

Casco Township Parks & Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2016

1. **Call to Order and Roll call:** Those present were: Bruce Brandon, Clay Greiffendorf, John Johnson, Johanan Jessup, Sandra Warren, Pam Blough. Absent were Paul Macyauski, Ron Seiler and recording secretary Kathy Brandon.
The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **The Agenda** was approved with no additions or changes.
3. **Correspondence received:** see under number 8.
4. **Public Comment:** See under number 6.
5. **Review of the Oct. 11, 2016 minutes.** After review and corrections to the minutes, John made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for Oct. 11, 2016. This motion 2nd by Johanan and approved by all.
6. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** Jeannie Van Zoren, representing the Blue Star Pathway Committee gave an update. Actual construction of the Blue Star Pathway will not happen in the year of 2017 in Casco Township.
7. **Friends of the Nature Preserve:** None
8. **Miami Park Beach Property:**
 - a. All of the signs are in for the property and will be installed by Joe Dubas
 - b. Proposed plantings: Pam received an email from John Weaver that he had purchased native bare root stock from Cold spring Nursery in Michigan. He also stated that they were all planted. Clay went to the Miami Planting Site and took pictures. They are very small.
 - c. Neighboring Property MDEQ permit application for Tram & Toe Wall: The Township Board was represented along with the public at the meeting.
9. **Township Hall Property:** None
10. **First Street Stair Access:** None
11. **Nature Preserve:**
 - a. Parking lot Construction update: Construction is complete. Pam informed us that we

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were released from our soil erosion and sedimentation permit. The only thing left is for the new interpretive sign to be installed near the parking lot. The new funding source sign will go next to the other funding source sign.

12. Parks and Recreation Master Plan update:

a. The Committee reviewed the survey that will elicit comments from Township residents concerning the update of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The information to take the survey will be included in the Township Newsletter and tax statement.

b. On November 22, 2016 the Parks & Recreation Committee will hold a public meeting at 6pm. Public are invited to give their input to the Five Year Master Plan Update.

14. Committee Member Comments: Sandy commented on the construction in Pilgrim Haven. She also told everyone about the book "Bounty By the Lake" a history on the Casco Township Area. It is available at our Library along with other books on the same topic.

15. Meeting Adjourned: John made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Johanan. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting will be Dec. 13, 2016.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathleen Brandon

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