



**Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 25th, 2022
6:30pm
8215 Shields Drive
Saginaw, MI 48609**

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Chairman, Scott Branch
2. PRESENT: Alworden, Branch, Hoffman, Rusch, Sova
ABSENT: Aimar, Blower
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Alworden, seconded by Sova, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda
THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING
July 25th 2022
6:30pm
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 June 27th minutes
6. Approval of Expenditures
7. Public Comment
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
8. Public Hearing
None
9. New Business
 - a. Approval of Financial Forecast and Capital Improvement Plan.
10. Old Business
 - a. None
11. Reports
 - A. Parks Report:
 - B. Sports Committee report:
 - C. Concert Committee Report:
 - D. Finance Committee Report:
 - E. Commissioners:
12. Other Business
13. Adjournment

5. Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Alworden, to approve June 27, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Hoffman, to approve Expenditures for June 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Public Comment: None
8. Public Hearing: None
9. New Business:
 - A. Approval of Financial Forecast and Capital Improvement Plan.
 Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Sova, to approve Financial Forecast and Capital Improvement Plan. Roll call vote required.
 Ayes: Alworden, Branch, Hoffman, Rusch, Sova
 Nays: None
 Absent: Aimar, Blower
 Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Old Business: None
 - C. Reports:
 - A. Parks:
 - **Roethke Park:** Summer concert series is going well and we have had good turn outs at all of them so far. The food truck is a big hit and people seem to really enjoy having that option. We have begun adding in the new train connection to prepare for operating two trains for haunted train ride. The waterfall is completely removed now and we are working on getting the landscaping done and seeded.
 - **Roberts Park:** We have opened up the area between the large oak tree and the disc golf course and when you enter the park from the trail from Ohern Road you really get a great new look into the disc course. Soccer fields have been aerated and fertilized and are looking better but the lack of rain is not helping. Having an irrigation system has saved us! The new sand volleyball league is doing well and enjoying the park, we are adding a water hydrant by the courts to allow them to wash off before getting into their cars after games.

- **Community Park:** Courts are busy with basketball and Pickleball.
- **Day Park:** None
- **Sports and Programs:** Day Camp, sand volleyball and the pool are in operation at this time.
- **Nature Center Preserve:** The grant work is completed and we have completed the punch list for Wobig's work. We are waiting for Wolgast to finish up some electrical and painting so we can complete their punch list.
- **Events:** None

D. Other Business:

- A. Park Director Corriveau will be having hip surgery September 1st and will be out of office for 4 weeks. Another surgery will be scheduled for January 2023. Town Manager Taylor has approved to keep maintenance employee (Skiendziel) on staff to help Assistant Director Sutherland throughout both surgeries. He asked commissioners to help as much as possible with the Haunted Train weekends scheduled October 7th-8th, and October 14th-15th
- B. Roethke pool is leaking again. Corriveau suggested a new concrete bottom for the pool in the future, or propose a splash park at Roberts Park to replace older pool.
- C. Thomas Township Farmers Market will be held at Robert's Park on Mondays starting August 1st- October 10th. Taylor Schomaker (from Schomaker's Farm) has offered to organize and already has 12 vendors committed to the first market. Food trucks and live music are also planned.
- D. Rusch suggested that the August 22nd Parks Commission meeting move to the Nature Center Preserve. New location will be posted to public.

- E. Adjournment: Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Alworden to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig Aimar, Secretary

Dated

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, July 25, 2022 at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.