



**Agenda**

**THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING**

**March 18, 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 February 26, 2024 minutes
6. Approval of March 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. Community Park Update, Director will have information for meeting was not ready for the packet.
  - b. Selection of movie in the park dates and movies.
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:
  - G.
12. Other Business
13. Adjournment

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THOMAS TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609  
February 26, 2024  
6:30pm

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman, Scott Branch.
2. PRESENT: Rusch, Blower, Branch, Aimar, Hoffman  
ABSENT: Alworden, Sova  
  
ALSO PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director, John Corriveau; Nature Center & Preserve Director, Lynda Thayer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Blower, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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8215 Shields Drive. Saginaw, MI 48609  
February 26, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of January 22, 2024 minutes
6. Approval of February 2024 Expenditures
7. Public Comment  
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
8. Public Hearing
  - a. Public Hearing for the 2024 Michigan Trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant Application for the Purchase of additional park lands to expand the Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course.
9. New Business
  - a. Approve the grant resolution 24-01P for the application of the 2024 Michigan trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant for the Purchase of additional park lands to expand the Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course.

- b. Approve Parks and Recreation Fees for 2024/25.
- c. Approve the Concert Committee 2024 Picnic in the Park Concert band recommendations.
- d. Approve the 2024/25 Parks and Recreation Budget.

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 Rusch, seconded by Aimar, to approve January 22 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Motion made by Aimar, seconded by Hoffman, to approve February 2024 Expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7. Public Comment: None
- 8. Public Hearing: Public hearing for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant Application. Chairman Branch opened the hearing at 6:35 pm. With no public in attendance, hearing was closed at 6:36 pm.
- 9. New Business:
  - a. Approval of the grant resolution 24-01P for the application of the 2024 Michigan Trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant for the purchase of additional park lands to expand the Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course. A map showing the parcel location was shared with a drafted layout of the disc golf course.  
Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Aimar to approve Resolution 24-01P.  
Roll call vote required.  
Ayes: Rusch, Blower, Branch, Aimar, Rusch, Hoffman  
Absent: Alworden, Sova  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Approval of the recommended 2024/2025 Parks and Recreation Fee schedule. Based on the SWAT analysis presented, Director Corriveau recommended an increase to late fee charge from \$15 to \$25 for all programs. Corriveau also proposed a discounted flat fee for enrollment of a second child in the Roethke Day Camp program. Currently, families receive a 25% discount for a second child.

Motion made by Blower, seconded by Hoffman to approve the 2024/2025 Parks and Recreation Fee schedule

Roll call vote required.

Ayes: Rusch, Blower, Branch, Aimar, Hoffman

Absent: Alworden, Sova

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Approval of the Band Selection for the 2024 Summer Concert Series. Prior to the regularly scheduled park commission meeting, the concert committee met to review bands and fees. Recommended bands and dates for the 2024 Calendar year are as follows:

11-Jun	Todd Michael & The Ghost Town Marshalls
18-Jun	CEYX
25-Jun	Daves Not Here!
9-Jul	The Letter
16-Jul	Voortex Jazz & Blues
23-Jul	Bob Marshall Band
30-Jul	Laurie and the Lefties
6-Aug	The Rock Show
13-Aug	JAM

The selection was presented for approval. Motion was made by Aimar, supported by Hoffman to approve the 2024 Summer Concert Series Band Selections. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Approval of the 2024/25 Parks and Recreation Budget. Director Corriveau presented the 2024/2025 Parks and Recreation budget discussing projects and other key aspects regarding the budget. The commission

discussed the possible purchase of the Roenicke Light Show equipment. Corriveau also presented options for replacement of Parks & Recreation vehicles. Motion was made by Aimar, supported by Blower to approve the 2024 Parks and Recreation Budget to the Thomas Township Board for Budget review. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call vote required.

Ayes: Rusch, Blower, Branch, Aimar, Hoffman

Absent: Alworden, Sova

Nays: None

Abstain: None

10. Old Business: None

11. Reports:

- a. Receive and file the Nature Center & Preserve Report. Thayer reported that attendance for activities has been increasing. Tuesday nights have been well attended & activities are very popular. Storage facility, kayak launch & stairs, and signage are the most recent expenditures of ARPA funds. Thayer also informed commission that the Nature Center will receive their award for facility design at the 2024 MParks Conference this week in Kalamazoo. Artist Eric Schantz has been hired to create a habitat area in the nature center. He is installing a tree and painting a mural.
- b. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Report. Corriveau added that the new kayak launch for Nature Center has been purchased and will be installed in late spring.

12. Other Business: None

13. Adjournment: Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Aimar to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Craig Aimar, Secretary

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Dated

**The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, March 18, 2024 at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.**

**PARK COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

- **MEETING DATE:** March 18<sup>th</sup> 2004
- **SUBMITTED BY:** John Corriveau Parks & Recreation Director
- **AGENDA TOPIC:** Approve summer movie night dates and movies.
- **EXPLANATION OF TOPIC:**  
It is that time of year where we need to get our summer movie night schedule. We have selected a few dates that work for us at Roberts Park below with some suggested movie titles for you to choose from.

