



Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 26<sup>th</sup> 2023  
6:30pm  
8215 Shields Drive

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Scott Branch.
2. PRESENT: Rusch, Sova, Branch, Alworden, Hoffman,  
ABSENT: Aimar, Blower  
ALSO PRESENT: John Corriveau (Thomas Township Parks Director), Sue Prevost (Secretary), Lynda Thayer (Thomas Township Nature Center & Preserve Coordinator), and Henry Trier (Thomas Township Maintenance Supervisor).
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Alworden, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda  
THOMAS TOWNSHIP REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING  
June 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes
6. Approval of May 2023 Expenditures
7. Approval of June 2023 Expenditures
8. Public Comment  
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
9. New Business
  - a. Lynda Thayer to give update of Nature Center Progress
  - b. Band Shell Event Request – Tom Jacoby (Elvis Tribute)
  - c. Evolution Golf event request.
10. Old Business
  - a. None
11. Reports
  - A. Parks Report: Attached
  - B. Sports Committee report: None
  - C. Concert Committee Report: 2023 Concert Flyers available.
  - D. Finance Committee Report: None
  - E. Commissioners:
12. Other Business
13. Adjournment

5. Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Sova, to approve April 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Rusch, to approve May 2023 Expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Motion made by Sova, seconded by Alworden, to approve June 2023 Expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Public Comment: None
9. Public Hearing: None
10. New Business:
  - A. Lynda Thayer (Thomas Township Nature Center & Preserve Coordinator) informed the Park Commission of the progress at the Nature Center. Interior of the building is almost finished. A private ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Grand Opening will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. Several activities are scheduled throughout the day. Guided tours of the preserve will be available every half hour. If available that day, Thayer asked the Park Commissioners to consider guiding tours of the preserve.
  - B. Tom Jacoby presented his request to rent the Band Shell at Roethke Park. The proposed event would take place on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-9pm. A celebration of Jake's wife, Dee Jacoby, will be held at 5pm, then followed by a music show performed by Jake Slater (Elvis Tribute artist). Jacoby estimated 100-200 people will attend. A discussion was held with Park Commissioners & Jacoby regarding the event. Park Director Corriveau asked for Jacoby to submit proof of liability insurance and also a list of music that will be played at the event. Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Alworden, to recommend a presentation to the Thomas Township Board at the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting for approval.  
 Roll call vote required.  
 Ayes: Rusch, Sova, Alworden, Hoffman, Branch  
 Absent: Aimar, Blower  
 Nays: None  
 Abstain: None  
 Motion carried unanimously.
  - C. Scott Bullock & Brittany Bullock (675 N. Miller Road), owners of Evolution Disc Golf, presented their plan to host a disc golf tournament at Roberts Park sometime this fall. PDGA Tournament Director, Chris Shaw, was also present to answer questions. Bullock proposed for the event to

be held at the Thompson Memorial Disc Golf Course. The event would require an additional pop-up disc course of nine temporary baskets for a doubles disc tournament. The baskets would be provided by Bullock. The tournament would be approximately 6 hours long and could be held on a Saturday or Sunday. Bullock estimated 25 to 50 teams would participate. Henry Trier, also representing Evolution Disc Golf team, was present to explain the options for the temporary course. Trier explained that the course would use the less used parts of the park (ex. south side of Field 4) to address safety concerns. A discussion was held with Park Commissioners and Bullock regarding the event. Park Director John Corriveau said a rental agreement would be required and suggested to use the Soccer Complex location for registration. All registration fees would be collected by Bullock and distributed to prize winners.

Motion made by Alworden, seconded by Sova, to recommend a presentation to the Thomas Township Board at the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting for approval.

Roll call vote required.

Ayes: Rusch, Sova, Alworden, Hoffman, Branch

Absent: Aimar, Blower

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Old Business: None

12. Reports

A: Parks Report

#### **ROETHKE PARK**

Day Camp and the Pool are in full operation. Camp enrollment has exceeded budget already! Swim lessons are down from last year, but we are hopeful they will pick up. The Rose City train has had a few electrical issues but we are finding them and getting it fixed. We had our first concert of the year which was CEYX and had a decent turn out considering the weather which was pop up showers. Approximately 100 people came to the event. We cleared a lot of brush along the entrance into the park and will continue to work on getting those woods cleaned up of dead ash trees and scrub brush.

#### **ROBERTS PARK**

Spring soccer season has come to end along with Flag Football. Both programs had very high participation. Swan Valley varsity soccer has also come to an end, for the season. Eric Whelton completed his soccer camp the week of June 19<sup>th</sup> - June 22<sup>nd</sup> and had a good turn-out. This is his 5<sup>th</sup> year leading the camp. We have pulled the goals and will start with aerating the fields and doing some weed and feed treatment. Our Tuesday night Men's Softball League is doing well. The Township only had 6 out of 8 teams register this year. Due to a new Thomas Township check policy, Corriveau said there has been an issue with the umpire paychecks for Men's Softball. Checks have been delayed and are waiting for approval. The first Farmer's Market is tonight and is very busy.

**COMMUNITY PARK**

Construction will begin for the new municipal office, pickle ball courts and basketball court on July 5<sup>th</sup>. The construction fencing and preparation for work will begin June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**DAY PARK**

None

**SPORTS AND PROGRAMS**

All of our sports programs have ended for summer. We have Roethke Day Camp and Swim Lessons going on from June-August at Roethke Park.

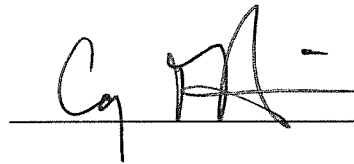
B: Sports Committee report: None

C: Concert Committee report: None

D: Commissioners: None

13. Other Business: none

14. Adjournment: Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Sova to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.



Craig Aimar, Secretary

7-24-23

Dated

**The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.**