

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2016

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Those Committee Members Present were, Bruce Brandon, Clay Greiffendorf, John Johnson, Josiah Jessup, Ron Seiler, Sandra Warren, Pam Blough, Consultant and Kathy Brandon, Recording secretary. Other Township officials present were: Allan Overhiser, Supervisor and Cheri Brenner, Clerk. No one absent. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **The Agenda was approved.**
3. **Miami Beach Park discussion:** Supervisor Overhiser welcomed residents of Miami Beach Park and the other visitors to our meeting. He also gave a presentation on the history of Miami Beach Park and the bluff erosion problems. He also explained how the Township obtained the two parcels along Lakeshore Drive.
Pam Blough, Consultant, facilitated discussion concerning erosion management of the Miami Park Beach bluff. Comments received from the public included as an attachment.
4. **Glen Shores-Ferndell Road End Volunteer Clean up:** Rene Garrity presented to the Committee a Plan with visuals included for the road end project. The Plan was met with approval by the Park Committee members. Bruce will take the Plan to the Township Board Members for their approval.
5. **Correspondence received:** None
6. **Review and Approval of the February 9, 2016 and March 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes:** Sandra Warren made a motion to approve the February 9, 2016 minutes. Clay Greiffendorf seconded this motion, minutes approved by all.
A motion was made by John Johnson to approve the March 8, 2016 minutes. Josiah Jessup seconded this motion, minutes approved by all.
7. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** Easement issues were sited. CMAC Grant monies will be put to use by extending the Trail from the north to the south until easement issues are resolved.
8. **Friends of the Nature Preserve Update:** Bruce Brandon has not been in touch with GiGi Sizemore. Bruce is not sure that much "clean up" is necessary. Joe has trimmed broken branches from the winter. Bruce suggested members walk the Park and will report any issues or projects for Friends Group in May.
9. **Township Hall Property-Parking Lot Project:** Contractor will be getting started soon, as weather permits.
10. **First Street Stair Access:** Committee Members take a check list there and report any issues.

- 11. Nature Preserve Parking Lot Grant Project Update:**
 - a. Project is out to bid. Bids are due by end of the month for a Pervious Parking Lot. The interpretive sign topic will be on the pervious parking lot.
 - b. Stair review and Handrail Repair: We do have a maintenance contract with the builder of the stairs, Oselka & Company. The Committee will check for any issues and contact them.
 - c. New Dog rules/signs/equipment-follow up: the “No Dogs” sign will need to go up. An additional sign with the dates will be added. (No Dogs May 1st thru Sept. 30th)
 - d. Plantings: Will go check
 - e. Signage: Committee will check to see what is needed.
 - f. Extra Parking for Special Events: John Johnson made a motion to allow overflow parking at the Nature Preserve for the 4th of July Fireworks and that the hours be extended to 30 minutes past the conclusion of the fireworks. This motion was 2nd by Sandra Warren. This motion was approved by all.
- 12. Invasive Species:** Discussion to be the focus of May meeting.
- 13. Township Board Representative update:** Josiah Jessup reported that the parking lot paving will be completed by June.
- 14. Committee Member Comments:** Sandra Warren reminded members of the plant and tree sales coming up. She also had an article from the G.R. Press on Help Control invaders. Web site is Michigan.gov/invasives
- 15. Meeting adjourned:** A motion was made by John Johnson that the meeting adjourned, 2nd by Clay Greiffendorf. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Minutes Respectfully submitted:
Kathy Brandon