

**Thomas Township
Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes**

8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609

August 24, 2026

6:30 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director, John Corriveau; Secretary, Chris Cousins
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Blower, seconded by Sova, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda

THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING

August 24th, 2026

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 July 27, 2026, minutes
6. Approval of August 2026 Expenditures
7. Public Comment
8. Public Hearing
 - a. None
9. New Business
 - a. Pool RFP's
 - b. Winter Wonderland
10. Old Business
 - a. Swan Valley Little League

11. Reports

- A. Parks Report: Attached
- B. Nature Center Report: Attached
- C. Sports Committee Report: None
- D. Concert Committee Report: None
- E. Finance Committee Report: None
- F. Commissioners: None

12. Other Business: None

13. Adjournment

- 5. Motion made by Sova, seconded by Hoffman, to approve July 27, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Motion made by Sova, seconded by Blower, to approve August 2026 Expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7. Public Comment: None
- 8. Public Hearing: None
- 9. New Business
 - a. **Pool RFP's:** To determine whether it is worth investing the money into fixing the pool, a study is currently underway to evaluate the financial viability of the project. As part of this process, John sent out five Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to potential contractors to gather accurate cost estimates and timelines. So far, two of those RFPs have come back, providing the initial data needed to begin analyzing the overall costs against the long-term value of restoring the pool.
 - b. **Winter Wonderland:** Plans are underway to potentially move Winter Wonderland to the main campus, transforming the area into a festive, walkable holiday experience. The library will host activities, and the Fire Department training room will be utilized. Visitors can stroll along a beautifully lit walking trail, which will feature a "Tinsel Trail" modeled after a traditional trunk-or-treat, alongside cozy fire pits and a selection of local food trucks. We are planning to have a 22-to-24-foot Christmas tree for the official tree lighting ceremony, complemented by live reindeer present on both nights. To cap off the holiday magic, Santa Claus is scheduled to make a grand arrival on a fire truck.

10. Old Business

- a. Swan Valley Little League: No updates were reported.

11. Reports

- a. Parks Report: Attached
- b. Nature Center Report: Attached
- c. Sports Committee Report: None
- d. Concert Committee Report: None
- e. Finance Committee Report: None
- f. Commissioners: None

12. Other Business: None

13. Adjournment: Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Sova to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Craig Aimar, Secretary

9-29-26

Dated

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, September 21, 2026, at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.