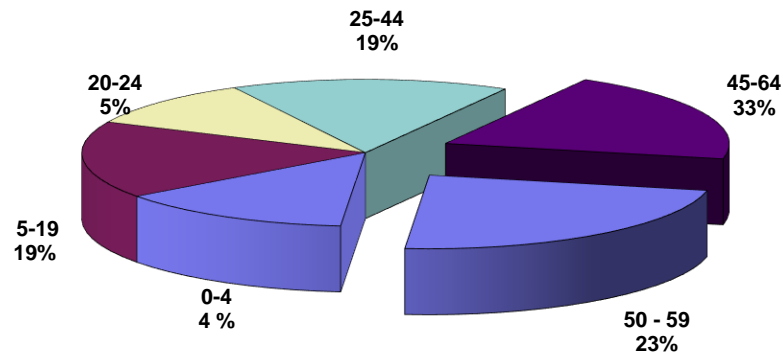
Age	% of Population	2020 Population
0-9	8.50%	1,010
10-19	10.70%	1,273
20-29	6.60%	784
30-39	10%	1,183
40-49	12.70%	1,512
50-59	14.50%	1,722
65+	17.40%	2,065
70-79	13.10%	1,556
80+	6.60%	782

The 2020 Census figures document a decrease in population in Thomas Township, from 11,929 in 2010, to 11,869 in 2020 down 1%. Age breakdowns have changed since the 2000 Census figures, which makes actual comparisons by age group an estimate. It must be noted that the age of the Community's population is changing, with decreases in the 0-40 age range, and a 14% growth in the 40-80+ age range.

The Townships location, available water and sewer utilities, large open land tracts and excellent schools make it ripe for continued population growth.

Age concentrations haven't really changed over the past 15 years. In 2010, the largest age concentration was in residents aged 40 - 65. In 2020, the largest concentration was still in the age range of 40 – 65. The age concentration will require different areas of emphasis within the recreation programs of Thomas Township now and in the future focusing more on adult based recreation. The following graph illustrates the percentage of residents in the 40 – 65 ages compared to those 0 – 39 and 70 – 80+.

Thomas Township Age Concentrations



While the population of Thomas Township has changed, the percentage of males to females has remained nearly the same. Males are 47% of the total population, females are 53%.

The following chart shows that the population is comprised of predominantly white individuals with few minorities. The Township has a higher level of education and higher level of income than the County as a whole. The population density is highest within the Gratiot Road area located east of the Swan Creek.

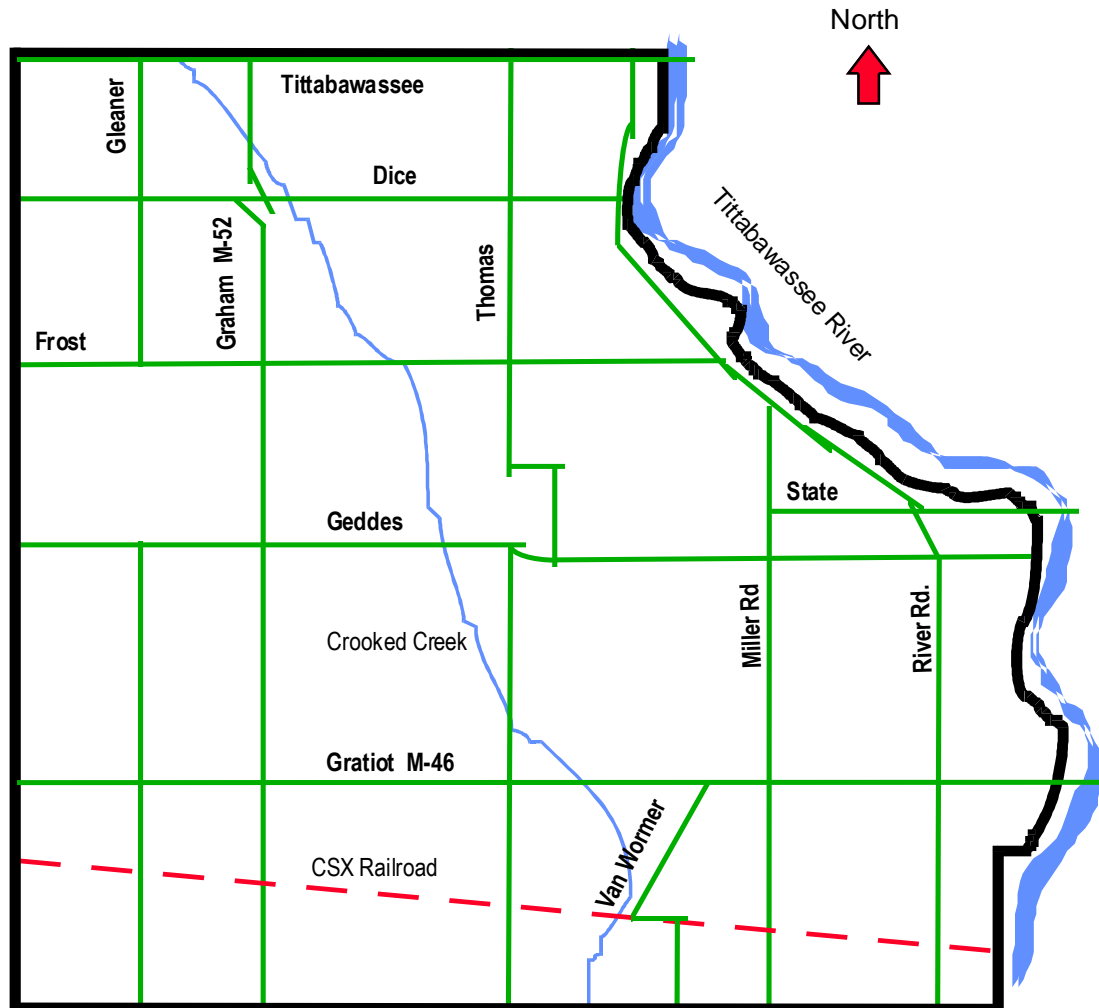
Race	Percentage
White	90.7%
Hispanic	5%
Black	1.4%
Asian /Pacific Islanders	1.5%
American Indian	0.25%
Other	1.15%

The Township has a very strong commercial recreation base such as the Apple Mountain Golf, the Crooked Creek Sports Complex, Swan Valley Golf Course and the Valley View Golf Course. Private golf courses such as these and other commercial recreational facilities have become popular attractions, adding to the economy of the Township. While the economy as a whole in Michigan is stagnant and receding, Thomas Township continues to see industrial growth in major expansions at four of our manufacturing industries.

C. Transportation Systems

The main highways in Thomas Township include: East-West State Highway M-46 (Gratiot Rd.), and North-South State Highway M-52 (Graham Rd. north to Gratiot). State Road, Gratiot Road and Tittabawassee Road provide East-West crossings of the Tittabawassee River. Primary North-South roads are River Road and Miller Road.

With MBS International Airport just four miles from the Township's northern border, and 7.5 miles from the Gratiot Road area, air service is very convenient. The Chessie System Railroad is also available as it runs across the southern portion of the Township.



D. Physical Characteristics

Just as it is important to analyze the cultural characteristics of the community to determine local preference for recreation planning, it is also important to determine the physical characteristics to understand its limitations and the opportunities it provides.

This section deals with the landform, water features, vegetation, wildlife of the area, as well as other important physical characteristics.

1. Topography and Drainage

Two main watercourses influence the Township: The Tittabawassee River and Swan Creek. These rivers and their tributaries help to form the topographical features—gently rolling land, with slight depressions and knolls. The topographic variation is generally about 30 feet from the 595-foot sea level near the Tittabawassee River and up to 625 feet from sea level in the western area of the Township.

The water quality of both the Swan Creek and Tittabawassee River is described as “medium” with occasional problems such as toxic conditions, dissolved solids, turbidity and nutrient enrichment. While not suited for swimming, they do, however, provide aesthetic value for other recreational activities. The Tittabawassee River is well known nationally for its walleye fishery. Numerous boats can be seen in the river during peak walleye fishing times. It has also started to develop a reputation as a scenic canoeing route with river otter and eagles sighted regularly. Currently, there are no public access sites for the Tittabawassee River or Swan Creek in Thomas Township.

Elevated levels of dioxin within the Tittabawassee confluence are continually being studied. This situation continues to progress through the testing phases, and has now entered into a phase of remediation. This process has proven to be slow, and tedious, however this section of the river has been cleaned up in 2024.

The impact has been great in our Township, with testing showing high levels along the riverfront; however, remediation will prove to be difficult due to the seasonal flooding which takes place on a yearly basis. The Township’s groundwater is potable, with a high mineral content, and is less than 10 feet below ground surface. Most of the Township receives municipal water from Lake Huron via the City of Saginaw water system. There are several wooded wetlands and marshes adjacent to the Swan Creek and Tittabawassee River as well as a narrow strip of wetlands along their lengths.

2. Vegetation and Wildlife

Approximately 20 percent of Thomas Township is wooded with most acreage in the western half and northern sections. These areas provide interesting sites for recreational facilities. The areas near the streams and rivers provide suitable homes for many game animals including: pheasant, ruffed grouse, turkey and white-tailed deer. Woodlots with nearby agricultural or open land are also attractive to these animals. The wetlands are suitable for many types of waterfowl.

3. Soils

As with a majority of the area, Thomas Township's geological structure consists of sand lakebed from glacial conditions. Some areas in the northwest and southwest are composed of clay. Soils in the Township consist of Sisson silt loams, Kibble very fine sandy loams and Pella silt loams-Kibble fine sandy loams. These soils usually drain poorly and are moderately limited for septic disposal systems.

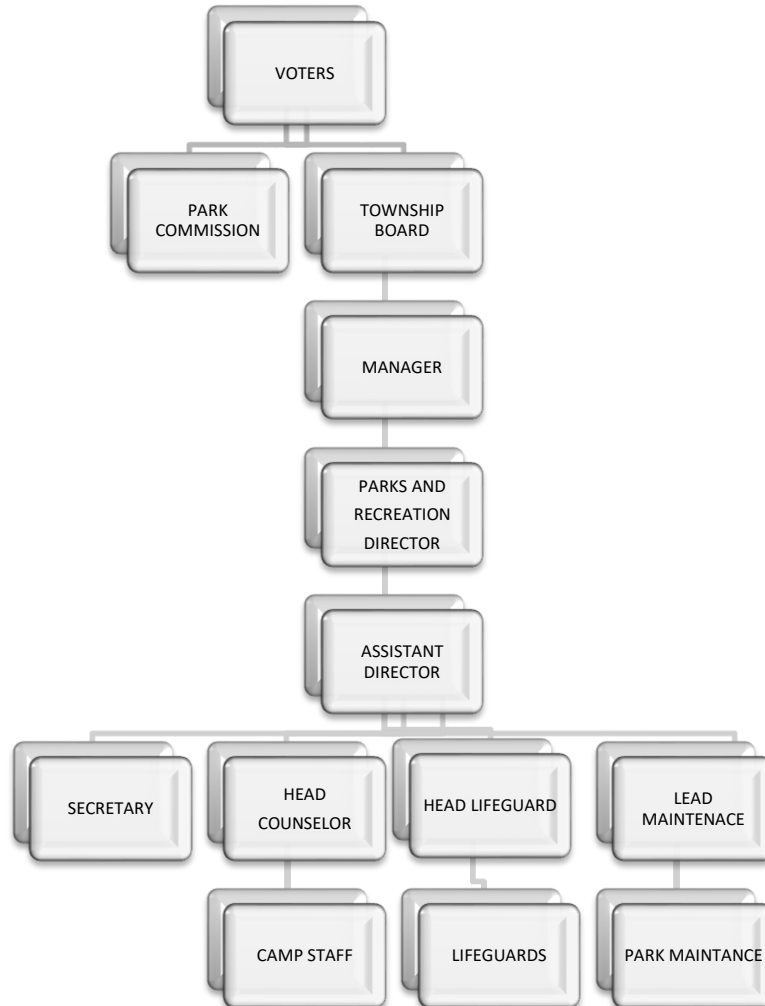
The two large areas in the south-central section and the west central section of the Township also consist of sands that drain very poorly. Limitations for septic tanks are moderate to severe in these areas. They are, however, ideal for agricultural activities. The greatest area of natural features is located west of the Swan Creek.



II. Administrative Structure

Parks and recreation activities in Thomas Township play a major role in the community. Since a full time, Recreation Director was hired in 1980, the types of recreational activities and facilities have increased just as the number of residents has also increased. In 2017 we created a full time Assistant Director position to help share the work load and allow the Director more time to create programs and work on grants.

To understand how the Township recreation system is managed, an organizational chart is shown below.



The responsibilities of carrying out parks and recreation programs are shared by 2 separate organizations, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Township Board. The Township Manager and Parks and Recreation Director provide the management of the policies and finances for the Township Parks and Recreation Department.

**Parks and Recreation
Commission**

Develops goals and policies for
facilities and programs

Township Board

Provides major financial support
hires Parks and Recreation Director

Relationship(s) with School Districts, other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

Other organizations that provide recreation assistance include: the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, the Swan Valley, Hemlock and Freeland School Districts, adjacent Townships, and various community groups. Through informal cooperation, these groups work with the Township administrative officials to provide comprehensive recreation activities for both Township and the surrounding area residents at a reasonable cost.

Volunteers

Thomas Township Parks and Recreation use volunteers for many of our programs. The local schools and Universities have hundreds of kids in need of getting volunteer service hours each year. We gladly accept these requests and use them for special events held each year such as the Haunted Train and the Christmas Train and Festival of Lights. Not only do we have a great youth volunteer program, but we also receive a lot of help from retired individuals, parents and local business.

Financing

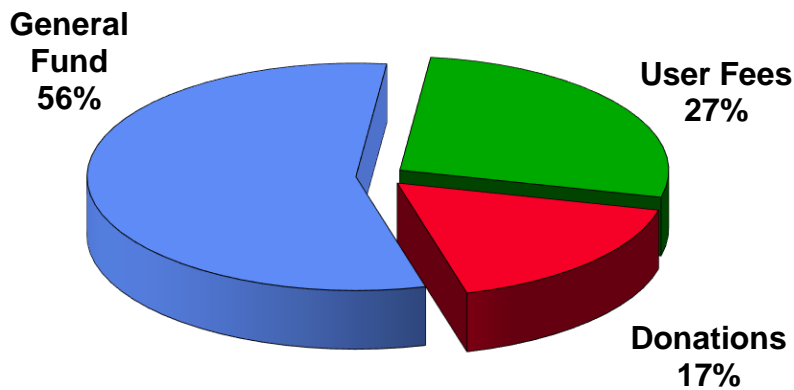
The parks and recreational facilities of Thomas Township are funded through user fees, donations and the Township's general fund. Approximately 27% percent of all the necessary funds for the parks come from user fees.

