



**Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 27th, 2021
6:30pm
8215 Shields Drive**

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman, Scott Branch
2. PRESENT: Rusch, Sova, Branch, Hoffman, Aimar, Blower
ABSENT: Alworden

ALSO PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director, John Corriveau; Parks & Recreation Secretary, Nicole Schulte; Thomas Township Supervisor, Bob Weise
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Sova, seconded by Blower, to approve November 22nd meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Hoffman, to approve Expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Comment: None
7. Public Hearing: None
8. New Business: Breakdown of the Winter Wonderland event at Roberts Park. A total of \$3,600 was generated. Approximately 130 cars came through for the drive-thru event and approximately 500 people were in attendance for Friday night. Saturday's weather caused the third day's event to be canceled. The hay wagon attraction and food vendors were a big hit with the attendees. The craft tent was also a success and the fireworks show added an extra spark to the overall event. A discussion regarding ideas for next year's event was started.
9. Old Business: None
10. Reports:
 - A. **Roethke Park:** None
 - B. **Roberts Park:** Discussions continued regarding the Winter Wonderland breakdown and ideas for future events were talked about.
 - C. **Community Park:** Ice rink is in and ice is forming.

- D. **Day Park:** As the snow starts to stick the sledding hill will begin to see more use.
- E. **Nature Preserve:** Wobig Construction has installed the helical piers and footing posts for the deck. Weather permitting, they will begin work on the first leg of the trail. Lynda Thayer (Nature Center Coordinator), was notified of recommendation for the 2022 Trust Fund Grant to be used towards additional trails, benches, pavilions and other trail amenities. Bathrooms for the inside of the Nature Center will be built by Township staff, in coordination with Wolgast Construction and Leddy Electric.

11. Adjournment: Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Hoffman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig Aimar, Secretary

Dated

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, January 24th, 2022 at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.