



Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 28, 2023  
6:30pm  
8215 Shields Drive  
Saginaw, MI 48609

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commissioner, Craig Blower.
2. PRESENT: Rusch, Sova, Hoffman, Alworden, Blower  
ABSENT: Aimar, Branch  
ALSO PRESENT: John Corriveau (Thomas Township Parks Director),  
Tyler Sutherland (Thomas Township Assistant Parks Director)
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Rusch, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.



Agenda  
THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING  
August 28, 2023  
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 24, 2023 minutes
6. Approval of August 2023 Expenditures
7. Public Comment  
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
8. New Business
  - a. Special Farmer's Market proposal.
9. Old Business
  - a. Nature Center open house review.
10. Reports
  - A. Parks Report: Attached
  - B. Sports Committee report: None
  - C. Concert Committee Report: None
  - D. Finance Committee Report: None
  - E. Commissioners:
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment

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5. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Sova, to approve July 24, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Hoffman, to approve August 2023 Expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Public Comment: None
8. Public Hearing: None
9. New Business: Approval of a car show addition to the October 9<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market. Assistant Park Director Tyler Sutherlund presented a written proposal from the Thomas Township Farmers Market requesting to add a car show to the last Market of the 2023 season in the hopes to have a trunk or treat themed Farmers Market for the community. A discussion between Parks Director Corriveau, Sutherlund and Commissioners regarding the farmers market followed.

Motion by Alworden, supported by Sova, to approve the addition of a car show and trunk or treat event to the last market of the Farmers Market season on October 9, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Old Business: Park Director Corriveau shared feedback on the grand opening event at the Thomas Township Nature Center on August 24, and August 26, 2023. A discussion with commissioners on the operations of the Thomas Township Nature Center followed.

## 11. Reports

A: Parks Report

### **ROETHKE PARK**

Day Camp and the pool are now closed for the season. Day Camp had a very successful year making over \$31,000. The Pool had an average summer, swim lesson revenues were down over prior year. We have one more concert which is a make-up due to the smoke advisory. I guess it is time to start working on the Haunted Train.

### **ROBERTS PARK**

The Farmer's Market is still happening each Monday and doing very well. Swan Valley Boys Soccer has started and our soccer program will begin September 9<sup>th</sup>. Our registration is about the same as last year as of today. Softball fields have been shut down and bases pulled. We poured 125 feet of sidewalk by the Famers Market and still need to pour another 200 feet to finish the path. The storage fence behind the garage is up and we hope to have the gates installed in the next few weeks.

**COMMUNITY PARK**

Construction is on pace.

**DAY PARK**

None

**SPORTS AND PROGRAMS**

We have sand volleyball still going on and registration for Fall Soccer ends August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Haunted Train will be October 13-14 and 21-22.

**NATURE CENTER PRESERVE**

VIP grand opening was August 24<sup>th</sup>. Official opening will be the 26<sup>th</sup>.

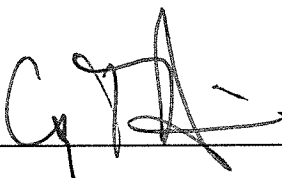
**EVENTS**

- Evening in the Park: September 18<sup>th</sup>
- Haunted Train: October 13-14 and 21-22

Park Director Corriveau, Assistant Park Director Sutherlund, and Park commissioners discussed the upcoming Evening in the Park Fundraiser on September 18, 2023.

12. Other Business: none

13. Adjournment: Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Alworden to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Craig Aimar, Secretary

10-20-23

Dated

**The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, September 25, 2023 at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.**