In 1997, Thomas Township established a fund with the Saginaw Community Foundation (SCF) as a method of creating a long-term source for some park development funding. The Parks and Recreation Commission and the Township Board continually inform the citizens of Thomas Township about the fund and its benefits and to encourage donations. Currently, the Fund balance is around \$200,000. Under an agreement with SCF a maximum of 5% of this fund's earnings is allowed to be used each year for specific projects.

In 2010 the Thomas Township Parks Association was formed as a 501(3) (C) organization to raise funds for the parks. This gives residents the ability to give to a specific project that all of their donation will go towards, which was a request by many individuals and organizations for the parks.

The chart below delineates the source of funding for Thomas Township's parks and recreational facilities annually.

Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Funding Sources





GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Thomas Township - Saginaw - Saginaw County

Project No. TF610	Project County: Saginaw	Project Year: 1982
Project title: Lake Thomas		
Project Status: Withdrawn		Grant Amount: \$100,000.00

Scope Item

Project Description: To acquire 100 acres that includes Lake Thomas, a man-made 66 acre lake.

Project No. BF91-030	Project County: Saginaw	Project Year: 1991
Project title: Roethke Park Barrier Free		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$15,000.00

Scope Item

- Barrier Free Stall Part.
- Concrete Ramp
- Demolition
- Entrance Doors
- Expoxy Laminate
- Grab Bars
- Hand Dryers
- Handrail
- Lavoratory's
- Removal of existing wlks.
- Std. Stall Partition
- Tot Lot Playstructure
- Urinal
- Water Closet
- Wiring

Project Description: Renovation of Train depot/day camp bldg. to make bldg.barrier free. Totlot playstructure purch./installed



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Thomas Township - Saginaw - Saginaw County

Project No. TF91-031	Project County: Saginaw	Project Year: 1991
Project title: Parks Land Acquisition		
Project Status: Withdrawn		Grant Amount: \$39,000.00

Scope Item

Project Description: Acquisition of 29.20 acres of woodlot adjacent to an existing township park.

Project No. CM00-230	Project County: Saginaw	Project Year: 2000
Project title: Roberts Park Improvements		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$170,972.00

Scope Item

- 5' wide, 1570' long hard surface trail
- Bituminous Parking Lot
- Evergreen trees and peat moss
- Playground and surfacing
- Softball Fields (2)
- Volleyball Courts (3)

Project Description: Addition of two regulation softball fields with fencing, three sand volleyball courts, playground equipment with safety surface and a hard surface parking lot.

Project No. 26-01706	Project County: Saginaw	Project Year: 2010
Project title: Roberts Park Soccer Fields Development		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$100,000.00

Scope Item

- Construction staking and materials testing
- Drainage
- Paths, 8' wide, asphalt
- Permit fees
- Seeding (areas outside of fields)
- Site preparation and grading
- Site restoration
- Soccer fields

Project Description: Development to include three new soccer fields with pathways from parking lot to the fields.



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Thomas Township - Saginaw - Saginaw County

Project No. TF10-087	Project County: Saginaw	Project Year: 2010
Project title: Roberts Park Improvements		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$262,900.00

Scope Item

- Amenities (tables, grills, bike rack, trash)
- Construction staking/materials testing
- Interpretive signage
- Landscaping
- MNRTF sign
- Parking Lot
- Path (8' wide asphalt)
- Pavilion (includes concrete floor)
- Rest areas along path (with covered bench)
- Site restoration

Project Description: Development to include pathways throughout the park and to connect to regional path system. Also construct a pavilion and picnic area within the park.

Project No. TF13-007	Project County: Saginaw	Project Year: 2013
Project title: Roethke Park Land Acquisition		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$39,700.00

Scope Item

Project Description: Acquisition of 5-acre parcel located next to Roethke Park, to be kept in a wooded, undeveloped state.

Project No. TF17-0042	Project County: Saginaw	Project Year: 2017
Project title: Thomas Township Nature Preserve Expansion		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$372,000.00

Scope Item

Project Description: Acquisition of an 3.0-acre parcel to expand the Thomas Township Nature Preserve. This parcel will serve as the main entrance for the park and provide a building for a nature center.

Project No. 26-01829	Project County:	Project Year: 2019
Project title:		



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Thomas Township - Saginaw - Saginaw County

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$300,000.00

Scope Item

ADA Striping and signage
Bench(es)
Building Renovation
Entrance Drive
Restroom Pad & Enclosure
Fence
Landscaping
Overlook or Observation Deck
Signage
Trail 5' - 8' wide
Trash Bin(s)

Project Description:

Project No. TF21-0066	Project County: Saginaw	Project Year: 2021
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Project title: Nature Preserve Trail and Amenities

Project Status: PA Executed

Grant Amount:
\$300,000.00

Scope Item

Bench(es)
Fishing Pier or Dock
Pavilion
Picnic Table(s)
Signage
Trail 5' - 8' wide
Trash Bin(s)

Project Description: Development of the Thomas Township Nature Preserve to include a hiking and observation trail of approximately 3,700 feet by 8 feet and fully accessible. The trail will include six seating areas that can be used for rest or observation of the preserve, as well as the bodies of water that surround the preserve. The seating areas include benches and trash bins. The plan also includes a covered picnic pavilion area with accessible picnic tables, and an accessible observation deck and fishing platform. Interpretive signs will highlight the history of the Tittabawassee River, the preserve's location, native plantings, and habitat restoration projects.



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Thomas Township - Saginaw - Saginaw County

Total number of projects: 10

Total Amount of Grant Given \$1,699,572.00

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

A. Introduction

The purpose of the 2025 Recreation Plan for Thomas Township is to provide direction for the community regarding the future development of recreation resources. The plan is intended to be used by the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission, Board of Trustees as well as the Parks and Recreation Department for guiding decisions concerning recreation, parks and public open space.

This Plan is an update of the 2020 recreation plan. It should be updated every five years to meet the eligibility guidelines set forth by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for obtaining state and federal grants.

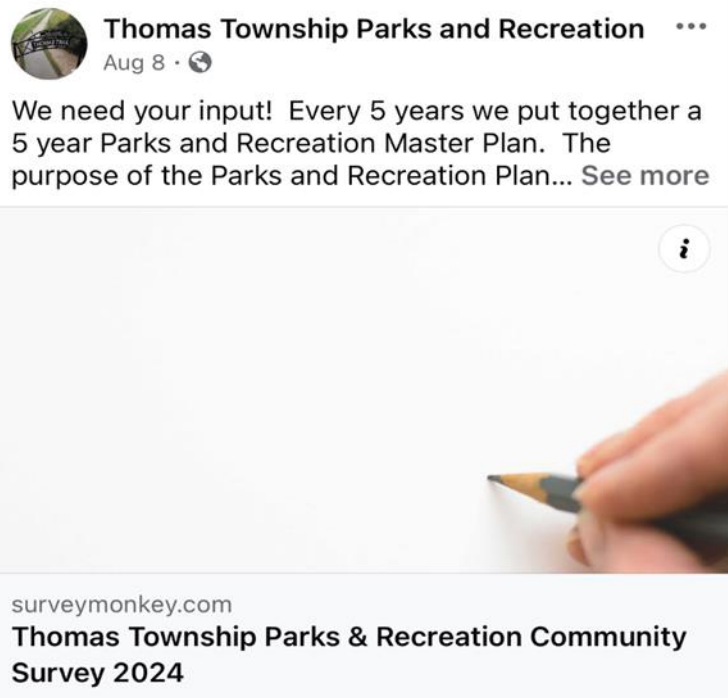
B. Plan Development

The 2025 Recreation Plan for Thomas Township was prepared by the Township Staff under the direction of the Township Manager, the Parks and Recreation Director, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Board of Trustees. Work on the Plan has been ongoing since the beginning of 2024. The Plan was completed in stages and presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission at a series of public meetings. Major steps in the development of this plan were as follows:

1. Initial review of the 2025 Plan by the Township Manager and Park Director.
2. Site visits of the parks by the Township Manager and the Park Director to inventory and review park buildings, equipment and upkeep.
3. Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission to review inventory and existing programs.
4. Initial draft of plan presented and discussed at Park Commission meeting.
5. Revisions were made based on discussions with the Parks and Recreation Commission.
6. Revised plan was presented to and approved by the Township Planning Commission at a public meeting.
7. The Plan was presented to the Township Park Commission and the public in general at an advertised public hearing, whereupon it was subsequently approved by the Commission.
8. Revisions were made to the Plan based upon input from the public and then Park Commission at the public hearing.
9. The Plan was presented to the Township Board of Trustee's and approved at a public meeting.
10. The final plan was forwarded to the DNR for review and eventual approval.

Community Input

One of the most important aspects of a community's Recreation Plan is the inclusion of resident's and community stakeholder's opinions about how they view the future of their parks and recreation system. As part of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Plans, Thomas Township Parks and Recreation offered opportunities for public input, along with a 30-day period for review and comment on the draft Recreation Plan. There was a public comment review meeting held on Monday October 28th from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building along with an item on the Planning Commission Agenda, Park Commission Agenda and a Public Hearing on the Thomas Township Board Agenda. An online community input survey was offered to the community for six weeks during July and August 2024. The survey was publicized in a variety of methods, including Facebook sharing and advertisements, along with an email blast to parents of program participants. The survey gathered information about the community's priorities with regard to the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation.



The image shows a Facebook post from the page "Thomas Township Parks and Recreation". The post is dated "Aug 8" and is public. The text of the post reads: "We need your input! Every 5 years we put together a 5 year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Plan... See more". Below the text is a large image showing a hand holding a pencil, ready to write on a piece of paper. At the bottom of the image area, there is a link to "surveymonkey.com" and the title "Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Community Survey 2024".

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Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Community Survey 2024

IV. RECREATION INVENTORY

Detailed inventories of existing recreation facilities are shown on the following charts, as well as the park locations on the Township map. The inventory list includes Township parks, County parks, regional recreation, Schools and Commercial recreation.

Following the maps and charts, a description of each Township Park is given describing its amenities, programs and level of use.

Parks	Symbol	Acreage	Ball Diamonds	Football/Soccer	Basketball	Volleyball	Pickleball Courts	Disc Golf	Picnic Area	Playground Equipment	Open Space	Nature Trails	Farmers Market	River Front	Shelter	Kayack Launch	Restrooms	Classification	Comments	
Community Park	1	4.5																NP	Relocated and New	
Day Park	2	4																NP	Sledding Hill	
Roethke Park	3	73.5																CP	Pool, Lake, Volleyball	
Roberts Park	4	76																CP	Softball, Soccer, Disc Golf, Trails	
Nature Preserve	5	85																CP	Open Land w/Nature Center	
Thomas Trail	6	3.18 mi																CP	Hardsurface trail	
Schools/Churches																				
Community Baptist	7																			
Swan Valley Middle School	8																			
Shields Elementary																				
Havens Elementary	9																			
Swan Valley Highschool	10																			
County Parks																				
Imerman		102																RP		
Haitthco		78.3																RP	Lake, Splash Park	
Saginaw River Headwaters Rec		334																RP		
Commercial Recreation																				
Crooked Creek Sports Center		117																		Golf, Bowling, Volleyball
Valleyview Farms Golf Club		111																		18 Hole Golf Course
Swan Valley Golf Club		120																		18 Hole Golf Course
Saginaw Gun Club		62																		Private Shooting Range
Saginaw Field & Stream		158																		Sportsmans Club
Apple Mountain		268																		18 Hole Golf Course
Regional Recreation																				
Shiawassee Natl. Wildlife Refuge		9,104																RP	National Wildlife Refuge	
Price Nature Center		186																RP		
Shiawassee State Game Area		10,900																		
Rinbgwood Forest		186																RP		
Bay City State Park		2,000																RP	Saginaw Bay Frontage	
Crow Island State Game Area		3,500																		

Classifications

NP = Neighborhood Park

CP = Community Park

RP = Regional Park



Community Park

Area 4.5 acres

Location 249 North Miller Road

Park Classification: Neighborhood Park

Accessibility Guidelines: 3 (most of the park meets MDNR accessibility guidelines)

Community Park was redone in 2024 as part of the townships new municipality building project. The park has been relocated south across the parking lot and features a full-size outdoor basketball court, 6 pickleball courts, and 2 separate play equipment zones dedicated to ages 0 – 5 years of age and 5+ years of age. There is a sidewalk that runs through the middle of the park with a drinking fountain and benches. The sidewalk will eventually connect to nearby restaurants and picnic areas located just south of the park. Community Park has handicap parking available and the sidewalks and entry to the park are Handicap Accessible. The Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission continue to adapt and create more barrier free accessibility when able to better serve our community and its residents.



Day Park

Area: 4 acres

Location: 700 South River Road

Park Classification: Neighborhood Park

Accessibility: 2 (some of the park meets MDNR accessibility guidelines)

Day Park has handicap parking available. The Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission continue to adapt and create more barrier free accessibility when able to better serve our community and its residents.



Roethke Park

Area: 73.5 acres

Location: 400 Leddy Road Saginaw 48609

Park Classification: Community Park

Accessibility: 3 (most of the park meets MDNR accessibility guidelines)



Roethke Park is our 2nd largest park. The park features an outdoor swimming pool, 2 miniature trains, day camp, summer concerts, walking paths, mountain bike paths, sand volleyball courts and a catch & release fishing pond.

Roethke Park is also host to our Thomas Township Parks and Recreation's largest fundraising event. The Haunted Train ride which has been running for over 35 years and sees nearly 4000 attendees each year.

Roethke Park has handicap parking available and the sidewalks and entry to the pool and Depot Building including bathrooms are Handicap Accessible. The Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission continue to adapt and create more barrier free accessibility when able to better serve our community and its residents.

Roberts Park

Area: 77.5 acres

Location 455 South Miller Road Saginaw 48609

Park Classification: Community Park

Accessibility: 3 (most of the park meets MDNR accessibility guidelines)

Roberts Park is our largest park and what we refer to as our sports park. Roberts Park features 4 softball diamonds, 3 full size soccer fields, walking trails, fishing pond, play areas for kids, a 9 hole disc golf course, 3 sand volleyball courts and is home to the Thomas Township Farmers Market. This park is located in the heart of the community along the business corridor.

