

Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 22nd  
6:30pm

Via Teleconference: 844-855-4444  
Access Code: 4822336  
8215 Shields Drive

1. The regular commission meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Chairman, Scott Branch
2. PRESENT Virtually: T. Sutherlund, Saginaw MI, Assitant Director  
PRESENT IN PERSON: Hoffman, Sova, Blower, Branch, Alworden, Rusch  
ABSENT: Craig Aimar
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Approval of February 22 meeting minutes: No questions or comments. It was moved by Blower, seconded by Sova, approving the February 22, 2021 meeting minutes.  
Ayes: Hoffman, Branch, Alworden, Rusch, Blower, Rusch  
Absent: Aimar  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried.
5. Approval of Expenditures: No questions or comments. It was moved by Sova, seconded by Hoffman, to approve expenditures.  
Ayes: Blower, Branch, Rusch, Alworden, Sova, Hoffman  
Absent: Aimar  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion carried.
6. Public Comment: None
7. Public Hearing: None
8. New Business
  - a. Approve the Thomas Township Administrative Polices for Park Facility Rental:  
Ayes: Hoffman, Alworden, Branch, Blower, Rusch, Sova  
Nays: None  
Absent: Aimar  
Motion carried.
  - b. Approve 2021 Movie Night Movies: No questions or comments. It was moved by Alworden, supported by Sova, to approve the 2021 Movie Night Movies.  
Ayes: Blower, Rusch, Hoffman, Branch, Alworden, Sova  
Nay: None  
Absent: Aimar  
Motion carried.

- c. Select Member for 2021/22 Sports Committee: No questions or comments. It was moved by Hoffman, seconded by Branch, to recommend: Alworden, Sova, and Rusch to the Sports Committee.  
Ayes: Alworden, Sova, Rusch, Blower, Hoffman, Branch  
Nays: None  
Absent: Aimar  
Motion carried.
- d. Select Members for 2021/22 Concert Entertainment Committee: No questions or comments. Motioned by Sova, supported by Alworden, to recommend: Hoffman, Branch, and Blower to the Entertainment Committee.  
Ayes: Branch, Hoffman, Blower, Rusch, Sova Alworden  
Nays: None  
Absent: Aimar
- e. Select Members for 2021/22 Finance/Policy Committee: No questions or comments. It was moved by Hoffman, seconded by Alworden, to recommend: Branch, Aimar, and Blower to the Finance Committee.  
Ayes: Branch, Blower, Rusch, Sova, Hoffman, Alworden  
Nays: None  
Absent: Aimar

9. Old Business

- a. None

10. Reports:

A. Parks:

- Roberts Park: Fields are looking nice and are ready for the sport season and Soccer
- Roethke Park: Roethke Express is ready for the inspection to operate for the 2021 season, New Train is still under restoration with parts being located to bring it to code.
- Community Park: Getting ready to open up the basketball courts for the summer season, and looking into purchasing signs that state resident must abide by the current CDC Guidelines to use.
- Nature Preserve: Furnaces are now being installed all equipment is one foot above the 100 year flood zone. Currently working on restoring the support in the basement to keep the structure sound after the damage caused by the 2020 flood. Received a \$3,000.00 grant Morley Family Foundation, waiting to hear response on the grant applied for 125,000.00 and hopeful to receive information by Friday 3/26/2021.
- Day Park: The hill is now green and sledding has ended for the year. Grass is growing in nice.

B. Recreation Programs:

- Soccer: Registrations are pouring in, looking to be a great season, registration closes April 1<sup>st</sup> and will then be able to create teams. Trying to find solutions for the mandated Rapid Covid tests set in place for children ages 13-19.
- 10U and 12U Softball Registrations are now open, registration closes April 1<sup>st</sup>. No children over 12 will be in these age groups.
- Flag Football registrations are currently open for children in 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade. No one over the age of 13 will be in these age groups. Registration closes April 1st

- Spring Archery registration is now closed, finding solutions for the mandated Rapid Covid tests set in place for children ages 13-19.
- C. Sports Committee Report: None  
D. Concert Committee Report: None  
E. Finance Committee Report: None

11. Adjournment: It was moved by Rusch, seconded by Blower to adjourn the meeting at 7:26p.m.  
Ayes: Alworden, Hoffman, Sova, Branch, Rusch, and Blower  
Absent: Aimar  
Motion carried.  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None

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Craig Aimar, Secretary

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Dated

**The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday April 26 6:30pm at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.**