

Thomas Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2021
6:30pm
8215 Shields Drive

1. The regular commission meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chairman, Scott Branch
2. ~~PRESENT:~~ Rusch, Sova, Branch, Blower, Alworden
ABSENT: Aimar, Hoffman
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Approval of August meeting minutes: No questions or comments. It was moved by Alworden, seconded by Sova, approving the August 30, 2021 meeting minutes. Ayes: Rusch, Sova, Branch, Blower, Alworden
Absent: Aimar, Hoffman
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried.
5. Approval of Expenditures: No questions or comments. It was moved by Rusch, seconded by Alworden, to approve expenditures.
Ayes: Rusch, Sova, Branch, Blower, Alworden
Absent: Aimar, Hoffman
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried.
6. Public Comment: None
7. Public Hearing: None
8. New Business
 - A. Haunted Train update: most sites are filled along the route. Empty spots will be filled in with Thomas Township items. Norm and Paul have been working on getting second engine ready, just in case there are issues with the first engine during the event. Volunteer sign up went well, there will be more as the event approaches. There will be food trucks: Woody's Hot Dogs, Bayou Billy, and Kona Ice. The nights of the event are October 8, 9, 15, 16. Winter Wonderland meeting will take place on 9/28/21 and will include discussion on Tim's updates, prices, and additional activities.
9. Old Business
 - A. None
10. Reports:
 - A. Parks:
 - Roethke Park: Preparations are underway for Haunted Train

- Roberts Park: Soccer is on its third week, had our first rain out.
- Community Park: Pickle ball courts are still being used.
- Nature Preserve: still waiting on permits for some of the work. Incoming grant money will potentially be used for bathrooms.
- Day Park: None.

B. Recreation Programs: Soccer is up and running, it was rained out last Saturday. Preparation for winter programs is happening. Finances are taking a hit-the increase in pay and hours hit payroll hard, and some projects have come in over budget. We may need to increase program costs, program offerings and amend budgets.

11. Adjournment: It was moved by Branch, seconded by Rusch to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm.

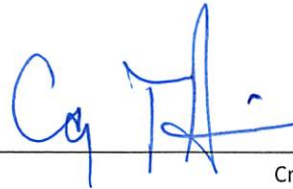
Ayes: Rusch, Sova, Branch, Blower, Alworden

Absent: Aimar, Hoffman

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.



Craig Aimar, Secretary

Dated

The next regular Park Commission Meeting will be Monday, October 25, 2021 at the Public Safety Administration Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw MI 48609.