

Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 26th  
6:30pm  
Via Teleconference: 844-855-4444  
Access Code: 4822336  
8215 Shields Drive

1. The regular commission meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman, Scott Branch
2. PRESENT VIRTUALLY: T. Sutherland from the City of Saginaw, Assistant Director  
PRESENT IN PERSON: Hoffman, Sova, Blower, Branch, Alworden, Rusch, Aimar  
ABSENT: None
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Approval of February 22~~nd~~ meeting minutes: No questions or comments. It was moved by Rusch, seconded by Sova, approving the March 22, 2021 meeting minutes. Ayes: Hoffman, Branch, Alworden, Rusch, Sova, Blower, Aimar  
Absent: None  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried.
5. Approval of Expenditures: No questions or comments. It was moved by Rusch, seconded by Hoffman, to approve expenditures.  
Ayes: Blower, Branch, Rusch, Alworden, Hoffman, Aimar, Sova  
Absent: None  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried.
6. Public Comment: None
7. Public Hearing: None
8. New Business
  - a. The Nature Center was awarded at \$50,000.00 grant from the Saginaw Community Foundation.
  - b. Roethke Park Pool can open to recreational swimmers at a 30% occupancy level (20 people, including 2 life guards)
9. Old Business
  - a. None
10. Reports:
  - A. Parks:
    - Nature Center: Saginaw Community Foundation Grant Awarded to Nature Center: Lynda has been working very hard with writing grants for all the projects we have at the Nature Center.

Lynda wrote a grant to the Saginaw Community Foundation for work inside the building. She requested \$125,000.00 and was awarded \$50,000.00 which is amazing. We will continue to search out and write grants for the long list of projects we have.

- Roethke Park: We have completed the pool house work and the building is ready for use. We had to clear some fallen trees off the trails from a wind storm, but overall trails are in good shape.
- Roberts Park: Soccer fields are ready for play and we are working on ball diamonds. We hung the new banners along the entrance drive and they look nice.
- Community Park: Basketball Courts are open and are being used.
- Day Park: None.

B. Recreation Programs:

- DHHS Orders For Operation of Outdoor Pools: As we prepare to get the pool ready for summer I have been in contact with the Saginaw County Health Department looking for clarification on what we can do at the pool under the current order. They informed we can teach swim lessons and have recreational swimmers but cannot exceed 30% of our occupancy level of 75. That means a total of 22 people including the lifeguards and desk staff.

C. Sports Committee Report: None

D. Concert Committee Report: None

E. Finance Committee Report: None

11. Adjournment: It was moved by Rusch, seconded by Sova to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm.

Ayes: Alworden, Hoffman, Sova, Branch, Rusch, Blower, Aimar, Rusch

Absent: None

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

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Craig Aimar, Secretary

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Dated

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