

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2022

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** meeting called to order at 7:05pm at Casco Nature Preserve.
Committee members present: Andy Litts, Paul Macyauski, Debbie Weaver, Don Kuick, Heidi Frasure and Kelly Hecker
Members Absent: Matt Super
Others Present: Karen O'Shea
2. **Approval of Agenda:** no changes proposed. Agenda approved by all.
3. **Approval of the March 8th, 2022 Minutes:** Paul motioned to approve. 2nd by Debbie. Debbie made editing suggestion. Minutes approved by all.
4. **Correspondence:** Don spoke with someone at the Nature Preserve who said it's "nice to see nature but not so many logs and mulch piles."
5. **Public Comment:** none
6. **First Street:** Karen pruned bushes to the North and South. The four foot walkway is now clear of debris. Sand is now covering the bottom three stair treads.
7. **Maple Grove Property:** No updates from Pam on the grant project progress. We are still waiting on state legislature.
8. **Nature Preserve:** The group walked the trail. Discussion included:
 - Cleaning up logs on North side of the fence by the bluff
 - Leaving downed logs in the woods
 - Debate about leaving the safety fence. Agreement was reached to remove the orange safety fence except across the sidewalk. It implies no township liability for visitors who choose to walk to the (unsupported) edge of the pavement
 - Caution signs are continuously being removed by visitors
 - Don will remove the hemlock growing along the path
 - On the south loop, fallen fir needs to be cleared from the path
 - Benches need to be power washed
 - Questions about gate between paved and gravel parking areas. Does it need to be there?
 - Fill in potholes in gravel drive/ parking area
 - Maintenance of Maple Grove: mow 2-3 times through the season. Keep it clear of obstacles.

Motion: Paul made a motion to recommend hiring Compton's to power sweep the paved pathway + 2' shoulder for a total cost not to exceed \$840. 2nd by Heidi.

Roll Call: Litts – yes. Macyauski – yes. Weaver – yes. Kuick – yes. Frasure – yes. Hecker – yes.

Motion passed.

APPROVED

9. **Miami Park:** none

10. **Board Update:** none

11. **Round Table:** none

12. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 at 7:00pm at Casco Township Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Kelly Hecker