In 2017 we purchased the property to the west of Roberts Park owned by the Shields Men’s Club which included a large pavilion, restroom building, pole barn and large grass area for parking. The total footprint of this property was 7.76 areas

In 2019 we purchased the property to the south of Roberts Park to create the 9-hole Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course. The plan is to purchase an additional 9 acres next to the course to make the course a full 18-hole course. Expanding the course will be a great addition to the community. Once complete, we hope to be a destination disc golf course for the region.

Roberts Park has handicap parking available and the sidewalks and entry to the pavilions and bathrooms are Handicap Accessible. There is also a ramp sidewalk path that leads to the soccer fields for wheelchair access. The Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission continue to adapt and create more barrier free accessibility when able to better serve our community and its residents.



Nature Preserve

Acres: 85 acres
Location: 6640 Gratiot, Saginaw 48609
Park Classification: Community Park
Accessibility 3 ((most of the park meets MDNR accessibility guidelines)

The Nature Preserve is our newest park. This park has some gravel walking trails, a kayak launch, a 16-foot-tall observation deck, picnic areas, rustic trails and a nature center. In the future there will be fishing platforms and more gravel trails with viewing areas. The park features natural grasslands, the Tittabawassee River, a Heron Rookery along with numerous other wildlife for all to enjoy.



The Thomas Trail Linear Park

Area: 3.18 miles long, 10 feet wide

Location: Trail begins .83 miles north of 8215 Shields Drive Saginaw 48609. Trail ends in James Township where it connects with the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail.

Accessibility: 4 (entire park meet accessibility guidelines)

The Thomas Trail was completed in 2013 with an addition completed in 2018 and hosted its first 5K run/walk in June of 2013 as part of the community event called Shields Festival. The trail begins off Miller Rd and goes along the Consumers power line for 3.18 miles and connects to the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail System.

The Thomas Trail has handicap parking available and the sidewalks to the trail are Handicap Accessible. The Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission continue to adapt and create more barrier free accessibility when able to better serve our community and its residents.



A. Recreation Programs

Recreation programs in Thomas Township, both supervised and unsupervised, have a large participation. In fact, the total number of participants in Thomas Township Recreation Programs is 32,797, almost triple the population of the Township as a whole. This demonstrates the support and willingness of the citizens to participate and use the recreational facilities and programs provided to them.

Activity	Participants	Totals
Youth Sport Programs		
Spring Soccer	280	
Fall Soccer	220	
Boys Basketball	95	
Girls Basketball	85	
Basketball Clinic	131	
Soccer Clinic	174	
Flag Football	90	
Archery	200	
		1,275
Youth Programs		
Day Camp	300	
Before and After Camp	105	
Swim Lessons	150	
Nature Center Programs	500	
		1,055
Adult Sports Programs		
Sand Volleyball	162	
Men's Slow-pitch Softball	120	
Yoga	150	
		432
Seniors		
Senior Swingers	115	115
Special Events		
Haunted Train Ride	3,500	
Winter Wonderland	1,000	
5K Run/Walk	220	
Picnic in the Park	200	
Farmers Market	10,000	
		14,920
Family		
Pool	3,200	
Pickleball	2,300	
Disc Golf	2,200	
Train Ride	2,200	
Pavilion Rentals	5,100	15,000
TOTAL		32,797

B. REGIONAL RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Several regional recreational opportunities are outside of Thomas Township's boundaries. They are discussed to show the diversity of the area and to bring to our attention how some opportunities are satisfied through regional facilities.

Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge

This 9,104-acre area located in the center of Saginaw County is dedicated to protecting waterfowl and wildlife. Included in this area are two hiking trails, one seven miles in length and another four miles in length. The main trail offers hiking, biking and cross-country skiing opportunities and is outfitted with two observation platforms equipped for waterfowl watching. The second trail, located just southeast of Thomas Township, also offers hiking, biking and cross-country skiing opportunities.

Shiawassee State Game Area

Adjacent to the south and west of the National Wildlife Refuge is the Shiawassee State Game area. This 10,900-acre area provides hunting, canoeing, hiking and fishing opportunities. Because this high use area offers a diversity of uses, it is sometimes difficult to access for residents through its dirt road entrance and poor parking area. Many people utilize the make-shift boat ramp to traverse through the river system.

Price Nature Center

The Price Nature Center again provides regional hiking and cross-country skiing trails. This is an area with natural heavy woodlands of oak, beech, maple and pines. The size of this area is 186 acres and it provides year-round access. Price Nature Center is located on Sheridan Road, about 20 minutes southeast of Thomas Township.

Ringwood Forest

Very similar to the Price Nature Center, this area was dedicated for park use due to its old growth trees and logging history. Various types are visible on the scenic hiking trails. This area is located about 10 minutes southwest of Thomas Township.

Bay City State Park

The Bay City State Park is located on Saginaw Bay frontage. This heavily used State Park offers more than scenic beauty and beaches. It also has five miles of nature trails that wind through Tobico Marsh and a lagoon with a fishing pier.

Chippewa Nature Center

The Chippewa Nature Center is located north of Thomas Township in Midland Township, Midland County. It is a 1,200-acre private nature center open year-round to the public and it is one of the largest private nature centers in the United States. Boasting a full slate of activities and educational programs, the Chippewa Nature Center sees upwards of 50,000 visitors on a yearly basis.

Crow Island State Game Area

The Crow Island State Game Area is situated along the Saginaw River and lies on either side of M-13. Crow Island straddles the Saginaw and Bay County lines and features 3,500 acres of marsh, forest land, and cropland. The marshlands provide important habitat for nesting and migrating ducks, geese, herons, terns and other wetland birds. The marshes are also home to muskrats, beavers, frogs, turtles, snakes, and plenty of other wetland critters. Crow Island is intensively managed for waterfowl and other wetland wildlife.

V. BASIS FOR ACTION

Introduction

Thomas Township has applied several different methods in determining the community's recreational needs. In 2024 the Township produced and distributed a community survey to 5,000 of its citizens. The Township also utilized the services of Survey Monkey, a do it yourself survey production. The residents were invited to a public meeting to look at and discuss the Recreation Plan. Comparisons were also made with recreational standards versus what the Township currently has. The results of this survey, along with continual monitoring of program interest, public input and financial considerations are evaluated annually through an annual self-assessment process during the budget and capital improvement program review. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Commission members have discussed options and ideas as a group and have determined additional goals from these discussions.

These factors are addressed within the following Basis for Action segments.

Community Survey

See Appendix H

Comparison to Standards

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has adopted a set of standards to assist in determining the needs for certain recreational facilities based on the population of the community. The table below shows the comparison of the standards to the actual Thomas Township facilities.

Item	State Standards *	Thomas Township	Deficiency*
Park Land (acres)	10 acres/1000 population	167 acres (5 parks)	-
Ball Field	1/3000	4	-
Outdoor Basketball	1/5000	1	1
Volleyball	1/5000	6	-
Soccer	1/10,000	3	-
Swimming Pool	1/20,000	1	-
Picnic Areas	1/5000	9	-
Playground	1/3000	4	-

* The estimated 2020 population figure of 11,869 was used in determining the standards.

Overall, the Township compares quite well to the recommended State Standards guidelines. The above figures do not include the available school facilities in the community, when considering this, it compares even more favorably. There is only one area showing a deficiency, we are only short one Basketball Court.

Discussed Recreation Opportunities

In 2012 the Township purchased the Nature Preserve property with the concept of making it a Nature Center/Preserve. The remediation cleanup project was completed in 2023. In 2018 we purchased the Heritage Building with a Michigan Trust Fund Grant. This building connects to the Nature Preserve property and has been converted into a Nature Center. A kayak launch was installed in 2024 and the hope is to add fishing platforms into the river and walking trails around the remainder of the property for wildlife viewing also.

In the Township's Master Plan some specific recreational goals are discussed:

1. Cooperate with the state of Michigan and adjoining communities in the development of recreation and community facilities.
2. Promote the development of existing recreational facilities and preserve sufficient open space to satisfy the needs of the Township residents.

These goals are acknowledged and considered an integral part of the basis for action for future recreational development.

VI. ACTION PROGRAM

ROETHKE PARK

Roethke Park is Thomas Township's second largest and park. Roethke features such amenities as a large pond for fishing, hiking trails, band shell, playground area, swimming pool and a train. It also has three covered pavilion areas that are popular for summer party rentals. We are always looking for ways to update and improve our parks for the safety and enjoyment of our visitors. Outlined in the following paragraphs are some projects we are undertaking at Roethke.

We have let the people who own the 80 acres south of the park that if they ever wanted to sell, we would be interested. That 80 acres was part of the original 160 that Carl Roethke owned when he built the park before it was owned by Thomas Township.

Due to the erosion run off into the pond, the depth has decreased. With winter temperatures along with shallow depths, the pond to freezes through and causes the fish to die off. To remedy this problem from happening again, the pond needs to be dredged. The pond has since been restocked with fish. Our catch and release fishing pond is one of the favorite past times of visitors and day campers.

Another project that needs to be addressed is to add a basement to the park's depot building to serve as a storm shelter along with an addition to the train garage. With having two trains, the garage is full not allowing for much room to work on repairs. This is a much-needed safety precaution that needs to be added to our park. Currently the park's pool house is the designated storm shelter located over 100 feet away, which is a safety issue when we have our day campers (children 12 years of age and younger) located in the depot building. More room is needed in the train barn to allow for our train mechanic to have the proper space to safely and effectively work on our trains.

The popularity of the pool has brought up the request for a splash pad to be put into the pool area, with the closure of the pool in St Charles our pool usage has increased. With the amount of people using the park for swimming, day camp and special events we need to repair our current parking lot and expand it. During busy days our visitors have to park on Leddy Road and walk into the park which is not safe for the elderly or small children.

Roberts Park

Roberts Park is our sports park featuring a new soccer complex that was built in 2015 consisting of a large pavilion, restrooms, garage and concession stand. Roberts Park has 3 full size soccer fields, 4 softball diamonds, walking trails, disc golf course, sand volleyball, 3 pavilions and the Thomas Township Farmers Market. In 2018 we purchased the Shields Men's Club which adjoined the park. This property consisted of a very large pavilion, garage and bathroom building. The property also has a large grass field used for parking.

The next identified enhancements needed are, a large pavilion at the north end of the park, more walking trails, dog park, expansion to the Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course, a splash park, a bridge over the pond and age-appropriate play areas by soccer fields.

Linear Park (Thomas Trail)

In 2013 the Thomas Trail was constructed connecting Thomas Township to the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail System. The trail is very popular and highly used. It was host to the Thomas Township Trailblazer 5K run walk that was used as a fund raiser for the trail system. In

2018 we added .83 miles of trail from Shields Drive North along the Consumers Right of Way to North Miller Road. In 2017 Roberts Park trails were all connected to the Thomas Trail.

Day Park

The Day Park is our open space Park with a footprint of 4 acres. We want to keep this Park area primarily for activities that need open space. The parks' sledding hill is a major attraction come winter as sledding areas are hard to find. In 2010 we added two small picnic table pavilions near the parking lot. In 2014 we added two parking lot street lights due to the amount of people using the sledding hill in the dark during winter. We would like to add a small playscape to this park.

Community Park

Community Park is located just behind the Township offices. Community Park was redone in 2024 as part of the townships new municipality building project. The park has been relocated south across the parking lot and features a full-size outdoor basketball court, 6 pickleball courts, and 2 separate play equipment zones dedicated to ages 0 – 5 years of age and 5+ years of age. There is a sidewalk that runs through the middle of the park with a drinking fountain and benches. The sidewalk will eventually connect to nearby restaurants and picnic areas located just south of the park

The archery program has become a huge success and the construction of an indoor archery range at this park was also recommended. We would also like to turn the old parks office into a room to hold fitness classes, senior programs, and arts and crafts programs.

Nature Preserve

The Township purchased 67 acres from Saginaw County in 2012 for the purpose of creating a Nature Preserve with walking trails, elevated board walks, rustic canoe/kayak launch and some fishing platforms along the Tittabawassee River.

In 2018 the Township purchased the Heritage Insurance Building for the purpose of creating a Nature Center. This building was built across the Reinke Drain and the Township saw an opportunity of accessing the 67 acres located behind the building. We now have access for our residents and guest to enter the park with the renovations to the building. The plan for the Nature Center building is to be a nature education center, history center and possible STEM programming with regional schools. In 2019 an additional 13 acres was acquired along the North side of the property to make it the 85 acres it is today.

A kayak launch was installed in 2024 by the parking area. The demand for a canoe/boat launch along the river has been needed for years as there is not boat launch in Thomas Township for residents to use or for our Fire and Rescue Squads to access the river in emergencies, we feel this was a great addition to the Nature Preserve property.

We are working on a 2021 Trust Fund Grant to add additional trails and seating areas as well as fishing platforms and viewing areas for park users to enjoy. The hope is to have this project complete in the spring of 2025.

Additional Park land

Acquiring Park land north of Gratiot Road was important to residents according to a survey we sent out and we hope to add parks in that area. Possible concepts are playscapes, baseball fields and walking trails.

VII. PLAN REVIEW AND ADOPTION

This section is intended to provide a review of the plan and its proposed actions. It also documents the fact the Thomas Township Board of Trustees, the Township Planning Commission and the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission did actively engage in the process to prepare and approve a recreation plan for the residents of Thomas Township.

ACTION PLAN REVIEW

Roethke Park

1. Build addition on Depot building and train garage.
2. Dredge pond
3. Resurface and expand parking lot
4. Build a splash park
5. Elevated board walks for trails in wet areas
6. Add more playscapes/play equipment

Roberts Park

1. Add age-appropriate play structures by soccer fields
2. Add bridge over pond
3. Build additional parking area/expand existing parking area.
4. Dog park
5. Build a splash park
6. Disc Golf Course Expansion with shade structure and restrooms

Day Park

1. Add play area/structure

Community Park

1. Build archery/multi use building
2. Build a restroom facility

Thomas Trail (Linear Park)

1. Continue trail north to connect with Tittabawassee Township trail system and the Iron Bell Train System. The route we are considering is along North River Road to Tittabawassee Road.

