



**Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 22nd, 2022
6:30pm
8215 Shields Drive
Saginaw, MI 48609**

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:29 pm by Chairman, Scott Branch
2. PRESENT: Rusch, Aimar, Branch, Blower
ABSENT: Alworden, Hoffman, Sova
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Blower, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda

**THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING
August 22nd 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 July 25th 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 Park Train Policy for operating two trains at once.
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 Aimar, seconded by Rusch, to approve July 25th, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Aimar, to approve Expenditures for August 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Public Comment: None
8. Public Hearing: None
9. New Business:
 - A. Approval of Park Train Policy for operating two trains at once.
Motion made by Blower, seconded by Rusch, to approve Park Train Policy
Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Old Business: None
 - C. Reports:
 - A. Parks:
 - **Roethke Park:** Summer has wrapped up at Roethke Park. The pool and camp closed on Friday the 19th. Both the pool and camp beat budgeted revenue numbers while controlling expenses, overall, a really good year for both. We have completed the new train switches and will begin testing both trains on them. Garber has painted one of the other train cars and is hopeful that they can get the other one done also so we can have a fully painted train for event. We raised sixty feet of sidewalk along the entrance drive that would be flooded every spring, should not have any issues anymore with that!
 - **Roberts Park:** We have worked really hard to get the grass on the soccer fields as thick and as healthy as we could before fall soccer starts and I believe we accomplished that as this is the best grass I have seen in a few years. We really did our best to keep kids off if it this summer, we used a couple different fertilizers and changed the watering schedule. Swan Valleys first games are August 16th and 17th, our program will begin September 10th. The Farmer's Market is doing really well, Mondays from 4pm to 7pm and people are really excited about it. We have cleared more space for vendors to park along the road behind the pavilion to make unloading easier.

- **Community Park:** Courts are busy with basketball and pickleball.
- **Sports and Programs:** We are taking registrations for Fall Soccer right now and the Senior Luncheons will begin September 7th.
- **Nature Center Preserve:** The grant work is completed now from Wolgast, we are adding some more work as we have some grant money left, we are working on a list if projects to do with the remaining funds. Our October Parks meeting will be held at the Nature Center.
- **Events:** 2022 Concert series has ended. We had the best attendance and great reviews of the food vendor (MI STREATS)

D. Other Business:

- A. Park Director Corriveau will be meeting with Dow, EPA, contractor, and the residents of Wallace Drive on Wednesday, August 31st from 4pm -7pm to answer questions and discuss the Dow clean-up project.
- B. Corriveau discussed the need for more volunteers for the Haunted Train (possibly double). Volunteer meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 26th. He also plans to have a new designated area for pictures with train, to avoid congestion and safety concerns.
- C. Corriveau also informed Parks Commission that the October Parks Commission meeting will not be held at the Nature Center Preserve until electrical work is completed.
- E. Adjournment: Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Aimar to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig Aimar, Secretary

Dated

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