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Thomas Township
Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes

8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
October 26, 2026
6:30 pm

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Scott Branch.

2. PRESENT: Aimer, Alworden, Branch, Blower, Hoffman, Sova
   ABSENT: Rusch

   ALSO PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director, John Corriveau; Parks Secretary, Chris Cousins

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
October 26th, 2026
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 September 21st, 2026, Minutes
6. Approval of October 2026 Expenditures
7. Public Comment
8. Public Hearing
   a. None
9. New Business
   a. Haunted Train update
   b. Winter Wonderland update
10. Old Business
    a. None

11. Reports
- A. Parks Report: Attached
- B. Nature Center Report: Attached
- C. Sports Committee Report: None
- D. Concert Committee Report: None
- E. Finance Committee Report: None
- F. Commissioners:

12. Other Business

13. Adjournment

5. Motion made by Aimer, seconded by Sova, to approve September 21st, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Sova, seconded by Hoffman to approve October 2026 expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Public Comment: David DeLine, 1649 Horseshoe Circle, Thomas Township, Michigan, and Katie Townsend requested the use of the Roberts Park ball fields for Swan Valley Little League practices and games. A directive was issued for John Corriveau to meet with the Township Manager to obtain approval and establish plans for field utilization. Moved by Blower, seconded by Alworden, to approve the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Public Hearing: None

9. New Business

   a. **Haunted Train Update:** The Haunted Train was able to run for the full four days! Our Fridays were slower than the Saturdays but that is normal. We had some very good sites and most of the days we had very packed woods, but we also had some days when the volunteers left early, and we were quiet out there. We will budget for more inflatables and fill in decorations to help with those days.
   b. **Winter Wonderland Update:** The Winter Wonderland Committee has signed off on the layout and agenda for the Winter Wonderland event December 11th and 12th. Friday is the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony, Choirs, s'mores, Toms Coffee and bonfires. Saturday night Santa comes, reindeer, s'mores, fires, movies, food trucks and hayrides from Meijer.

10. Old Business: None.

11. Reports

A. Parks Report: Attached
B. Nature Center Report: Attached
C. Sports Committee Report: None
D. Concert Committee Report: None
E. Finance Committee Report: None
F. Commissioners: None

12. Other Business: None

13. Adjournment: Motion made by Sova, seconded by Blower, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig Aimar, Secretary

11-23-26
Dated

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, November 23rd, 2026, at 6:30pm at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.