Wildlife preserve/Nature Center

1. Stem Tree House
2. High Ropes Course
3. Outdoor Amphitheater area
4. Create wildlife habitat areas
5. Repair dike around Nature Preserve
6. Boat Launch

Dice and River Roadside Park

1. Add deck for viewing river, observation area
2. Add stairs or path to river edge
3. Add more parking
4. Install bike racks and tables

Frost and River Roadside Park

1. Add deck for viewing river, observation area
2. Add stairs or path to river edge
3. Add more parking
4. Install bike racks and tables

Additional Park Land

1. Acquire Park land north of Gratiot Road
2. Install parking and play equipment

Capital Improvement Schedule 2024/25-2029/30

Capital Improvement Project Summary

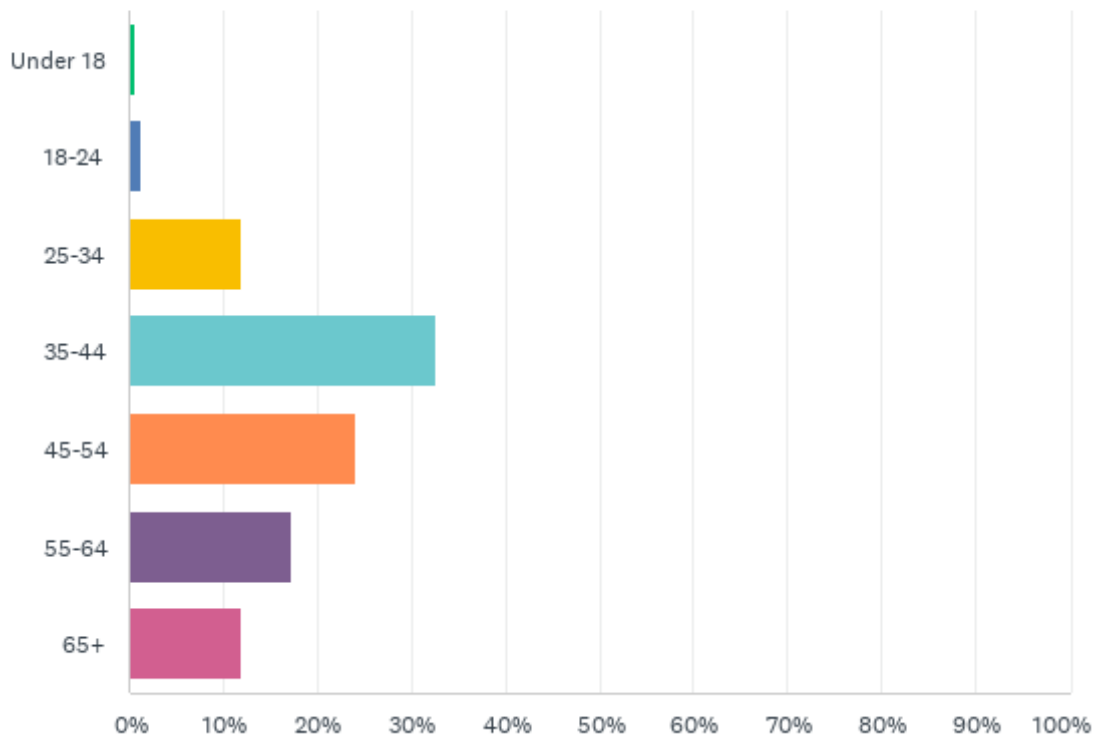
General Fund Parks & Recreation

Project Number/Description	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	TOTAL
1 Roberts Park Playscape		\$35,000					\$35,000
2 Land Purchase Trinklien for Roberts		\$56,000					\$56,000
3							
4							\$0
5							\$0
6							\$0
TOTALS	\$0	\$91,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$91,000
General Fund		\$50,120					\$50,120
Federal/State Grants		\$40,880					\$40,880
Donations/local grants/in kind services							\$0
Parks Capital Improvement Fund							\$0
Thomas Township Parks Association							\$0
Park Fund General Operating							\$0
NRDA FUNDS							\$0
General Fund Reserved for Prop. Purchase							\$0
TOTALS	\$0	\$91,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$91,000

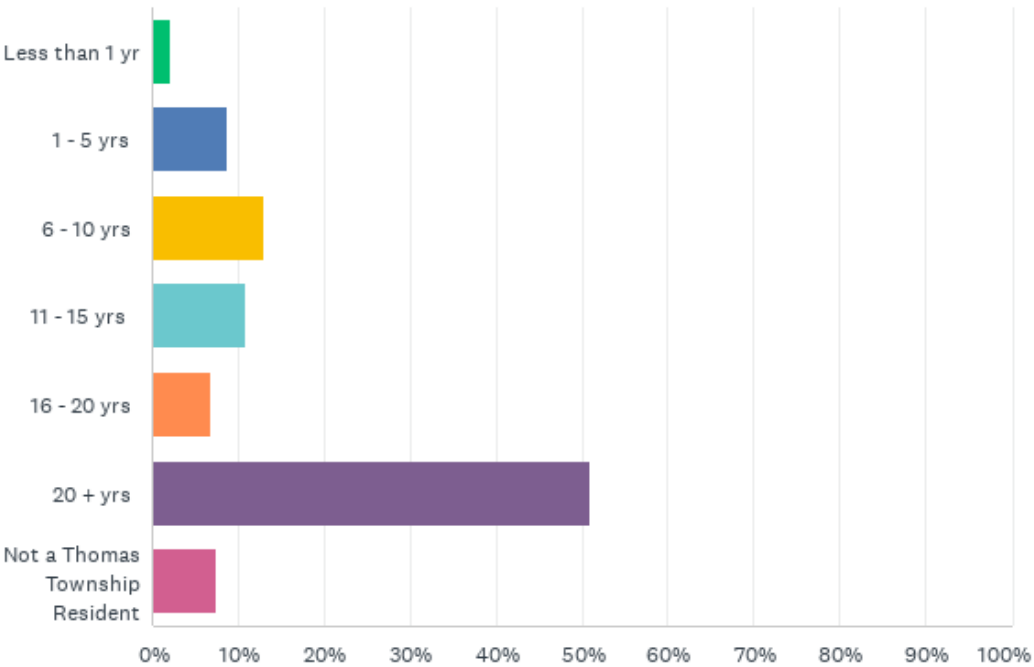
APPENDIX H

Community Survey Results

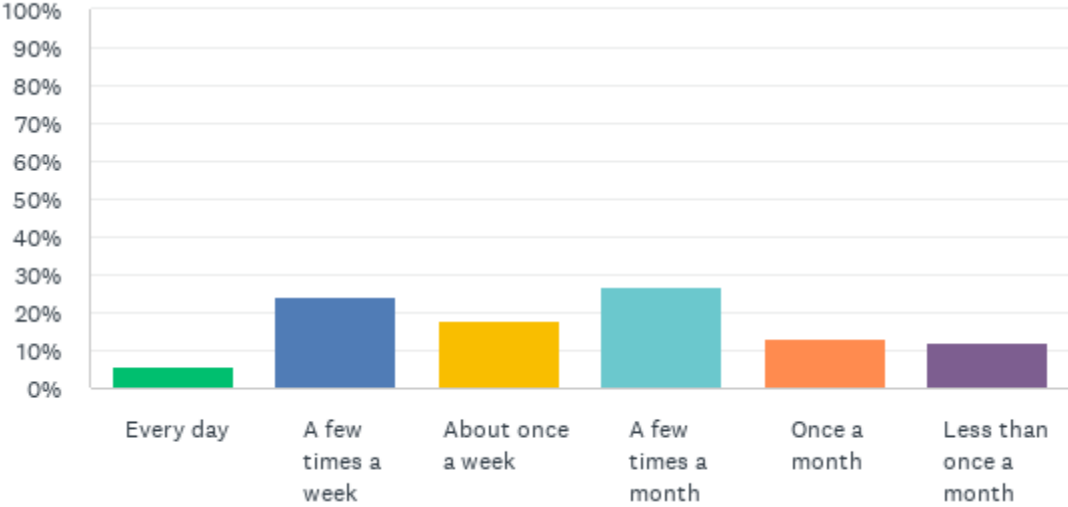
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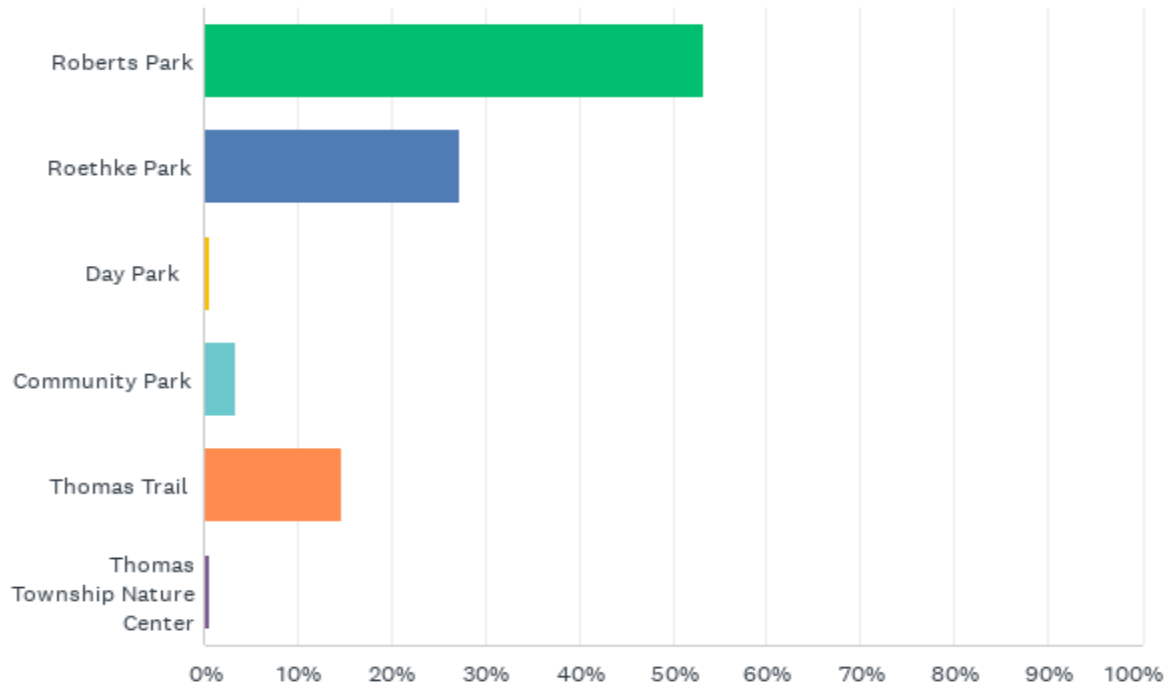
Q2 How many years have you lived in Thomas Township?



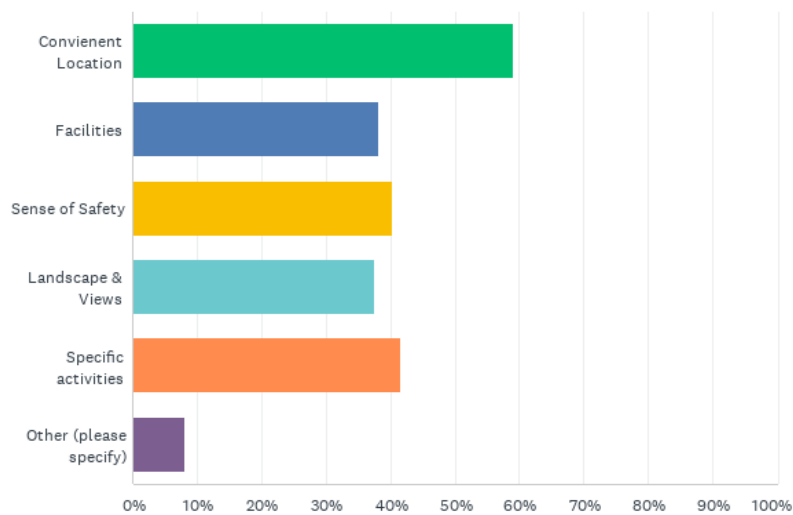
Q3 How often do you visit Thomas Township Parks?



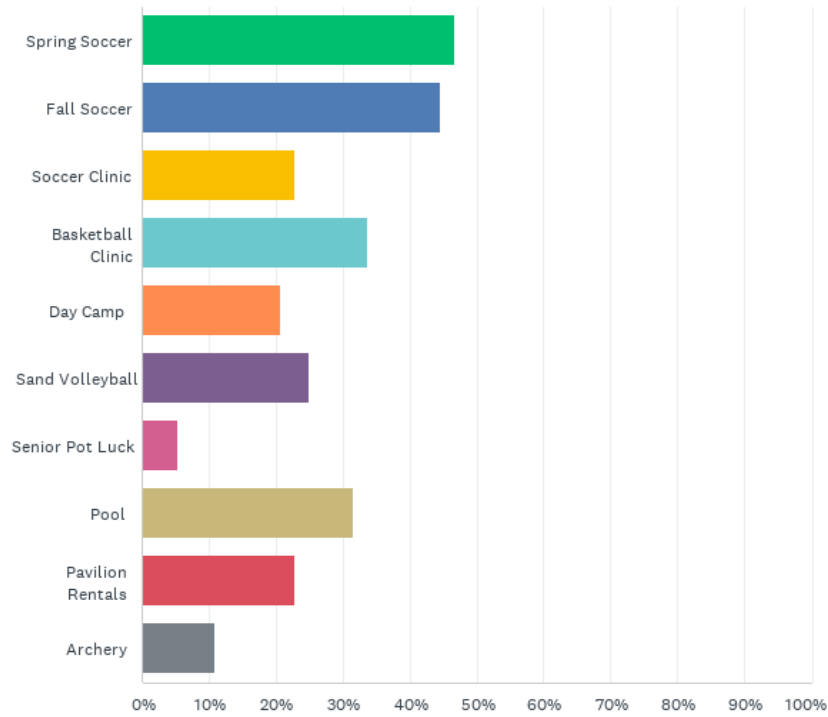
Q4 Which Thomas Township Park do you visit the most?