**Dates:**

Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>

**Possible Movies:**

The Great Outdoors  
Super Mario Brothers  
Aquaman  
Grownups  
Dolittle

- **ATTACHMENT:** None
- **POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION:** Approve/Deny/Table



## **PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT MARCH 2024**

### **ROETHKE PARK:**

We have been working on the pool building and getting it cleaned up from Haunted Train. We will be prepping the locker rooms for paint and steam cleaning the front lobby area. The cedar trees in front of the bandshell will be cut down to 5 ft as they have gotten too tall. Its spring go time!

### **ROBERTS PARK**

Spring soccer begins April 4<sup>th</sup> with our first Swan Valley Varsity game. Our first weekend of recreational soccer will begin April 27<sup>th</sup>. We have started to work on the fields, weather plays a big part in what we can get done. We have started our maintenance list for each park and what we need to do to get back into summer mode.

### **COMMUNITY PARK**

We have ordered our playground equipment and should have in six to eight weeks, there are some variations in delivery dates as we are ordering from two different companies. The pickle ball court construction has started. The sand and gravel layers are being put down and compacted right now. We are hopeful for a mid to late June completion date, however there are weather and other variables that can move that target.

### **DAY PARK**

None

### **SPORTS AND PROGRAMS**

Girl's basketball and the soccer clinic are on week four at the high school. The next session of archery will begin April 4<sup>th</sup> and soccer will begin April 27<sup>th</sup>. Men's softball is set to begin the end of May.

### **NATURE CENTER PRESERVE**

Report from Lynda Thayer

### **EVENTS**

None

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## NATURE CENTER AND PRESERVE REPORT March 2024

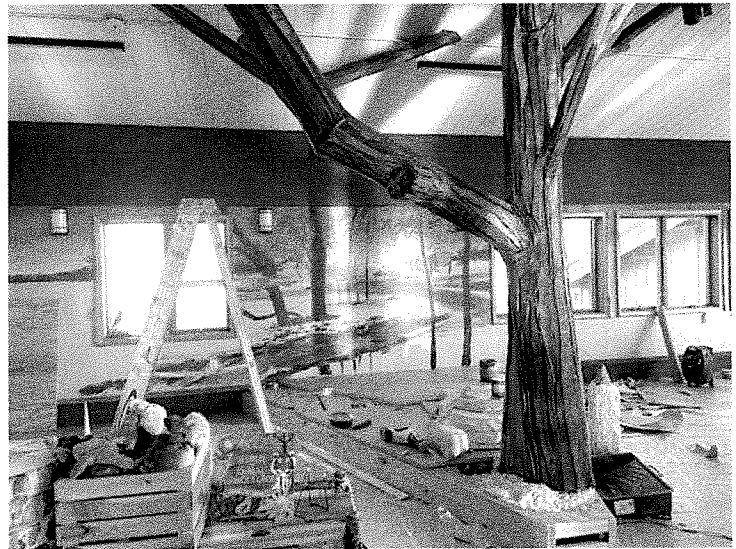
### NATURE PRESERVE UPDATE

Servinski Sod Service has been tapped to help us seed in the preserve. We are looking for an organization or individual to assist us with monitoring.

Cindy Todd from Spicer sent our information to DNR for approval for the projects in our 2021 grant. When that approval has been gained, we can send it out to bid.

### NATURE CENTER UPDATE

Eric Schantz, a local artist, is working on the habitat area. He has created a tree, a base, a mural behind it, and included a mural on the back wall of a great blue heron. He is incredibly talented.



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 will be FUN (Families United in Nature), Wednesdays from 12-2 pm for senior citizen activities, and Thursdays from 1-2, we will host a pre-school activity group.

Attendance for events:

- Thursday, February 15 1-2 pm: Library Lover's Day-cancelled due to weather
- Tuesday, February 20 5-7 pm: F.U.N. President's Day
- Wednesday, February 21 12-2 Senior Cribbage 7 participants, 2 staff (Comm. Mental Health)



- Thursday, February 22 1-2 pm: Little Acorns Play Card Games Day-4 preschoolers, 6 adults
- Tuesday, February 27 5-7 pm: F.U.N. Fairy Tale Day 16 participants
- Wednesday, February 28 12-2 pm: Senior Canasta-Comm Mental Health 7 participants, 2 staff
- Thursday, February 29 1-2 pm: Leap Day-7 preschoolers 9 adults
- Saturday, March 2 10-2 pm: Spring Family Fun Day 137 participants
- Tuesday, March 5 5-7 pm: F.U.N. Unlugged Day 22 participants
- Wednesday, March 6 12-2 Senior Lunch 58 participants
- Thursday, March 7 1-2 pm: Little Acorns World Wildlife Day -7 preschoolers, 9 adults
- Tuesday, March 12 5-7 pm: F.U.N. Butterfly Day 32 participants
- Wednesday, March 13 12-2 pm: Senior Euchre-Comm Mental Health 7 participants, 2 staff

Additional events are beginning to be requested and are approved on a case-by-case basis.

#### **NATURAL RESOURCES DAMAGE ASSESSMENT (NRDA) UPDATE**

No changes since last report.

#### **SAGINAW COUNTY ARPA FUNDS UPDATE**

The kayak launch, launch stairs, sign, and storage facility are the most recent expenditures of ARPA funds. We have \$11,290.65 remaining. We are looking at purchasing shelving and/or display cases.