



THOMAS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
September 25, 2023
6:30pm

1. The regular commission meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Scott Branch.
2. PRESENT: Branch, Sova, Hoffman, Alworden, Blower, Rusch (6:32)
ABSENT: Aimar

ALSO PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director, John Corriveau; Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, Tyler Sutherlund; Police Chief, Eric Cowles and three interested parties.

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

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of August 28, 2023 minutes
6. Approval of September 2023 Expenditures
7. Public Comment

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

8. New Business
 - a. 2023 Haunted Train October 13-14 and 20-21. Volunteers needed, safety riders and ticket sales.
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 Alworden, seconded by Sova, to approve August 28, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 6. Motion made by Alworden, seconded by Hoffman, to approve September 2023 Expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 7. Public Comment: None
 8. Public Hearing: None
 9. New Business: Parks & Recreation Director Corriveau discussed with Park Commissioners the upcoming Haunted Train Event on October 13th, 14th, 20th, & 21st.
 10. Old Business: None
 11. Reports
 - A: Parks Report

ROBERTS PARK

The Farmer’s Market is still happening each Monday and doing very well. Swan Valley Boys Soccer has started and our soccer program will begin September 9th. Our registration is about the same as last year as of today. Softball fields have been shut down and bases pulled. We poured 125 feet of sidewalk by the Famers Market and still need to pour another 200 feet to finish the path. The storage fence behind the garage is up and we hope to have the gates installed in the next few weeks.

ROETHKE PARK:

We are starting to prepare for Haunted Train as it will be here before we know it. We have wood to split for bonfires, decorations to dig out of storage, tracks to inspect, trains to get ready and food trucks to get scheduled! We will be winterizing the pool building soon along with the other facilities, DPW will be doing that for us this year.

ROBERTS PARK

Soccer is in full swing for both our recreational program and Swan Valley Varsity Boys Soccer. Fields are in great shape (due to so much rain) and we are cutting them at least

once a week. Farmers Market is still going strong and had good attendance even in the rain last Monday! The last market is October 9th. Swan Valley approached us again to allow the Homecoming Parade to set up and begin at Roberts Park again this year, we always look forward to helping kick off Homecoming!

COMMUNITY PARK

None

DAY PARK

None

SPORTS AND PROGRAMS

Fall Soccer is in progress. We will be working with the schools about gym time for this winter as they are tearing out the old high school gym and replacing it which could affect us.

NATURE CENTER PRESERVE

The Preserve is open daily from dawn to dusk, not all the trails are open as Dow is working on bank cleanups in two areas. They should be done in the next few weeks.

EVENTS

Evening in the Park Review will be ready for meeting, event is Monday, September 18th.

12. Other Business: none

13. Adjournment: Motion made by Rusch, seconded by Sova to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Craig Aimar, Secretary

10-20-23

Dated

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, October 23, 2023 at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.