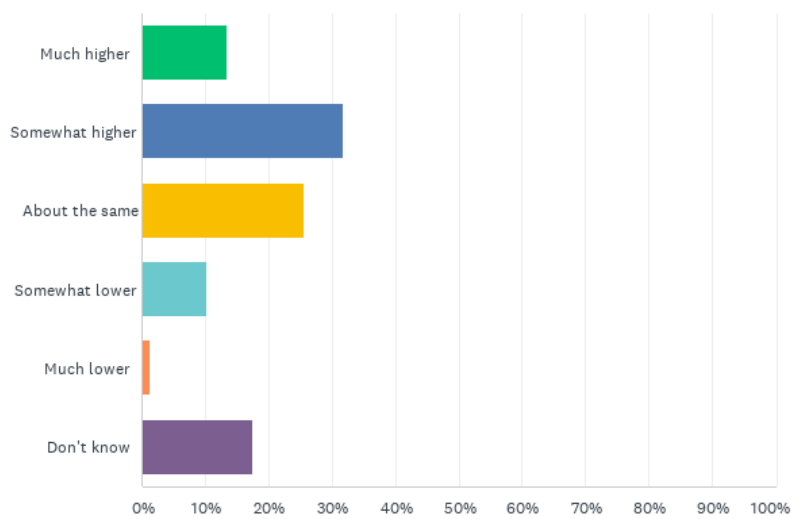
Q5 Which of the following is the biggest factor impacting your decision to visit Thomas Township Parks? Please select all that apply



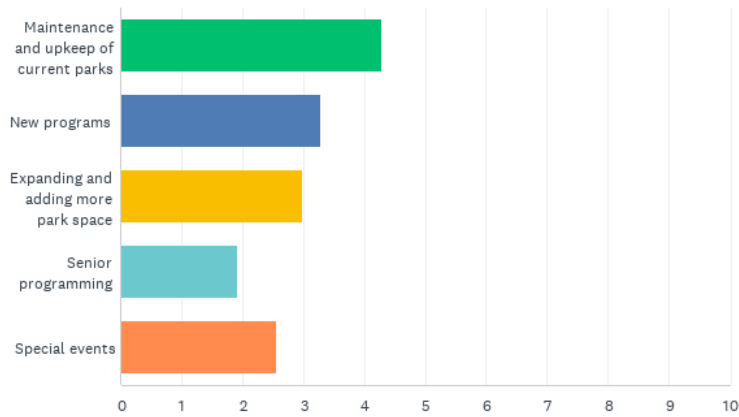
Q6 Please Indicate all of the Thomas Township programs you or members of your household have participated in during the past 12 months.



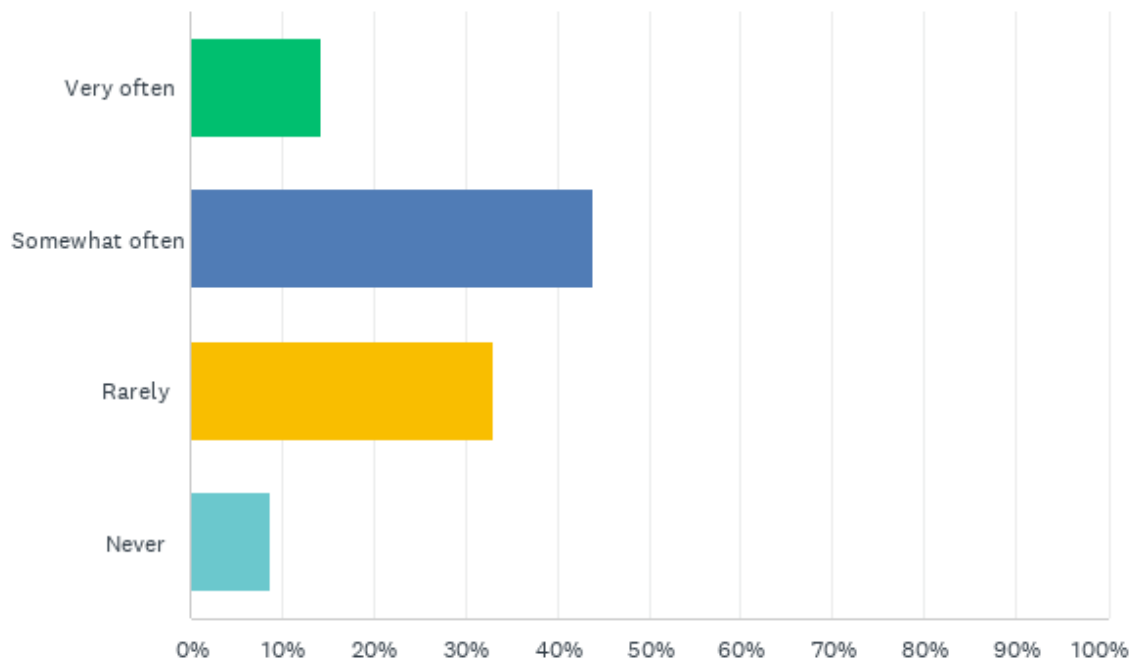
Q7 Compared to other communities how would you rank Thomas Township Recreation programs?



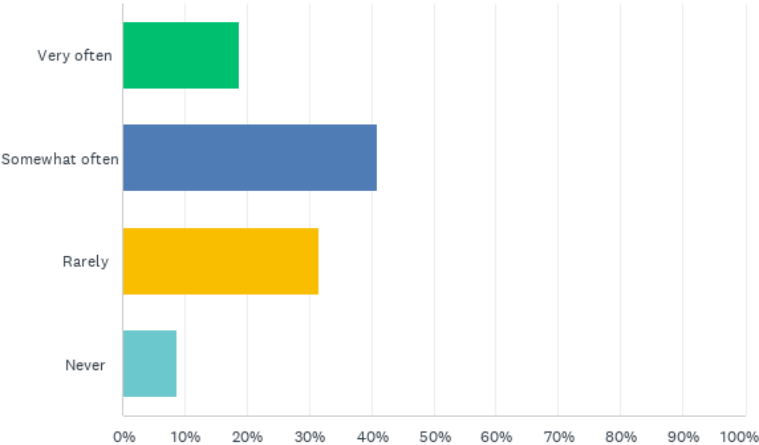
Q8 What should be the priorities of the Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Department over the next 5 years?



Q9 How often do you utilize the Thomas Township website?



Q10 How often to you utilize the Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Facebook page?



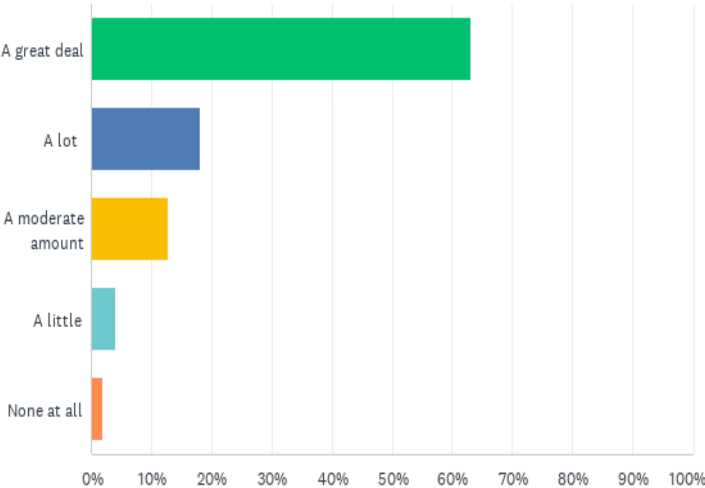
Q11

What programs or activities not currently offered would you like to see Thomas Township Parks & Recreation add?

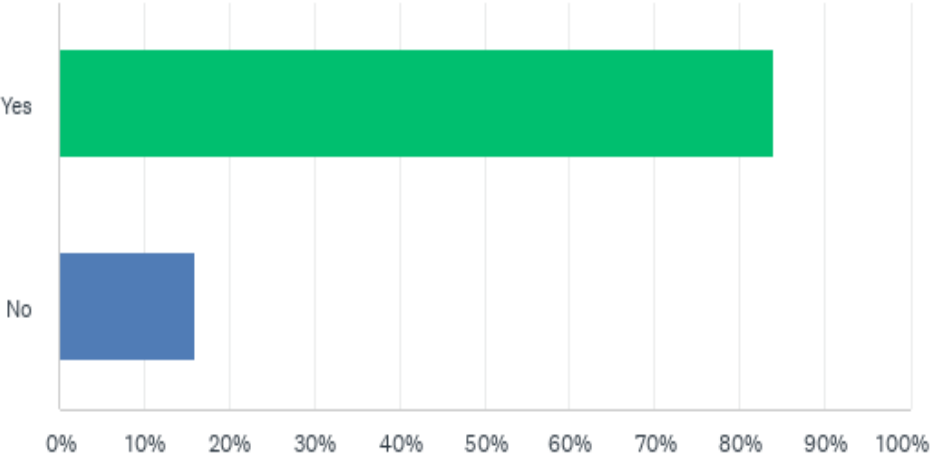
Senior activities x 9
Splash pad x 10
Dog park area x 7
More playground equipment at parks x 5
Full 18 Disc Golf x 4
More yoga
Meditation
Outdoor fitness park Fire pits
Animal tracks or habitat signs on the Rail Trail. Family
Scavenger Hunts through our parks where you take pictures or geocaching. Do we have Disc Golf yet?
Expansion of Thomas Trail system
Pickleball lessons
golf cart usage of trails
Craft or art classes
Maybe special events per season?
Football camp
More bathrooms at pickleball court
Rock wall
7th and 8th grade soccer!
Adult Flag Football.
Fine with what is currently offered.
Boat rentals at Roethke Park
I'd like to see more programs for kids that have to do with science and nature in a hands-on learning space
More child centered activities or fun events
Kids days - similar to Hayes Park in Freeland.
Skeet shooting

Night soccer games
Bring back more 🏠 🕒 hours.
Shuffleboard
Safer road crossings on the trail. More safety lights in the evenings.
Utilize the baseball and softball fields for tournaments.
Maybe add a set of horseshoe pits
tournament cornhole.
Bigger and improved community pool. Workout facility.
Outdoor fitness area.
Lacrosse
Community picnics
Satisfied with what we have
Adult rec leagues, maybe a kickball league?
I feel you do a great job
Kickball
3D Archery program
New pool locker rooms and pool updated
group fitness
Adult sport leagues
More infant/baby options
One-time daytime events, nature based in the park.
Guided hikes. More evening events at the nature center.
Kids triathlon

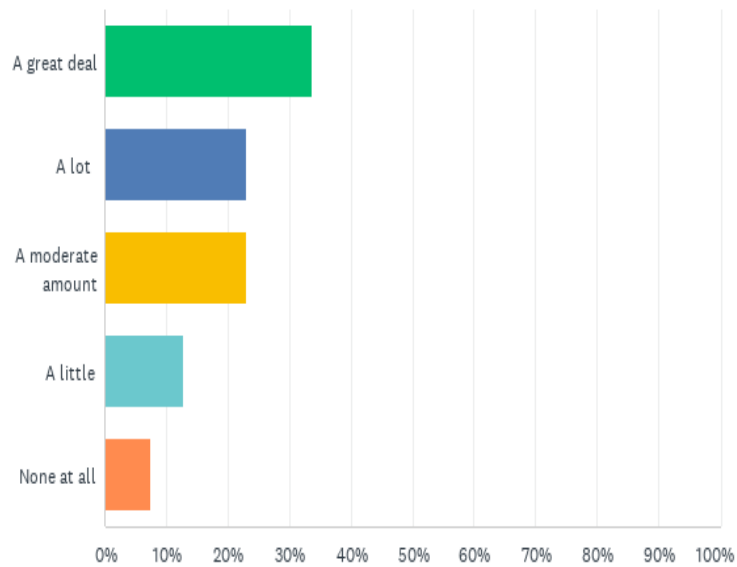
Q12 How do you feel the addition of the Thomas Township Farmers Market has been to the community?



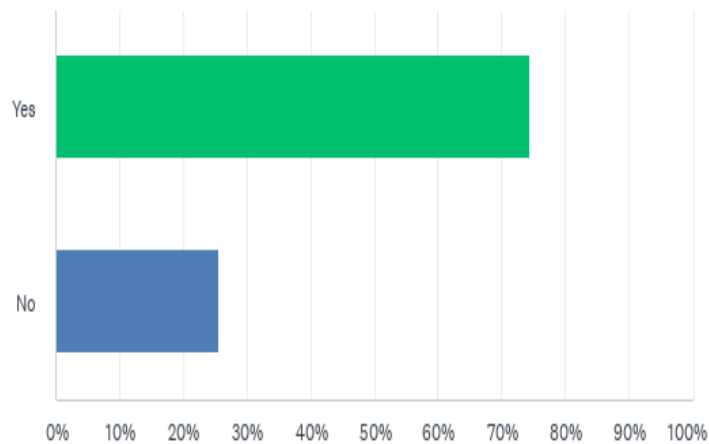
Q13 Have you attended the Thomas Township Farmers Market?



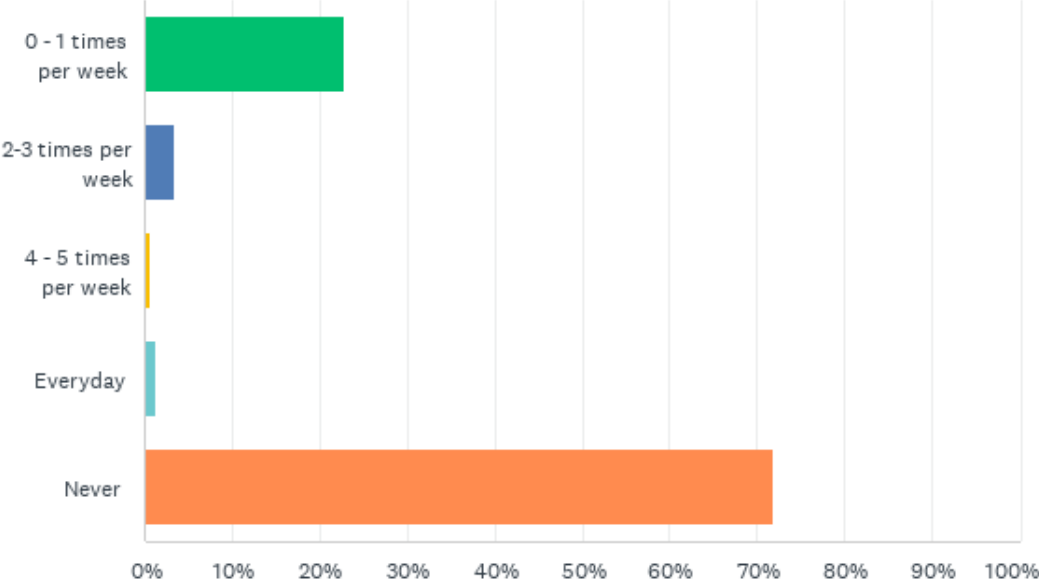
Q14 How do you feel the addition of the Thomas Township Nature Center & Preserve has been to the community and surrounding region?



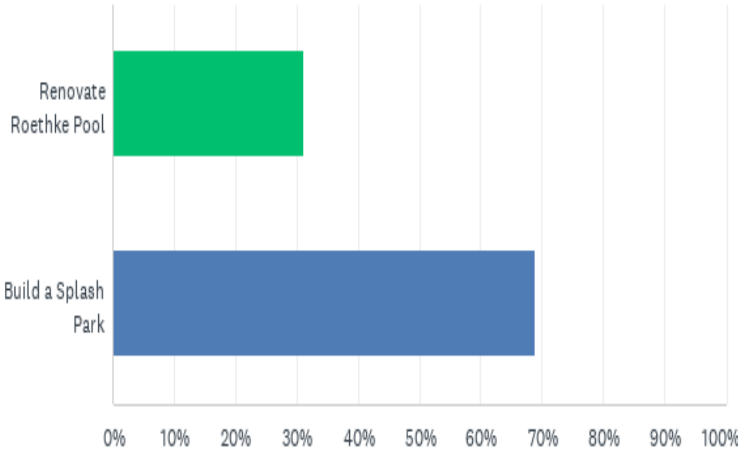
Q15 Have you visited or plan to visit the Thomas Township Nature Center & Preserve?



