



**Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 26th, 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, Alworden, Hoffman, Sova (6:10pm)  
  
ABSENT: None.
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Blower, seconded by Hoffman, to approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda  
THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING  
September 26<sup>th</sup> 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 August 22<sup>nd</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. Evening in the Park update.
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 Rusch, seconded by Aimar, to approve August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Hoffman, to approve Expenditures for September 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Public Comment: Public comment was given by Dan Wolgast from 1750 Short Road, Saginaw, MI. Resident Wolgast expressed concern regarding the condition of pickleball courts at Community Park. He requested repairs to cracks in courts pavement, LED lights/solar lights for night court time, replace nets, and new paint. Resident Wolgast also requested a practice board in northwest corner of courts. Park Director John Corriveau answered that staff is currently closing parks for the winter and nets will be replaced in the spring. Corriveau added that new pickleball courts are in the future master plan.
8. Public Hearing: None
9. New Business: Director Corriveau reported that the Evening in the Park was a success and over \$21,000 was raised.
  - A. Old Business: None
  - B. Reports:
    - A. Parks:
      - **Roethke Park:** The park is quiet these days. We are working on converting the pool building into the Haunted House. Pool has been winterized. We are preparing for the Haunted Train and getting both trains ready, tracks and switches ready so we can have a training on the new operating procedures prior to the event.
      - **Roberts Park:** The new Farmers Market has been a huge success and we have had lots of positive feedback. Soccer started on the 10<sup>th</sup> and we have 22 teams which is on the high end for us. Swan Valley Boys soccer is in season right now too and they field is in great shape.
      - **Community Park:** Courts are busy with basketball and pickleball.
      - **Sports and Programs:** Fall soccer is happening right now and we will be starting registration for Boy's Basketball, Basketball Clinic, and Archery.
      - **Nature Center Preserve:** The grant work is completed. We are beginning to work on the 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

- **Events:** Haunted Train October 7th-8th-14th-15th  
Winter Wonderland December 8th-9th-10th.

C. Other Business:

- A. More volunteers needed for Haunted Train and Haunted House. Train inspection will be Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. Park Commissioner DJ Sova offered to oversee the Haunted house the first week (October 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>).
- D. Adjournment: Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 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, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.**