

**Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 10, 2016**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Those members present were: Bruce Brandon, Clay Greifendorf, Josiah Jessup, Johanan Jessup, Ron Seiler, Sandra Warren, Pam Blough, and Kathy Brandon  
Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** One item deferred to number 14, Nature Preserve
3. **Public Present/Comments:** Doug Nickerson
4. **Review and Approval of April 12, 2016 minutes:** Approved with one correction.
5. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** For updates and information check the Blue Star Pathway Website.
6. **Friends of the Nature Preserve:** deferred to number 14, Nature Preserve
7. **Glenn Shores-Ferndale Road End Clean up:** Volunteers did a very nice job on the pathway to the lookout area and the Township took out a couple of dead trees.
8. **Miami Park Beach Property:** Pam put together an overview of comments from the April meeting. Comments were presented to the Township Board. The Committee will be working on signage for the Area. The Board was asked by the Committee to recommend the Miami Group go to the Road Commission for road signage. Wording, sign size, colors and materials were discussed at length.
10. **Township Hall Property-Parking Lot Project:** Not completed at this time.
11. **First Street Stair Access:** Bruce could not access stairs due to road and sewer project. Will check for next meeting.
12. **Nature Preserve Parking Lot Grant Project update:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter report was submitted to MDEQ. Zero bids have been received. Project out for rebid.
13. **Special Parking Rules for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Fireworks Watching:** Committee will recommend to the Board that a special area be roped off in the grass of the north property for overflow parking.
14. **Casco Township Nature Preserve Operation & Maintenance:**
  - a. **Funding sources signage at the Preserve:** Bruce has a new source and is working on it. Pam suggested we use an interpretive sign format for that. Bruce agreed to that format.
  - b. **Stair Review & Handrail Repair:** Allan will take care of finding a repair person/company.
  - c. Dogs signs and equipment have been removed. The new signs will be installed.
  - d. The new tree planted last fall has survived the winter. The other plantings are sparse.

**e. Property Line Signage-Review Conditions and needs:** All of the natural litter needs to be blown off. Many signs need to be replaced. The bottom 4 stairs were lost in the last storm. Allan is working on getting those repaired. Viewing area needs pruning and some along the pathway. One fence rail is broken at the south end of bluff.

**f.** The new safety equipment, including life rings and ropes will be installed.

**g.** Not Much for the Friends group to do except blow off the trail and under benches and tables.

- 15. Park Maintenance Checklist:** A valuable tool for all to use for all to use when visiting. Available on Park Website.
- 16. Invasive Species- On-going discussions:** Pam received an email from the DNR committee. A lot of information is available on their website.
- 17. Update from Township Board Representative:** Josiah spoke about the new water authority consolidation of South Haven and Casco Township. A Parks and Road millage 5 year renewal will be on the Nov. ballot.
- 18. Committee Member Comments:** Sandy reminded all about the annual Native Plant Sale and order information.
- 19. Meeting Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Clay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josiah. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next Park Committee meeting will be **June 14, 2016.**

Minutes Respectfully submitted:  
Kathy Brandon

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