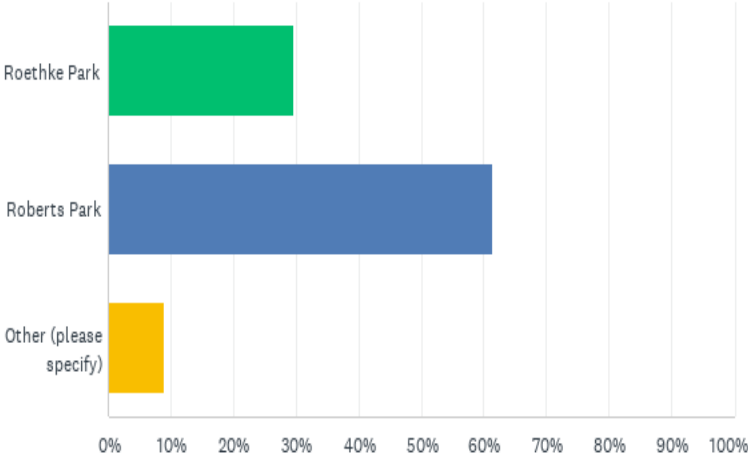
Q16 How many times per week do you visit the Roethke Pool?



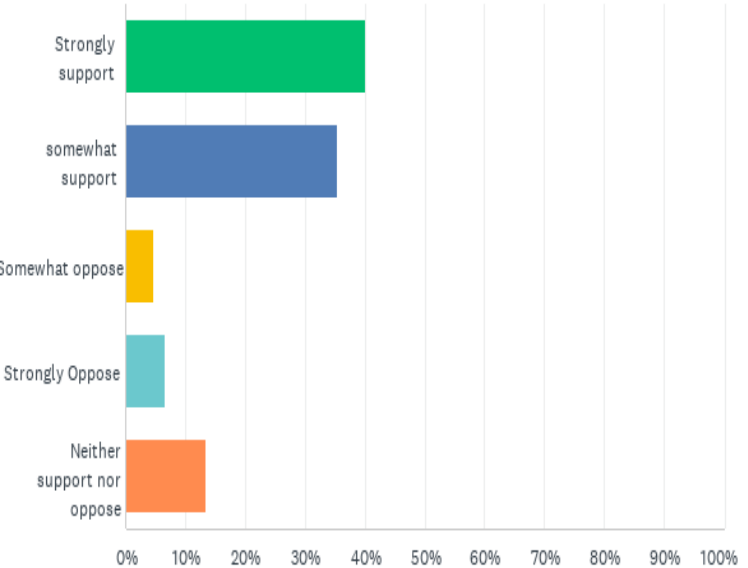
Q17 Would you like to see Thomas Township renovate the Roethke Pool or build a Splash Park in the Township?



Q18 Where do you feel would be the best location of a Splash Park if Thomas Township Parks & Recreation were to build one?



Q19 Due to the limited township parks budget, would you support a dedicated millage which would be used solely to ensure ongoing programming and facility maintenance in the parks?



Appendix I



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

*This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.*

GRANT TYPE: MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND RECREATION PASSPORT BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Thomas Township

PROJECT NUMBER: BF91-030 PROJECT TYPE: _____

PROJECT TITLE: Roethke Park Barrier Free

Renovation of Depot Building to make barrier Free

PROJECT SCOPE: TotLot Play structure

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee) Thomas Township	Contact Person John Corriveau	Title Parks Director
Address 249 N. Miller Rd	Telephone (989) 781 - 0150	
City, State, ZIP Saginaw, MI 48609	Email park1@thomastwp.org	
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s).		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Park is inspected daily by park staff and or police 365 days a year

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Dawn to Dusk Daily

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION		
<i>I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.</i>		
<u>John Corriveau</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Grantee Authorized Signature	<u>12/17/24</u> Date
<u>TYLEE SUTHERLAND</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Witness Signature	<u>12/17/24</u> Date

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925**





Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

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GRANT TYPE: [] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND [X] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) [] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Thomas Township

PROJECT NUMBER: CM00-230 PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Roberts Park Improvements
Addition of 2 Softball Fields, volleyball court, play equipment,

PROJECT SCOPE: Parkin

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: Thomas Township, John Corriveau, Parks Director, 249 N. Miller Rd, (989) 781 - 0150, Saginaw, MI 48609, park1@thomastwp.org

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Park maintenance satff maintain park year round

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Dawn to Dusk Daily

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

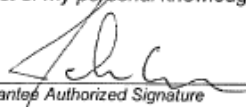
POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

John Corneen

Please print



Grantee Authorized Signature

12-17-24

Date

Tyler Sutherland

Please print



Witness Signature

12/17/24

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(Please select one) [X] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Thomas Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01706 PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Roberts Park Improvements
Path, Pavilion, Amenities, Interpretive Sign, site restoration,
PROJECT SCOPE: Parking

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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Park maintenance satff maintain park year round

GENERAL

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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
Dawn to Dusk Daily

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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<u>John Corbett</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Grantee Authorized Signature	<u>12-17-24</u> Date
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GRANTEE: Thomas Township

PROJECT NUMBER: TF10 - 087 PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Roberts Park Improvements
Path, Pavilion, Amenities, Interpretive Sign, site restoration,

PROJECT SCOPE: Parking

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Dawn to Dusk Daily

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[Signature]
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12-17-24
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GRANTEE: Thomas Township

PROJECT NUMBER: TF13 - 007

PROJECT TYPE: Aquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Roethke Park Land Aquisition

PROJECT SCOPE: acquisition of 5-Acre parcel next to Roethke Park

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Dawn to Dusk Daily



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GRANTEE: Thomas Township

PROJECT NUMBER: TF17 - 0042

PROJECT TYPE: Aquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Nature Preserve Expansion

PROJECT SCOPE: Purchase of 3 acre parcel to use as park entrance

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GRANTEE: Thomas Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26 - 01829

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Thomas Township Nature Preserve Development Phase II

PROJECT SCOPE: Nature Center Building Renovations, Addition of trails and Amenities

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Nature Center and Preserve staff and Park Manitenace staff maintain the park year round

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12 - 4 wed - Friday

Presevere Area : Dawn to Dusk Daily

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Appendix J



Thomas Township
Saginaw County Michigan
249 North Miller Rd
989.781.0151
www.thomastwp.org

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW THOMAS TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION DRAFT 2025 – 2030 5 YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

The Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission would like to announce that the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation 5-year Recreation Plan draft is available for public review and comment starting September 5th 2024. The plan can be reviewed on the Thomas Township website www.thomastwp.org, and at the Thomas Township Municipal offices located at 249 N. Miller Rd. The 5-year rec plan guides Thomas Township Parks and Recreation department on decisions to be made over the next 5 years regarding the parks and recreational programs. This plan is to be submitted and accepted by the Michigan DNR in order to be eligible for parks and recreational grants.

The Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Department will hold a public review on Monday, October 28th 2024 from 2:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609. This meeting is a chance for citizens to comment on the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Draft 5 Year Recreation Plan for the years 2025 – 2030.

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Date Posted: September 4th, 2024



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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
DRAFT 2025 – 2030 5 YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN**

Thomas Township Board of Trustees will be holding a public hearing on Monday, November 4th 2024 at 7:00p.m. located at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609. The Public Hearing is a chance for citizens to comment on the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Draft 5 Year Recreation Plan for the years 2025 – 2030.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Thayer, Clerk

Date Posted: September 4th, 2024



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Nancy Block

Principal Clerk of the Publisher

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of October 2024

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**Public Notices for
Review of 5-Year
Recreation Plan
and
Public Hearing Notice for
5 year Recreation Plan**

(Thomas Township, Mich) -
The Thomas Townships
Parks and Recreation
Commission would like to
announce that the Thomas
Township five-year
recreation plan draft is
available for public review
and comment starting on
September 5th, 2024
through October 28th, 2024.
The plan can be reviewed on
the Thomas Township
website
www.thomastwp.org or at
the Thomas Township
Offices located at 249 North
Miller Road. The 5-year
Recreation Plan guides us on
decisions to be made over
the next five years regarding
the parks and recreational
programs operated by
Thomas Township Parks and
Recreation. This plan has to
be submitted and accepted
by the MDNR in order to be
eligible for recreational
grants. Concerns and
comments are encouraged
and can be made at a public
review meeting on October
28th from 2:00 pm - 6:00pm
at the Public Safety Board
room located at 8215 Shields
Dr. Saginaw, MI 48609 or at
the 6:30 pm Parks
Commission meeting on
October 28th, 2024 at the
Public Safety Board room
located at 8215 Shields Dr.
Saginaw, MI 48609 or in
writing to the Thomas
Township Parks and
Recreation Director at 249
North Miller Road, Saginaw
MI 48609 or emailed to
Park1@thomastwp.org by
October 28th 2024 at 5pm.
Public Hearing Notice
Thomas Township Board will
be holding a Public Hearing
for the Thomas Township 5-
year Recreation plan on
November 4th 2024. The
purpose of this hearing is to
allow residents to discuss
and talk about the proposed
plan with the Parks and
Recreation Director and

MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD WITH
members of the Thomas
Township Board. The board
meeting will be located at
the Thomas Township Public
Safety Building located 8215
Shields Drive, 48609.
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disabilities who plan to
attend this public meeting.
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Figure: Affidavit of Publication for notice of Public Hearing and 30-day Public Review

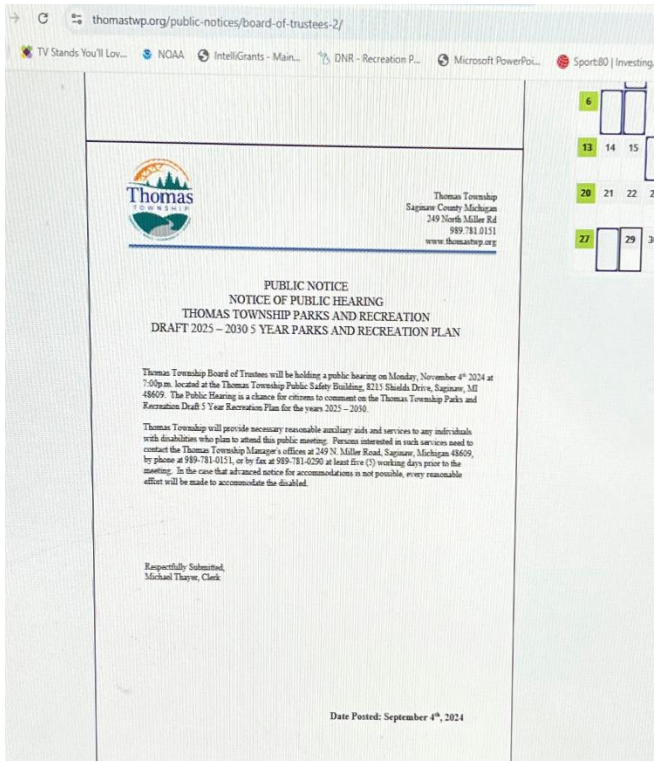


Figure: Screenshot of Notice posted on Township’s Website for Public Hearing

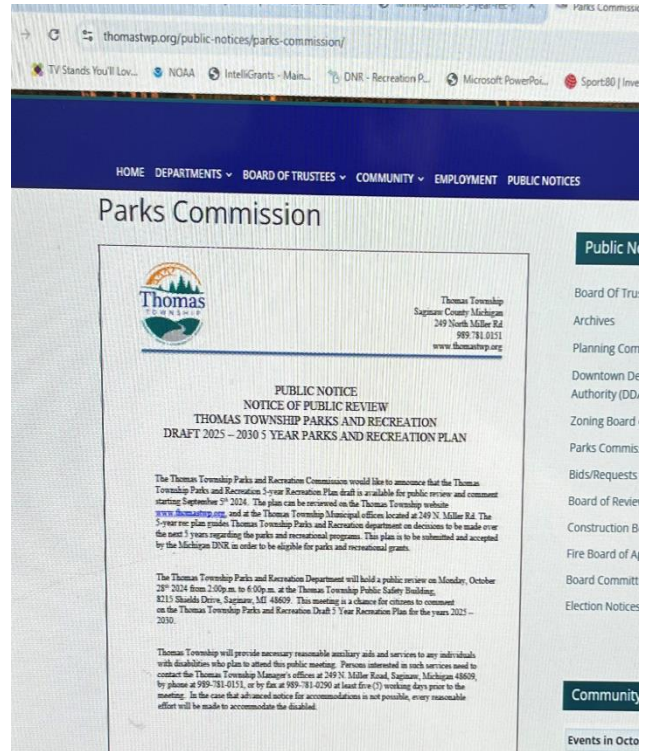


Figure: Screenshot of Notice posted on Township’s Website for 30-Day Public Review



Figure: Photo of Draft Report on Display for 30-Day Public Review

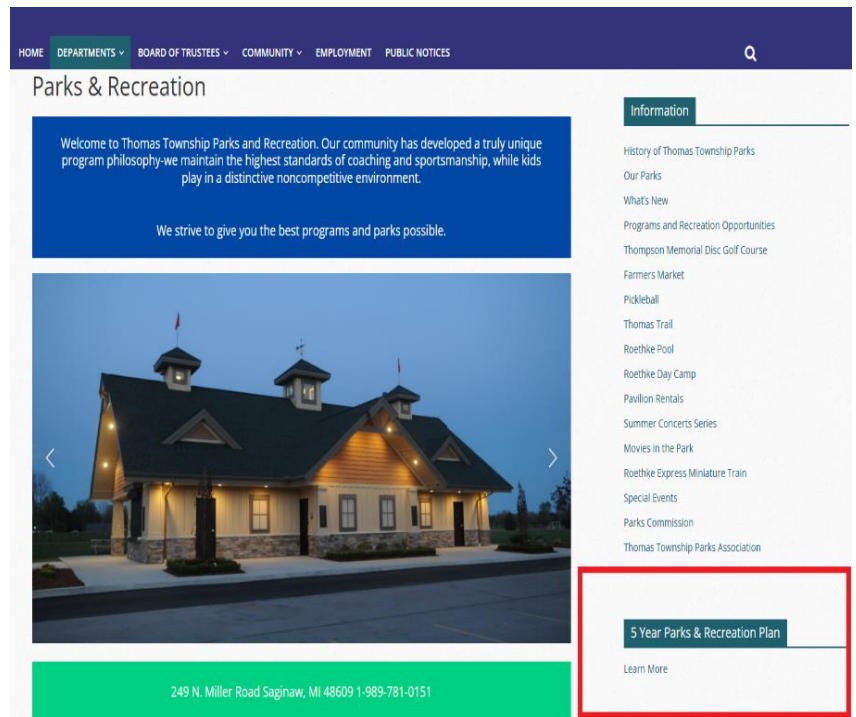


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Public Review Comment Form

October 28, 2024
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Public Safety Building
8215 Shields Drive Saginaw, MI 48609

Public Notices of this review meeting were posted at the Thomas Township Offices located at 249 N. Miller Rd. Saginaw MI 48609 and at the Public Safety Building located at 8215 Shields Dr, Saginaw, MI 48609 as well as on the Thomas Township Website on September 4th 2024. Notice of this meeting was published in the September 5th edition of the MLive Newspaper. This meeting was held to give residents of Thomas Township an opportunity to review and discuss the 5-year recreation plan as part of the planning process. Residents have the opportunity to ask questions, discuss ideas and talk about any changes they would like to add to the plan.

