



**Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 28th, 2022  
6:30pm  
8215 Shields Drive  
Saginaw, MI 48609**

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Chairman, Scott Branch.
2. PRESENT: Aimar, Blower, Branch, Hoffman, Alworden, Sova  
ABSENT: Rusch
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Alworden, seconded by Sova, to approve the agenda as presented. With change of Resolution 12-24P to 22-24P. Motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda**

**THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING  
November 28th 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 October 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Resolution ~~12-24P~~ 22-24P for the application of the Spark Grant through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
  - b. Approval of 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting dates.
  - c. Field and Stream Fees for Thomas Township Archery Program
10. Old Business
  - a. None
11. Reports
  - A. Parks Report:
    - i. Winter Wonderland update
  - 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 Hoffman, to approve October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Alworden, to approve November expenditures for 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Public Comment: None
8. Public Hearing: None
9. New Business:
  - A. Approval of Resolution 22-24P for the application of the Spark Grant through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for \$600,000 for the creation of a “Community Pickleball Court Complex” at Roberts Park. Project will include six pickleball courts with lights, parking area, sidewalk, benches and shaded picnic area.  
Motion made by Alworden, seconded by Sova, to approve Resolution 22-24P. Roll call vote required.  
Ayes: Alworden, Aimar, Blower, Branch, Sova, Hoffman,  
Absent: Rusch  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.
  - B. Approval of 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting dates.  
Motion made by Aimar, seconded by Hoffman, to approve 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting dates.  
Roll call vote required.  
Ayes: Alworden, Aimar, Blower, Branch, Sova, Hoffman,  
Absent: Rusch  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Approval of Field and Stream Club fees for Thomas Township Archery Program.  
Park Director Corriveau reported he received a letter from Field & Stream Club President Patrick Craig, stating new fee charges for January 2023. The letter requested 50% of all archery revenues. Through negotiations, an agreement was reached to pay the club \$20 per student (approximately 40% of revenues).  
Motion by Blower, seconded by Aimar, to approve the \$20 per student fee for Thomas Township Parks and Recreation to teach Archery at the indoor facilities located at the Saginaw Field and Stream Club. Roll call vote required.
- Ayes: Alworden, Aimar, Blower, Branch, Sova, Hoffman,  
Absent: Rusch  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

10. Old Business: None

11. Reports:

A. Parks Report:

- **Roethke Park:** The park is back to being quiet. Maintenance staff is getting Christmas decorations out of storage for Winter Wonderland.
- **Roberts Park:** The Roenicke Light show has been busy setting up their display and maintenance staff has been busy getting ready for the Winter Wonderland Event which will take place on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The electrical line leading from the Large Pavilion to the panel box that powers the Roenicke Light Show has been retrenched, and new electrical lines installed. Last year the electrical line had split in multiple locations and upon review, it had only been installed 12" deep. The new line installed is buried at the proper depth and is a direct bury electrical line so there shouldn't be any issues with splitting again.

- **Community Park:** Pickleball nets have been taken down, and the courts have become quiet again as the weather gets colder.
- **Day Park:** None
- **Sports & Programs:** Registration for Boys Basketball, Basketball Clinic just finished up. We are up 60 kids this year between the two programs. Tyler was able to get the new score clocks and basketball hoop systems for the 2nd – 4th grade division and will be putting those to use this year. 1st Session of Archery is full except for a couple in the advanced class. Registration for Girls Basketball and the Soccer Clinic will be opening soon.
- **Nature Center Preserve:** We are still working through the beginning stages of new grant work which is permitting and creating bids for the work to be done. The new grant is for more trails, seating, small pavilion, boat/kayak launch and interpretive signs. Bids have gone out per the Saginaw County Guidelines for work on the building using the ARPA Funds received from Saginaw County. This would include; Flooring, Electrical, Windows, Doors, Roofing, and Drywall.
- **Events:**

Winter Wonderland is a couple weeks away from the event. We have all of the same sponsors as last year and the totals are almost exact from last year. We have secured 4 food trucks and are working on a Cotton Candy booth as well. Santa's stage has been built in front of the Soccer Complex and sites should begin to be set up this week. We will have 4 hay wagons this year again with fireworks at the end of each night vs. the middle like last year. We will be adding a 3rd tent for attendees to use. Pay It Forward will be doing their Santa gift giveaway on Friday night along with our event. The parking lot fencing will be going up this week as well and we are looking to get 2 portable field lights to help light the parking lot during the event.



12. Adjournment: Motion made by Sova, seconded by Blower to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 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, December 19th , 2022  
at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.**