

CASCO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 19, 2024
6:00 PM
Casco Township Hall

1. Call to order
2. Review / Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment - items **NOT** on the Agenda (please keep comments to 2 minutes)
4. Acknowledge / read correspondence received
5. Approval of minutes:
 - a. 5/15/24 meeting
6. Public hearing – none
7. New Business:
 - a. Matt Marcarian, 7233 Orchard, would like to discuss “Sport Court” concerns; and how to regulate – specifically Pickleball Court, {but all Sport Courts would apply (tennis, basketball, etc)}
 - b. Minor site plan amendment, 154 68th St (0302-032-001-02) Irene Woods, The Fields Campground, add a 16x33 swimming pool and 9x10 mechanical room
 - c. Any other business that may come before the commission
8. Old Business:
 - a. Draft sign ordinance
 - b. Master Plan – go through the current MP, discuss to keep same text or update.
 - c. Any other business that may come before the commission
9. Administrative Reports
 - a. Zoning Administrator
 - b. Township Board representative
 - c. Zoning Board of Appeals representative
10. General Public Comment (2 minutes each)
11. Adjourn

Next regular meeting date Wednesday July 17, 2024 6:00PM

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Casco Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

May 15th 2024

6:00 PM

Casco Township Hall

Members Present: Andy **Litts**, Dian **Liepe**, Dan **Fleming**, Greg **Knisley**, Kelly **Hecker**, Irene **Wood**

Members Absent: Ryan **Brush**

Audience: Allan **Overhiser**, Dave & Mary **Campbell**, Nathan **Hagger**

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman **Litts** 6:00PM

2. Review and approve agenda: A motion was made by **Liepe** to approve the agenda, supported by **Fleming**. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Public comment:

Dave **Campbell** requested that Mary **Campbell** be added as an attendee to the April 17th 2024 meeting minutes.

Hagger commented that, as a cyclist, he would suggest that wider road shoulders would be an improvement to the township area.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by **Fleming** to approve the April 17th, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes, with Corrections; supported by **Knisley**. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Public Hearing: None

7. New Business: None

8. Old Business:

a. Master Plan – go over the draft survey

Litts thinks aspects like housing availability, access to public sewer and water facilities and natural gas, high-speed internet and cell phone service, public beach access, parks and

playgrounds, senior services and township infrastructures like the township hall should be added to the survey questions.

Liepe thinks community activities should be broken down into age groups like kids, adults, seniors and maybe by relationship/family status. **Liepe** would also like input on the idea of a community pool. **Hecker** also thought the questions should be more specific but **Litts** disagreed and thinks that the questions should be more general.

Litts asked if there would be a QR code on the newsletter that was being sent out. **Smalley** responded that there would be, and that it would link them to an online survey.

It was decided to move the 3rd question on # 1 to #2. The PC also wants to add a box “please explain” to #5 so the responders can describe why they think quality of life in the township has improved, stayed the same or declined. The PC would also like a “please explain” line or a “comment” column added to #6.

All of the redundant questions were removed from the survey. It was also decided to:

- Combine culture and history of the area into one aspect
- Remove location in the greater southwest region – not relevant
- Add public beach access to parks and recreation options
- Remove close to employment – can’t control where people work
- Change “close” to “access” to shopping needs
- Remove high quality homes – definition of “quality” can be interpreted differently
- Add public to transportation and accessibility
- Remove sense of community – could be considered arbitrary
- Change “overall” to “safety and” appearance of neighborhoods
- Add “community” to activities, festivals, and events
- Replace “age” with “condition” of public facilities
- Remove cost of living – can’t control
- Remove “lack of” from non-motorized transportation
- Remove lack of cultural events
- Remove limited housing options
- Remove lack of greenspace
- Remove age of public facilities – covered under condition of public facilities
- Remove distance to employment opportunities – can’t control
- Change appearance of “shopping areas” to “businesses”
- Remove architect of businesses – don’t want to regulate
- Remove area schools – can’t regulate
- Remove overall appearance – covered under appearance of neighborhoods and appearance of businesses