Please Print Clearly

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address & Phone Number</u>	<u>Time</u>
John Corriveau Parks Director	249 North Miller Rd. Saginaw MI 48609 989.781.0151	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Tyler Sutherland Assistant Parks Director	249 North Miller Rd. Saginaw MI 48609 989.781.0151	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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Planning Commission Minutes

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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: D. Sommers, R. Iamurri, P. Lynch, J. Curry, S. Yockey, S. Garvie, and K. McDonald
Absent: D. Bird
Others Present: D. Sika, Community Development Director
J. Corriveau, Parks and Recreation Director
A. Bicigo, Code Enforcement Officer/Planning Assistant
5 Interested Parties

Iamurri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Yockey, supported by Lynch to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE 6 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Yockey, supported by Curry to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024 meeting.

VOTE 6 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

Hearings:

A. Special Use Permit – Carrier Motors

Iamurri opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Joe Carrier presented his request for a Special Use Permit to operate a Used Automobile Sales Lot at 8235 Gratiot Rd. He stated that there will be landscaping improvements, the dilapidated garage on the east side of the property will be demolished, and in its place a dumpster enclosure will be built in compliance with the Thomas Township Ordinance. There will also be benches and trash cans installed along the west property line to provide separation between the parking lot and the Thomas Township Trail.

There was no public comment.

Iamurri closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Motion by Yockey, supported by Curry to approve the Special Use Permit request for Carrier Motors to operate a Used Automobile Sales Lot at 8235 Gratiot Rd, Parcel Number 28-12-3-26-4064-001.

VOTE 6 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

B. Text Amendment – Renewable Energy Ordinance

Iamurri opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Sika explained that he worked with the Township Attorney to write a text amendment to incorporate the new state law PA 233 of 2023 into the Thomas Township Ordinance, while still retaining the existing standards for siting renewable energy projects under the size regulated by the new law. Yockey voiced concern regarding the scope of the new law, and presented information on a current lawsuit attempting to overturn PA 233 of 2023. Sika explained that, even though the lawsuit has been filed, the law is still in effect, and the ordinance should be changed to reflect this. If the ordinance is not changed, then a developer could bypass the Township and apply directly to the State for approval.

There was no public comment.

Iamurri closed the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Motion by Yockey, supported by Curry to recommend approval of the proposed text amendment as presented below to the Thomas Township Board.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-Z-03
THOMAS TOWNSHIP
SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 "SPECIAL LAND USE REQUIREMENTS" OF TITLE 10 "ZONING REGULATIONS" OF ORDINANCE NO 98-G-05, "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF THOMAS" BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 18.38, "RENEWABLE ENERGY"; TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL AND SAVINGS PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Township of Thomas, Saginaw County, Michigan hereby ordains:

Addition of Section 18.38, "Renewable Energy"

Section 1. That Chapter 18, "Special Land Use Requirements" of Title 10, "Zoning Regulations" of Ordinance No. 98-G-05, ""Code of the Township of Thomas"" is hereby amended by adding thereto Section 18.38, "Renewable Energy" to read as follows:

Section 18.38. Renewable Energy.

a. The following provisions of State law are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Ordinance as if each word, paragraph, and part thereof were recited herein:

MCL 460.1013 as amended by 2016 PA 342 and
MCL 460.1221 being 2023 PA 233 et seq.

b. All renewable energy systems and facilities covered by 2023 PA 233 shall follow the developmental standards for site plan review contained in the Zoning Regulations.

c. Energy storage facilities shall be permitted in the Manufacturing District subject to the site plan review developmental standards therein.

Repeal and Savings Provision

Section 2. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed; provided, however, any administrative or judicial proceeding commenced under any provision hereby repealed shall continue to a final decision as if such provision had not been repealed.

Severability

Section 3. That if any provision hereof finally is declared illegal or invalid for any reason by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Publication and Effective Date.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication thereof.

VOTE 6 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

A. Parks and Recreation 5 Year Plan

Corriveau presented the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation 5 Year Plan. He explained that the state requires Townships to maintain a 5 Year Plan to apply for grants. To receive a grant for a project, it must be listed in the plan. The plan must be approved by the Parks Commission, Planning Commission, and Board of Trustees before it is submitted to the state for approval. Questions were asked and answered.

Motion by Lynch, supported by Yockey, to approve the Parks and Recreation 5 Year Plan.

VOTE 6 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

B. Review Planning Commission Bylaws

Sika explained that the State of Michigan requires Planning Commissions to maintain bylaws. Currently, the Thomas Township Planning Commission’s rules are listed in the ordinance, but should be adopted as bylaws separate from the ordinance. The proposed bylaws will be presented at a later meeting for approval.

C. Approve 2025 Meeting Dates

Motion by Lynch supported by Curry to approve the 2025 meeting dates as presented.

VOTE 6 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

D. Approve 2025 Capital Improvements

Motion by Lynch, supported by Yockey to approve the 2025 Capital Improvements Plan.

VOTE 6 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

E. December Meeting Date Change

Motion by Lynch, supported by Garvie to move the December meeting from December 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to December 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., if needed.

VOTE 6 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment:

Motion by Yockey, supported by McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

VOTE 6 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

Park Commission Minutes & Resolution



THOMAS TOWNSHIP
PARK COMMISSION RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP OF THOMAS
SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION 24-17P

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE THOMAS TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMUNITY 5 YEAR RECREATION PLAN

At a regular meeting of the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission, held on the 25th day of November, 2024 at 6:30 o'clock p.m. Michigan Time.

PRESENT: Rusch, Branch, Alworden, Hoffman

ABSENT: Sova, Aimar, Blower

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Rusch, and supported by Hoffman.

WHEREAS, Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission was created pursuant to Act 156 of the Public Act of 1917 as amended, and

WHEREAS, said Act empowers the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission to diligently pursue the development of recreational opportunities in Thomas Township, and

WHEREAS, the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission recognized that if it is to carry out its mandate in an orderly, logical and financially responsible manner it must first prepare a long- and short-range planning and development program, and

WHEREAS, the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission does hereby approve of the Thomas Township Community Recreation Plan that also serves as its official guide to the acquisition of land and development of facilities for recreational purposes in Thomas Township, Michigan.

I, Scott Branch, Chairman of the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission, do hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation Commission at its regular meeting of November 25th 2024.

AYES: Rusch, Branch, Alworden, Hoffman

NAYS: _____

ABSTAINED: _____

ABSENT: Sova, Aimar, Blower

Date 11-25-2024 _____ 

Scott Branch, Chairman

Date 12-3-24 _____ 

Craig Aimar, Secretary



**Thomas Township
Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
November 25, 2024
6:30 pm**

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Scott Branch.
2. **PRESENT:** Rusch, Branch, Alworden, Hoffman
ABSENT: Sova, Blower, Aimar

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, Tyler Sutherland; Secretary, Sue Prevost; Parks & Recreation Director, John Corriveau via video call.

3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Hoffman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda
THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING
November 25th, 2024
6:30 pm
Public Safety Building
8215 Shields Drive Saginaw, MI 48609**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of October 28th, 2024 minutes
6. Approval of November 2024 Expenditures
7. Public Comment
8. Public Hearing
 - a. None

9. New Business

- a. Review 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan.
- b. Approve Resolution 24-17P to approve the Thomas Township Parks and Recreation 5-year Recreation Plan for 2025 to 2030.
- c. Approve 2025/26 Park Commission meeting dates.

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 Alworden, seconded by Rusch, to approve October 28th, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Alworden, to approve November 2024 Expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Public Comment: None

8. Public Hearing: None

9. New Business:

- a. Review of Parks and Recreation 5 Year Recreation Plan: Rusch recommended the addition of additional basketball court. Branch requested the addition of benches at dog park (Station #2).

Motion made by Rusch supported by Hoffman to approve the Parks and Recreation 5 Year Recreation Plan.

- b. Approval of Resolution 24-17P 2025-2030 Thomas Township Parks and Recreation 5 Year Plan through the State of Michigan.

Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Hoffman, to approve Resolution 24-17P for the 2025-2030 Thomas Township Parks and Recreation 5 Year Plan through the State of Michigan.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call vote required.

Ayes: Rusch, Branch, Alworden, Hoffman

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sova, Blower, Aimar

- c. Approval of 2025 Park Commission Meeting Dates:

Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Hoffman, to approve 2025 Park Commission meeting dates as presented with exception of moving the March meeting date to March 17th.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Old Business: none

11. Reports:

- a. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report.
- b. Receive and file the Nature Center & Preserve Report.

12. Other Business: None



13. Adjournment: Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Alworden to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig Aimar, Secretary
12-15-24
Dated

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, December 16th, 2024 at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.

Minutes Board of Trustees Public Hearing



THOMAS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
November 4, 2024
7:00 p.m.

1. The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Weise.

2. PRESENT: Weise, Sommers, Thayer, DeLine, Witt, Monahan, McDonald
ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Township Manager, Deidre Frolo; Financial Services Director, Aleigha Crowl; DPW Foreman, Steve Everett; Parks Director, John Corriveau; Nature Center Coordinator, Lynda Thayer; Fire Chief, Mike Cousins; Police Chief, Eric Cowles; and several interested parties.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Motion was made by Monahan, seconded by McDonald, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.


THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
November 4, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve the October 7, 2024, Regular Board Minutes.
 - B. Approval of the Expenditures.
 - C. Approve the Supervisor's recommendation to reappoint several Steve Goward, Fred Gray and Kyle Kolbe to the Downtown Development Authority Board for a term of 11/20/2024-11/20/2028.
 - D. Accept the resignation of David Sommers from the Planning Commission.
 - E. Approve the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Katie McDonald to the Planning Commission for a term of 11/5/24-11/20/28.
 - F. Approve the promotion of Nicole Schulte from probationary, full-time Treasurer's Assistant to regular, full-time Treasurer's Assistant.
 - G. Approve the promotion of Aleigha Crowl from probationary, full-time Fiscal Services Director to regular, full-time Fiscal Services Director.
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
7. Public Hearing
 - A. To receive comments on the Parks & Recreation Five Year Recreation Plan.
8. Unfinished Business
 - A. None.
9. New Business
 - A. Approve Resolution 24-13, establishing the dates, times and place for the 2025 Township Board meetings.
 - B. Approve Resolution 24-14 to accept the Saginaw Area Storm Water (SASWA)

- Budget Apportionment.
- C. Award the three-year bid for the production and mailing of our quarterly Newsletter, "Thomas Township Today" to Reimold Printing.
 - D. Approve the purchase of a used 2013 John Deere 3720 Tractor to support sidewalk snow removal for \$34,000.
 - E. Approve the purchase of a new pump for Pump Station 7 to replace pump that experienced a seal failure from Kennedy Industries for \$32,635.
 - F. Approve Resolution Amendment to Interlocal Urban Cooperation Agreement with Richland Township for the Extension of Water and Sewer under the Urban Cooperation Act.
 - G. Approve Granting Consumers Energy an easement on Township property at 1167 N. Graham Road.
 - H. Approve Proclamation 24-15 honoring Robert Weise for his years of service to Thomas Township.
10. Reports
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| A. Supervisor | E. Community Development | I. Police Dept |
| B. Clerk | F. DPW | J. Parks & Recreation |
| C. Treasurer | G. Finance | K. Nature Center |
| D. Manager | H. Fire Dept. | L. Board Members |
11. Executive Session
- A. None
12. Adjournment
5. Motion was made by Witt, seconded by DeLine, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- A. Approval of the Board Minutes from the October 7, 2024 regular meeting.
 - B. Expenditures consisting of: \$5,551,059.01
 - Clearing Fund \$3,242.79
 - General Fund \$448,531.83
 - Public Safety-Fire Department \$30,708.95
 - Fire Apparatus \$2.74
 - Public Safety-Police Department \$37,532.27
 - Public Safety-Drug Law Enforcement \$0.00
 - Downtown Development Authority \$2,205.33
 - Revolving Road Fund \$0.00
 - Sewer Fund \$1,928,238.74
 - Sewer Improvements Grant Fund \$401,569.14
 - Water Fund \$797,830.80
 - Municipal Refuse \$80,942.52
 - Technology Fund \$12,152.15
 - Tax \$1,808,101.75
 - C. Approved the Supervisor's recommendation to reappoint Steve Goward, Fred Gray and Kyle Kolbe to the Downtown Development Authority Board for a term of 11/20/24-11/20/28.
 - D. Accepted the resignation of David Sommers from the Planning Commission.
 - E. Approved the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Kate McDonald to the Planning Commission for a term of 11/5/24-11/20/28.
 - F. Approved the promotion of Nicole Schulte from probationary to regular, full-time Treasurer's Assistant.
 - G. Approved the promotion of Aleigha Crowl from probationary to regular, full-time Fiscal Services Director.
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
- A. None.
7. Public Hearing
- A. Hearing to receive comments on the Parks & Recreation Five Year Recreation Plan was opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:03 p.m. with no comments received.

