

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2021

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** meeting called to order at 7:02 pm at Casco Township Hall.
Committee members present: Paul Macyauski, Debbie Weaver, Matt Super, Don Kuick, Heidi Frasure, and Andy Litts.
Others Present: Kelly Hecker, recording secretary, and Kathy Stanton.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** motion made by Paul to approve agenda; 2nd by Frasure. All in favor.
3. **Approval of the June 8, 2021 Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Super; 2nd by Litts. Approved by all. *Motion passed.*
4. **Correspondence received:** none
5. **Maple Grove Property & Nature Preserve:** 1 or 2 comments from the public on the tree removal. MSU Drone research project is under way. 4-5 markers at west end of property and marker on sidewalk. Andy will aim to have update for next meeting.

Deb proposed to add a grill to the park near the picnic tables. Discussion about safety measure, what to do with coals, change park's fire policy to permit use. Paul suggested putting them on a 4'x4' pad to protect from fire. Township authorized park grill is acceptable. Paul made a motion to make recommendation to board to purchase 2 grills. Supported by Heidi. Vote Roll Call: Paul – yes, Don – yes, Matt – yes, Heidi, - yes, Debbie – yes.

Property got mowed in June. Heidi commented and all agree that it is looking very attractive at the park. Karen is doing a great job!

Discussion about trees around parking lot. Now that trees are cut down, there is minimal shade in the Maple Grove parking area. Shade is a draw of the park. Heidi proposed planting new trees, specifically sycamores.

Heidi asked if caution fencing will be replaced soon. It is a bit of an eyesore . Consider re-routing the fenceline and then add fence. Post and rope style fence to serve as visual barrier. Heidi will get quote from landscape company for next meeting.

Paul suggested Roundup to kill the weeds and planting deer-resistant wildflowers in the area between paved parking and split-rail fence. Don stated Shore Clean would need to be used because of proximity to water.

Gate isn't opening early enough. Timer needs to be reset to open at daylight – around 6am vs 7:30am. Paul will look into

Progress of peninsula cleanup by Fleming Tree Service – looking better, but not yet complete.

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6. **First Street property:** Neighbor recently had survey completed so township boundary is clearer. Post at bottom of stairway is a tripping hazard in walkway. Needs to be removed.
Neighbor said traffic this year has been better.
Maintenance items: (1) Strings between tree plantings and stakes have been cut. Committee agreed that the stakes can be removed. (2) Ants in sand between pavers. Concern about paver displacement if sand is removed from between pavers.
We will ask Karen to remove stakes at tree plantings and use leaf blower to clear the bike rack, pavers, and pathway. Paul will ask Dylan about the pavers; there may be a warranty.
7. **Miami Park:** Debbie reported that the TRAM association said that they disapprove of a caution sign. Township will not post Danger sign because of legalities of liability.
8. **Board Update:** none
9. **Round Table:** Super – waiting to meet with two guys who can put in pump well; Weaver – none; Hecker – none; Litts- none; Macyauski – Will Hart cut trees out of Nature Preserve after wind storm
10. **Adjournment:** Litts motion to adjourn. 2nd by Weaver. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:00pm at Casco Township Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Kelly Hecker