



THOMAS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
April 22, 2024
6:30pm

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

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

Agenda
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Public Safety Building
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of March 18, 2024 minutes
6. Approval of April 2024 Expenditures
7. Public Comment
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
8. Public Hearing
 - a. none
9. New Business
 - a. None
10. Old Business
 - a. Community Park Update

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:
- G.

12. Other Business

13. Adjournment

5. Motion made by Blower, seconded by Hoffman, to approve March 18, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

7. Public Comment: None

8. Public Hearing: None

9. New Business: None

10. Old Business:

- a. Community Park Update: Park Director John Corriveau reported that construction at the new administration building is on schedule. Building interior is 90% complete, and plans are to slowly move into new offices mid-May. Chairman Scott Branch asked about plans for old Park office. Corriveau plans to upgrade the existing office to accommodate seniors and other events such as yoga classes. The basement of the new administration building will be the location for archery classes in the future. Mulch will be delivered this week for the new playground, and next week asphalt will be installed. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the administration building will be held on June 28th. Corriveau asked for Park Commissioners to attend.

11. Reports:

- a. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report. Corriveau added additional projects for this spring are to clean/paint bottom of Roethke pool and also paint both trains.

- b. Receive and file the Nature Center & Preserve Report. Director Lynda Thayer reported on the progress of the habitat area installation, approval of the DNR 2021 Trust Fund Grant, and location of the storage facility. Corriveau added that the pole barn cannot be built in desired location due to the floodway and Spicer is considering an alternative location. A new garden shed for landscape equipment will be built and the kayak launch will be installed the end of May. Thayer also reported that several field trips have been planned for students at the Nature Center and are great revenue generators for the Nature Center.

12. Other Business: None

13. Adjournment: Motion made by Sova, seconded by Blower to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig Aimar, Secretary

Dated

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2024 at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.