



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

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

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 Rusch, 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 June 24, 2024 minutes
6. Approval of July 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. Review time line for Five Year Recreation Plan 2025 to 2030
 - b. Review Five Year Recreation Plan Survey Questions
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:
12. Other Business
13. Adjournment

5. Motion made by Sova, seconded by Blower, to approve June 24, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion made by Alworden, seconded by Hoffman, to approve July 2024 Expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Public Comment:
Henry Trier (1376 Glendale, Saginaw Township), Andrew & Katie Bicigo (7810 Dutch Road) requested to be added to the August agenda to present their proposal for the completion of Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course. Parks Director Corriveau asked for them to submit their proposal to the commission to review the week prior to the next Park Commission meeting.

Matt Hultman (110 Miller Court) reported the noise and traffic at pickleball courts has been a problem since the courts opened July 5th. Players are not observing the rules (dawn to dusk) and playing loud music/ yelling as late as 11pm.

8. Public Hearing: None

9. New Business:

- a. Review time line for Five Year Recreation Plan 2025 to 2030.
Corriveau will have completed Five Year plan available for Park Commission at next meeting.
- b. Review Five Year Recreation Plan Survey Questions.
Blower recommended adding questions regarding events such as Haunted Train, concerts, etc.

10. Old Business:

- a. Community Park Update: Pickleball tournament went very well. Final delivery of all playground equipment will be delivered on Friday, July 26th. Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new administration building will be on July 31st.

11. Reports:

- a. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report. Park Commissioners discussed how to improve the volunteer checkout process for our upcoming Haunted Train. Alworden also suggested reaching out to the Robotics teams at local high schools

to help with creating sites for the event. Aimar recommended using the HSC Youth Grant for Haunted Train Robotics teams.

- b. Receive and file the Nature Center & Preserve Report. Thayer also announced that the 1st Anniversary of the Nature Center & Preserve will be next month. She would like to offer guided hikes with assistance from Park Commissioners.

12. Other Business: None

13. Adjournment: Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Alworden to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig Aimar, Secretary

Dated

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, August 26th, 2024 at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.