



Agenda
THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING
December 16th, 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 November 25th, 2024 minutes
6. Approval of December 2024 Expenditures
7. Public Comment
8. Public Hearing
 - a. None
9. New Business
 - a. Winter Wonderland report
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

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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 Sutherlund; 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.

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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
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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



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

Craig Aimar, Secretary

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.



PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT DECEMBER 2024

ROETHKE PARK

American Excavating will be working on the new septic field late January or early February.

ROBERTS PARK

People are setting up sites for Winter Wonderland which will be the weekend before this meeting.

COMMUNITY PARK

None.

DAY PARK

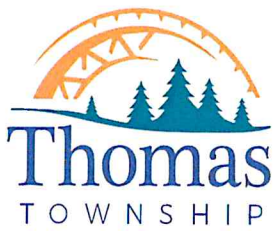
None

PROGRAMS

Boys and Girls 4th-6th league registration has ended and games will begin January 11th. Basketball Skills Clinic will also begin on January 11th. Archery will begin on Thursday, January 16th.

NATURE CENTER PRESERVE

Report from Lynda Thayer



NATURE CENTER AND PRESERVE REPORT November 2024

NATURE PRESERVE UPDATE

Our DNR 2021 Trust Fund Grant is substantially completed. The picnic pavilion is done, the fishing platform needs a metal transition plate to be installed, and that should do it.

Now that the trail work is done, the interpretive signs will be next on our list. We are looking at finalizing the designs, including an up-to-date trail map, so that they can be manufactured and installed.

The interior of the nature preserve was mowed for the last time of the year the past couple of weeks. The recommendation from Chippewa Nature Center and Servinski Sod Service was to mow one more time after the first frost, which is what was done.

The storage facility construction is completed. I have been moving over some outside tools and pretty soon the Kubota will be housed here.

The bids for the bridge over the breach in the berm are due on November 25 and will be opened at the conference room in the main office at 3:00 pm. If we receive a reasonable bid, we just need the thumbs up from EGLE for the permit (which is in the works) and we can get going. If we do not get a reasonable bid, it's back to the drawing board!

We hosted a group hike on Saturday and the turnout was pretty good. Thanks to the eight people that showed up for the private hike (boards and members) that were able to give me feedback in order to be ready for the public hike. About 25 people came, which was an ideal number. I was able to share information and show off our lovely additions.

A sickly Siberian Elm was removed from the front along the east side of the parking lot. We should be getting the first round of trees from Kluck's Nursery to start adding some nice native trees to the front of the building.

NATURE CENTER UPDATE

The nature center's hours continue to be Tuesdays from 3-7 pm, Wednesday-Friday 12-4 pm. I will attempt to be open the first or second Saturday of every month for more opportunities for visitors to come in. We are also offering programs: Tuesdays from 5-7 pm is FUN (Families United in Nature), Wednesdays from 12-2 pm for Grown up activities, and Thursdays from 1-2, we host a pre-school activity group called Little Acorns.

Saturday, December 7 will be our Family Fun Day for December from 10-2 and will be all about Christmas crafts!

We are hosting a few community events in December, including the Thomas Township Business Association Afterhours on Wednesday, December 11 from 5:30-7:30.