



**Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 23rd, 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: Blower, Alworden, Aimar, Branch
ABSENT: Hoffman, Rusch, Sova

ALSO PRESENT: John Corriveau (Parks Director), Linda Thayer (Nature Center & Preserve Coordinator) Sue Prevost (Secretary) Lauren Husen (Owner Rebel Co.), Grace Rozich (Manager Rebel Co.) Henry Trier (Public)
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Blower, seconded by Alworden, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried unanimously

**Agenda
THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING
January 23rd 2023
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 December 19th 2022 minutes
6. Approval of Expenditures
7. Public Comment

It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.

None

8. Public Hearing
A. None

9. New Business
 - A. Review application for Rebel Co. event at Roberts Park May 13th 2023.
 - B. Recommend approval of conceptual plan for Nature Center and Preserve.
 10. Old Business
 - A. None
 11. Reports
 - A. Parks Report: Attached
 - B. Sports Committee report: None
 - C. Concert Committee Report: None
 - D. Finance Committee Report: None
 - E. Commissioners: None
 12. Other Business
 - A. None
 13. Adjournment
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5. Motion made by Aimar, seconded by Alworden, to approve December 19th 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 6. Motion made by Blower, seconded by Aimar, to approve January expenditures for 2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 7. Public Comment: None
 8. Public Hearing: None
 9. New Business:
 - A: Review application for Rebel Co. event at Roberts Park on May 13th, 2023.
Motion made by Alworden, seconded by Blower, to approve Rebel Co.'s event at Robert's Park on May 13th, 2023 for a fee of \$1,500. Roll call vote required.
Ayes: Blower, Alworden, Aimar, Branch
Nays: None
Absent: Hoffman, Rusch, Sova
Motion carried unanimously.

B: Approval of Conceptual plan for the Nature Center and Preserve.

Motion made by Aimar, seconded by Blower to recommend approval of the Thomas Township Nature Center and Preserve Concept Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Old Business

A. None

11. Reports:

A. Parks Report:

Parks Director John Corriveau presented the following:

ROETHKE PARK:

The park is busy with people walking the trails. The pond is really low right now and I am afraid if we get some really cold weather and lots of ice the fish will all die off.

ROBERTS PARK

The park is pretty quiet except people walking the trails. We marked the corner of the soccer fields in the warm weather as we could still see the lines. This helps us get them lined a lot faster come spring if we don't have to remeasure every field.

COMMUNITY PARK

The ice rink has been flooded and now we just need some temperatures in the teens to make some ice.

DAY PARK

Waiting on snow so the kids can sled!

SPORTS AND PROGRAMS

Registration for Girls Basketball, Soccer Clinic and the second session of Archery Classes has begun. We had a successful first weekend in the gyms with Boys Basketball and the Basketball Clinic. Registration numbers continue to rise which is awesome! Its great seeing all the kids back into sports!

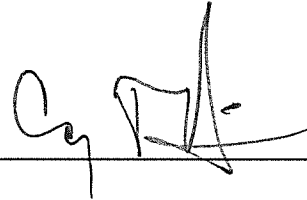
NATURE CENTER PRESERVE

We will be beginning work inside the building very soon and that is exciting! We are meeting with some staff from the Wildlife Refuge next week and we begin looking at the work we need to do the spring and summer in the Preserve area.

EVENTS

None

12. Adjournment: Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Alworden to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Craig Aimar, Secretary

2-27-23

Dated

**The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, February 27th, 2023
at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.**