



Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 27th, 2023
6:30pm
8215 Shields Drive
Saginaw, MI 48609

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman, Scott Branch.
2. PRESENT: Sova, Blower, Branch, Aimar, Rusch, Hoffman, Alworden (6:39pm)
ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: John Corriveau (Parks Director), Tyler Sutherlund (Assistant Parks Director)
Sue Prevost (Secretary), Haley Cottrell, Henry Trier.

3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Aimar, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda
THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING
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6:30pm
Public Safety Building
8215 Shields Drive
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of January 23rd 2023 minutes
6. Approval of Expenditures
7. Public Comment
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
 - a. Peace Lutheran Ministries Event
8. Public Hearing
 - a. Public Hearing for the 2023 Michigan Trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant Application for the Purchase of additional park lands to expand the Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course.
9. New Business
 - a. Approve the grant resolution 23-02P for the application of the 2023 Michigan trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant for the Purchase of additional park lands to expand the Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course.
 - b. Approve Parks and Recreation Fees for 2023/24.
 - c. Approve the Concert Committee 2023 Picnic in the Park Concert band recommendations.
 - d. Approve the 2023/24 Parks and Recreation Budget.
10. Old Business
 - a. None
11. Reports
 - A. Parks Report: Attached
 - 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 Sova, to approve January 23rd, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion made by Sova, seconded by Aimar, to approve February expenditures for 2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Public Comment: Haley Cottrell (7545 Geddes Road), the Ministry Events Coordinator for Peace Lutheran Ministries, presented a rental proposal to Park Commissioners. The proposal for their **Family in Faith** event would be held at Roethke Park on Saturday, July 22nd, 2023. The ministry requests the rental of Pavilion #1, Pavilion #2, and the Concert Bandshell for their event.

Here is the proposed event timeline:

12-4pm	Set up
4-6pm	Art in the Park Rotations, play yard games, & picnic with Praise Band playing some songs to the families
6-7pm	Outdoor Worship Service (with music)
7-9pm	Break down

Park Director John Corriveau requested a list of music to be submitted to the commission to review. A decision will be made at the Park Commission meeting on Monday, March 20th, 2023.

8. Public Hearing: Public Hearing for the 2023 Michigan Trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant Application for the purchase of additional park lands at Robert Park to expand the Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course.
9. New Business:
 - A. Approval of the grant resolution 23-02P for the application of the 2023 Michigan Trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant for the purchase of additional park lands to expand the Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course at Roberts Park. A map showing the parcel location was shared with a drafted layout of the disc golf course. A short discussion was had in regards to how popular this addition will be.

Motion made by Sova, seconded by Blower to approve Resolution 23-02P.

Roll call vote required.

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

Absent: None

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval of the recommended 2023/2024 Parks and Recreation Fee schedule and proposed Nature Center Fee Schedule. Based on the SWAT analysis, Director Corriveau recommended an increase of \$10 for all sports programs and Summer Day Camp. Blower agreed with the \$10 increase for residents and suggested a \$15 increase for non-residents. Blower also recommended a pavilion price decrease to local businesses to be the same as a non-resident. The Park Commission agreed businesses inside Thomas Township should not pay more than non-residents. Motion was made by Rusch, supported by Alworden, to approve the 2023 Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Approval of the Band Selection for the 2023 Summer Concert Series. Prior to the regularly scheduled park commission meeting, the concert committee met to review bands and fees. The selection was presented for approval. Motion was made by Aimar, supported by Sova to approve the 2023 Summer Concert Series Band Selections. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Approval of the 2023/24 Parks and Recreation Budget. Director Corriveau presented the 2023/2024 Parks and Recreation budget discussing projects and other key aspects regarding the budget. Motion was made by Blower, supported by Alworden to approve the 2023 Parks and Recreation Budget to the Thomas Township Board for Budget review. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Old Business: None

11. Reports

A. Parks Report:

Parks Director John Corriveau presented the following:

- ROETHKE PARK: The park is very quiet this time of year. Yoga is taking place in the Depot on Mondays at 10 am and Thursdays at 9 am.
- ROBERTS PARK: The park is still field with people walking the trails. Spring Soccer registration has begun and with Flag Football so it won't be long until the park is busy once again.
- COMMUNITY PARK: The ice rink has not had a good year with the weather.
- DAY PARK: We finally got some more snow so the park is full again!
- SPORTS AND PROGRAMS: Registration for Spring Soccer, Flag Football and third session of Archery Classes has begun. We are starting to look at Day Camp ideas, field trips and staffing as summer is quickly approaching.
- NATURE CENTER PRESERVE: We have been meeting the contractors for electrical, drywall, windows and tree removal. Lynda has been very busy coordinating all the projects that she has going on down there. Spicer has been out surveying the dike for the new trails and bench locations for the permit to do the work from EGLE. We are planning a grand opening for this summer!
- EVENTS: None

B. Concert Committee Report:

The Concert Committee met at 6pm on Monday February 27th and selected the 2023 Picnic in the Park line up and Fees. A tentative schedule and fees were agreed upon and presented to the rest of the board at the regularly scheduled Park Commission meeting at 6:30pm on Monday February 27th. The selection is as follows:

Option A.

(9 Bands)

6/13	CEYX	\$900
6/20	JAM (Jesus and Music)	Still Verifying for 2023
6/27	Michele Spitz	\$1,000 - \$100 fee increase
7/11	Todd Michael Band	\$900
7/18	Voortex Jazz & Blues	\$800 (New)



7/25	Toppermost	\$1,000
8/1	Laurie & the Lefties	\$900 - \$100 fee increase
8/8	The Rock Show	\$1,100 - \$100 fee increase
8/15	The Savior Machines	\$600

Option B.

(8 Bands)

6/13	No Concert	
6/20	CEYX	\$900
6/27	Michele Spitz	\$1,000 - \$100 fee increase
7/11	Todd Michael Band	\$900
7/18	Voortex Jazz & Blues	\$800 (New)
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12. Other Business:

Assistant Director Sutherland presented Park Commissioners a new Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Activity Guide for 2023/2024. The brochure is a comprehensive listing of all athletic & specialty programs, park events, and park information.

13. Adjournment: Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Alworden to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig Aimar, Secretary

4-1-23

Dated

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, March 20th, 2023
at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.