



**Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 23rd, 2022
6:30pm
8215 Shields Drive
Saginaw, MI 48609**

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:38 pm by Chairman, Scott Branch
2. PRESENT: Alworden, Branch, Hoffman, Rusch
ABSENT: Sova, Blower, Aimar
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Hoffman, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.



**** AMENDED AGENDA ****

**THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING
May 23rd 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 as amended
5. Approval of April 28th 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. **Swan Valley Youth Football is requesting use of Roberts Park on Sundays in the fall for Flag Football**
10. Old Business
 - a. None
11. Reports
 - A. Parks Report: Nature Center Preserve update
 - B. Sports Committee report:
 - C. Concert Committee Report:
 - D. Finance Committee Report:
 - E. Commissioners:
12. Other Business
13. Adjournment

5. Motion made by Alworden, seconded by Hoffman, to approve April 25th, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. A. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Rusch, to approve Expenditures for April 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Public Comment: None
8. Public Hearing: None
9. New Business:
 - A. Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Alworden, to approve use of Roberts Park for Swan Valley Youth Football on Sundays in the fall. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Swan Valley Youth Football requested use of open space in Roberts Park to hold their Youth Flag Football Program in the fall on Sundays. Their program is for grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Their current location at Shields Elementary is under construction and now need a place to play. Their program holds about 90 – 100 kids and they would play 4 games on each Sunday for 4 weeks.
 - Discussion of field locations will continue with the Parks and Recreation Department to determine the best location for games.
 - The cost to use an open space each week was discussed at \$25 per day which is what is currently charged to rent a softball diamond.
10. Old Business
 - A. None
11. Reports:
 - A. Parks Report:
 - **Roethke Park:** Park usage continues to grow as the summer weather keeps getting better. We are working on the additional train track for the new train, the stone and fencing is installed we just need to lay the tracks and connect to existing tracks. The pool is painted and full of water and we will be adding chemicals soon.
 - **Roberts Park:** Spring soccer, flag football is running with Men's Softball starting this week. Ball Diamonds are in good shape and we have sprayed weed and feed on the fields. We added rain gutter and stone drainage to the large pavilion which should stop the pavilion from flooding during hard rain storm.

- **Community Park:** Courts are busy with basketball and Pickleball
- **Day Park:** None
- **Thomas Train:** Train Track addition has been added and we dropped off two passenger cars to Garber Chevrolet to get painted, once done the new train will be, well brand new and ready! The tracks and drying up and we hope to be able to take the train around soon.
- **Sports and Programs:** Spring Soccer, Flag Football and Men’s Softball are running. Day Camp and Swim Lessons are set to begin June 13.
- **Nature Center Preserve:** Last week was “Build Week” at the Nature Center. We constructed the Observation Tower along the river, cleared brush from the trails, worked on the interior bathrooms and painting and really got a lot of work done.
- **Events:** None

- B. Sports Committee report: none
- C. Concert Committee report: none
- D. Commissioners: none

12. Other Business: none

13. Adjournment: Motion made by Alworden, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 7:01p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig Aimar, Secretary

Dated

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.