



Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2023
6:30pm
8215 Shields Drive
Saginaw, MI 48609

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Scott Branch.
2. PRESENT: Rusch, Sova, Aimar, Branch, Hoffman
ABSENT: Alworden, Blower
ALSO PRESENT: John Corriveau (Thomas Township Parks Director), Sue Prevost (Secretary)
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
July 24th, 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 June 26th 2023 minutes
6. Approval of July 2023 Expenditures
7. Public Comment
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
8. New Business
 - a. Approve updated Financial Forecast for 2023 Capital Improvement Plan and Budget.
9. Old Business
 - a. None
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

5. Motion made by Aimar, seconded by Sova, to approve June 26, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Sova, to approve July 2023 Expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Public Comment: None
8. Public Hearing: None
9. New Business: Approval of updated Financial Forecast for 2023 Capital Improvements Plan and Budget. Park Director John Corriveau presented his Capital Improvement Project Summary for 2023/24 & 2024/25 and discussed several projects planned for the next two years. Corriveau's financial forecast projects a 3% increase each year.

Motion by Rusch, supported by Aimar, to approve the 2023/24 to 2028/29 Financial and Capital Improvement Plan.

Roll call:

Ayes: Rusch, Sova, Aimar, Hoffman, Branch

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Alworden, Blower

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Old Business: None

11. Reports

A: Parks Report

ROETHKE PARK

Day Camp and the pool are operating and doing well. We are on our third concert. Crowds have been about average but no huge crowds yet.

ROBERTS PARK

The Farmer's Market is off to a strong start with large crowds and people really seem to enjoy it. We are working on the storage area behind the garage. The DPW came over and removed the topsoil for us and we started hauling in the gravel base. The fence panels will be going up before this meeting starts. Men's Softball and Sand Volleyball are the only sports being played at the park at this time. We are working on getting the soccer fields ready for fall soccer.

COMMUNITY PARK

Construction has started and the old courts are now gone.

DAY PARK

None

SPORTS AND PROGRAMS

We have Roethke Day Camp and Swim Lessons going on from June-August at Roethke Park. Men's Softball and Sand Volleyball are going right now and will be preparing for fall soccer registration soon.

NATURE CENTER PRESERVE

The inside of the Nature Center is pretty much completed. We have some minor electrical work to do as we had the wrong spot lights sent to us and need to order different ones. The metal roof has been delivered and they will begin work soon.

EVENTS

- Nature Center Grand Opening: Ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Thursday, August 24th, and the official Grand Opening to public will be on Saturday, August 26th (9 am – 3pm).
- Evening in the Park: September 18th. Corriveau announced that Paul Sopak will be the recipient for the 2023 Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Hall of Fame award for his many years of dedication and endless work to the Roethke Park trains.

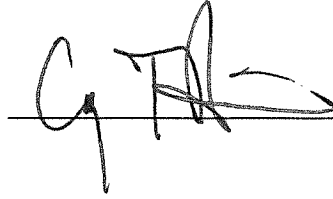
B: Sports Committee report: None

C: Concert Committee report: None

D: Commissioners: None

12. Other Business: none

13. Adjournment: Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Sova to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Craig Aimar, Secretary

10-20-23

Dated

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, August 28, 2023 at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.