8. Unfinished Business
 - A. None.
9. New Business
 - A. It was moved by Thayer, seconded by McDonald, to approve Resolution 24-13 to establish the dates, time and place for the 2025 Township Board meetings.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Weise, McDonald, Thayer, Sommers, Monahan, DeLine, Witt
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Resolution was adopted.
 - B. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Witt, to approve Resolution 24-14 to Accept the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority (SASWA) Budget Apportionment.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Witt, Weise, McDonald, Thayer, Sommers, Monahan, DeLine
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Resolution was adopted.
 - C. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Monahan, to award the bid for the production and mailing of our quarterly newsletter, "Thomas Township Today" to Reimold Printing. Motion carried unanimously.
 - D. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Thayer, to approve the purchase of a used 2013 John Deere 3720 Tractor to support sidewalk snow removal for \$34,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.
 - E. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by DeLine, to approve the purchase of a new pump for Pump Station 7 to replace the pump that experienced a seal failure from Kennedy Industries for \$32,635.00 Motion carried unanimously.
 - F. It was moved by Sommers, seconded by Witt to approve the Resolution Amendment to Interlocal Urban Cooperation Agreement with Richland Township for the extension of water & sewer under the Urban Cooperation Act. Motion carried unanimously.
 - G. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Witt to approve granting Consumers Energy an easement on Township property at 1167 North Graham Road. Motion carried unanimously.
 - H. It was moved by Witt, seconded by Thayer to approve Proclamation 24-15 honoring Robert Weise for his years of service to Thomas Township.
Roll Call:
Ayes: DeLine, Witt, McDonald, Thayer, Sommers, Monahan
Nays: None
Abstain: Weise
Absent: None
10. Report of Officers and Staff:
 - A. Supervisor's Report – None.
 - B. Clerk's Report –None.
 - C. Treasurer's Report – None.
 - D. Manager's Report – None.
 - E. Receive and file Community Development Reports.
 - F. Receive and file the DPW Report.

- G. Receive and file the Finance Department Report.
 - H. Receive and file the Fire Department Report.
 - I. Receive and file the Police Department Report.
 - J. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report.
 - K. Receive and file the Nature Center report.
 - L. Board Member Reports-None.
11. Executive Session:
A. None.
12. It was moved by DeLine, seconded by Witt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.



Michael Thayer, Clerk

11/6/24

Dated

This is a certified copy.

(MCL15.233)

C. Hatt, Deputy Clerk 12/2/24

Board of Trustees Resolution & Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION 24-17
TOWNSHIP OF THOMAS
SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE THOMAS TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION
COMMUNITY FIVE YEAR RECREATION PLAN

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Thomas, held on the 2nd day of December, 2024 at 7 o'clock p.m. Michigan Time

PRESENT: *Sommers, Monahan, DeLine, Witt, List, McDonald, Thayer*

ABSENT: *None*

The following preamble and resolution were offered by *Monahan* and supported by *DeLine*.

WHEREAS, Thomas Township Board of Trustees was created pursuant to Act 156 of the Public Act of 1917 as amended, and

WHEREAS, said Act empowers the Thomas Township Board of Trustees to diligently pursue the development of recreational opportunities in Thomas Township, and

WHEREAS, the Thomas Township Board of Trustees recognized that if it is to carry out its mandate in an orderly, logical and financially responsible manner it must first prepare a long- and short-range planning and development program, and

WHEREAS, the Thomas Township Board of Trustees does hereby approve of the Thomas Township Community Recreation Plan that also serves as its official guide to the acquisition of land and development of facilities for recreational purposes in Thomas Township, Michigan.

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Thomas Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt said, Thomas Township Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Thomas Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Thomas Township Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan and the Supervisor declares the resolution passed.

Ayes: *McDonald, Thayer, Sommers, Monahan, DeLine, Witt, List*

Nays: *None*

Abstained: *None*

Absent: *None*

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.



David A. Sommers, Supervisor

CERTIFICATE

I, Michael Thayer, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Thomas Township, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board of said Township at the regular meeting of said Board held on December 2, 2024, at which meeting a quorum was present, by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

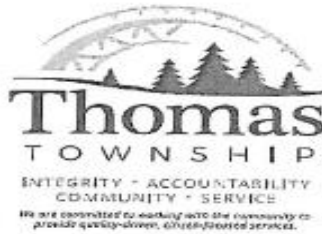


Michael Thayer, Clerk

This is a certified copy.

(MCL15.233)

Matt, Deputy Clerk 12/19/24



**THOMAS TOWNSHIP
 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
 December 2, 2024
 7:00 p.m.**

1. The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Sommers.
2. **PRESENT:** Sommers, Thayer, DeLine, Witt, Monahan, McDonald, List
ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Township Manager, Deidre Frollo; Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Connie Watt; DPW Director, Trevor Schultz; Community Development Director, Dan Sika; Parks Director, John Corriveau; Nature Center Coordinator, Lynda Thayer; Fire Chief, Mike Cousins; Police Chief, Eric Cowles; and several interested parties.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Motion was made by DeLine, seconded by McDonald, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
December 2, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve the November 4, 2024, Regular Board Minutes.
 - B. Approval of the Expenditures.
 - C. Approve the appointment of Aleigha Crowl as Deputy Treasurer.
 - D. Approve the appointment of Connie Watt as Deputy Clerk.
 - E. Approve the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Craig Monahan to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term of 11/20/24-11/20/28.
 - F. Approve the Supervisor's recommendations for the Township Board Standing Committees.
 - G. Approve David Sommers as the Township Board representative on the Downtown Development Authority for a term of 11/20/24-11/20/28.
 - H. Approve Otto Brandt as the Township Attorney for 2025/2026.
 - I. Approve Masud Labor Law Group as the Township Labor Law Attorney for 2025/2026.
 - J. Approve Spicer Engineering as the Township Engineer for 2025/2026.
 - K. Approve Vector Tech Group as the Township Computer Firm for 2025/2026.
 - L. Approve Quarterly update to 2024/25 fiscal year goals.
 - M. Approve the Supervisor's recommendation to reappoint Rod Jamurri and Steve Yockey to the Planning Commission for a term of 1/1/25-1/1/28.
 - N. Approve the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint...

Lenczewski to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of 1/1/25-1/1/28.

- O. Approve the Supervisor’s recommendation to reappoint Kay Kretz, Joyce Potoff and Jeremy Wagner to the Board of Review for a term of 1/1/25-1/1/27.
- P. Approve the Supervisor’s recommendation to reappoint Rick Keith, James Lazzaro and Craig Leddy to the Construction Board of Appeals for a term of 1/1/25-1/1/27
- Q. Approve the hiring of Ari Mantalvanos as part-time detective.
- 6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
 - It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
- 7. Public Hearing
 - A. None.
- 8. Unfinished Business
 - A. None.
- 9. New Business
 - A. Approve the audit.
 - B. Accept the recommendation of the Fiscal Services Director to waive penalties on December tax collection for the period of February 14, 2025 through February 28, 2025.
 - C. Approve Resolution 24-16 for the MDOT Annual Right-of-Way Permits.
 - D. Approve Resolution 24-17 approving the 5 Year Plan for Parks & Recreation.
 - E. Approve Resolution 24-18 to appoint trustee, Deidre Frolo and alternate trustee, Connie Watt, to the Mid-Michigan Waste Authority for a term to expire 12/31/25.
 - F. Approve the renewal of the 2025 Lawn Mowing and Landscaping Contract to Tri-Valley Landscaping in the amount of \$92,400 with option to add 2026 services.
 - G. Approve the amendment of the Thomas Township Emergency Operations Support Plan.
 - H. Award contract to Wobig Construction to build the Nature Preserve Walking Bridge and Viewing Platforms in the amount of \$116,366.00.
- 10. Reports

A. Supervisor	E. Community Development	I. Police Dept
B. Clerk	F. DPW	J. Parks & Recreation
C. Treasurer	G. Finance	K. Nature Center
D. Manager	H. Fire Dept.	L. Board Members
- 11. Executive Session
 - A. None
- 12. Adjournment
- 5. Motion was made by Witt, seconded by List, to approve the Consent Agenda with item “C” removed and placed under New Business “I”. Motion carried unanimously.
 - A. Approval of the Board Minutes from the November 4, 2024 regular meeting.
 - B. Expenditures consisting of: \$1,819,494.96

Clearing Fund	\$3,189.60
General Fund	\$77,585.30
Public Safety-Fire Department	\$15,668.46
Fire Apparatus	\$52,978.00
Public Safety-Police Department	\$16,856.13
Public Safety-Drug Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Downtown Development Authority	\$8,472.11
Revolving Road Fund	\$0.00
Sewer Fund	\$681,475.98
Sewer Improvements Grant Fund	\$277,291.41
Water Fund	\$567,744.39
Municipal Refuse	\$80,347.26
Technology Fund	\$14,685.12
Tax	\$23,200.80
 - C. Moved to New Business “I”.
 - D. Approved the appointment of Connie Watt as Deputy Clerk.
 - E. Approved the Supervisor’s recommendation to appoint Craig Monahan to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term of 11/20/24-11/20/28.

- F. Approved the Supervisor's recommendations for the Township Board Standing Committees.
- G. Approved David Sommers as the Township Board representative on the Downtown Development Authority for the term of 11/20/24-11/20/28.
- H. Approved Otto Brandt as the Township Attorney for 2025/2026.
- I. Approved Masud Labor Law Group as the Township Labor Law Attorney for 2025/2025.
- J. Approved Spicer Engineering as the Township Engineer for 2025/2026.
- K. Approved Vector Tech Group as the Township Computer Firm for 2025/2026.
- L. Approved the quarterly update to the 2024/2025 fiscal year goals.
- M. Approved the Supervisor's recommendation to reappoint Rod Iamurri and Steve Yockey to the Planning Commission for the term of 1/1/25-1/1/28.
- N. Approved the Supervisor's recommendation to reappoint Rene DeSander and Mitch Lenczewski to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term of 1/1/25-1/1/28.
- O. Approved the Supervisor's recommendation to reappoint Kay Kretz, Joyce Potoff And Jeremy Wegner to the Board of Review for the term of 1/1/25-1/1/27.
- P. Approved the Supervisor's recommendation to reappoint Rick Keith, James Lazzaro and Craig Leddy to the Construction Board of Appeals for the term of 1/1/2/-1/1/27.
- Q. Approved the hiring of Ari Mantalvanos as part-time detective.
- 6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
 - A. None.
- 7. Public Hearing
 - A. None.
- 8. Unfinished Business
 - A. None.
- 9. New Business
 - A. It was moved by Witt, seconded by Thayer, to approve the 2023/2024 annual audit. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. It was moved by Witt, seconded by McDonald, to approve the waiver of penalties on December tax collection for the period of February 14, 2025 through February 28, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. It was moved by Monahan, seconded by DeLine, to approve Resolution 24-16 for the MDOT Annual Right-of-Way Permits.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Thayer, Sommers, Monahan, DeLine, Witt, List, McDonald
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Resolution was Adopted.
 - D. It was moved by Monahan, seconded by McDonald, to approve Resolution 24-17 approving the Five-Year Plan for Parks & Recreation.
Roll Call:
Ayes: McDonald, Thayer, Sommers, Monahan, DeLine, Witt, List
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Resolution was Adopted.
 - E. It was moved by Thayer, seconded by Monahan, to approve Resolution 24-18 appointing Deidre Frolo as trustee and Connie Watt as alternate trustee to the Mid-Michigan Waste Authority for a term to expire 12/31/25.

Roll Call:

Ayes: List, McDonald, Thayer, Sommers, Monahan, DeLine, Witt

Nays: None

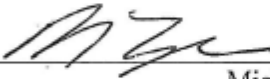
Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution was Adopted.

- F. It was moved by DeLine, seconded by McDonald to approve the renewal of the 2025 Lawn Mowing and Landscaping contract with Tri-Valley Landscaping in the amount of \$92,400.00 with the option to add 2026 services. Motion carried unanimously.
 - G. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Witt to approve the amendment of the Thomas Township Emergency Operations Support Plan. Motion carried unanimously.
 - H. It was moved by Monahan, seconded by Witt to approve awarding the contract to Wobig Construction to build the Nature Preserve Walking Bridge and Viewing Platforms in the amount of \$116,366.00. Motion carried unanimously.
 - I. It was moved by Witt, seconded by McDonald to approve appointing Aleigha Crowl as Deputy Treasurer contingent upon her acceptance. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Report of Officers and Staff:
- A. Supervisor's Report – complimented the Christmas light displays.
 - B. Clerk's Report – Thank you to Connie Watt on the great job on the November Election.
 - C. Treasurer's Report – Thank you to the electors who put us here for another four years.
 - D. Manager's Report – Welcome, Nate List. Holiday dinner will be on December 12th starting at 4 p.m.
 - E. Receive and file Community Development Reports.
 - F. Receive and file the DPW Report.
 - G. Receive and file the Finance Department Report.
 - H. Receive and file the Fire Department Report; will be having an article in the Newsletter regarding carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.
 - I. Receive and file the Police Department Report; Cooper Roberts will be graduating next Friday at 2 p.m. If interested in going, let Eric know.
 - J. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report; Winter Wonderland is a few days away.
 - K. Receive and file the Nature Center report; this Saturday is Christmas crafts. TTBA After Hours will be at the Nature Center on December 11th.
 - L. Board Member Reports-None.
11. Executive Session:
- A. None.

12. It was moved by Witt, seconded by McDonald, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.



Michael Thayer, Clerk
12/9/24

Dated

Appendix K



January 24, 2025

Ms. Sue Fortune, Executive Director
East Central Michigan Planning & Development Regional Commission
3144 Davenport Ave.
Suite 200
Saginaw, MI 48602

Email: sfortune@emcog.org

RE: 5 Year Recreation Master Plan
Thomas Township Parks and Recreation
Thomas Township, MI

Dear Ms. Fortune:

Please find, enclosed a copy of the Thomas Township – 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2025 – 2030. If you should have any questions regarding these projects, please contact me at 781-0150.

Sincerely,

John W Corriveau
Parks and Recreation Director
Thomas Township



January 24, 2025

Suzy Koeplinger
Saginaw County Administrators
111 South Michigan Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan 48602

Email: skoeplinger@saginawcounty.com

RE: 5 Year Recreation Master Plan
Thomas Township Parks and Recreation
Thomas Township, MI

Dear Ms. Koeplinger:

Please find, enclosed a copy of the Thomas Township – 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2025 – 2030. If you should have any questions regarding these projects, please contact me at 989- 781-0150.

Sincerely,

John W Corriveau
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Thomas Township



January 24, 2025

Jaime Ceja
Saginaw County Administrators
111 South Michigan Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan 48602

Email: jceja@saginawcounty.com

RE: 5 Year Recreation Master Plan
Thomas Township Parks and Recreation
Thomas Township, MI

Dear Ms. Ceja:

Please find, enclosed a copy of the Thomas Township – 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2025 – 2030. If you should have any questions regarding these projects, please contact me at 989- 781-0150.

Sincerely,

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