

Casco Township Parks & Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
October 11, 2016

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. Those present were: Bruce Brandon, Clay Greiffendorf, Paul Macyauski, Johanan Jessup, Ron Seiler, Pam Blough, and Kathleen Brandon. Absent were John Johnson and Sandra Warren.
2. **The Agenda** was approved with no additions or changes.
3. **Correspondence:** none
4. **Public Comments:** See under Number 8.
5. **Review and approval of September 9, 2016 minutes:** Clay made a motion to approve the minutes as written. This motion was supported by Ron and approved by all.
6. **Blue Star Pathway update:** none
7. **Friends of the Nature Preserve Update:** Fall cleanup was completed earlier this fall. The group is looking forward to spring.
8. **Miami Beach Property:**
 - a. **Installation of signs:** The signs are in and will be installed as soon as possible, Joe has been very busy working on the new parking lot.
 - b. **Proposed Plantings:** Pam has contacted the home owner and working with him as to type of plant material to purchase and where to plant. They will continue to move forward with fall planting.
 - c. **Neighboring Property owner has applied to the MDEQ for a permit to build a Tram and Toe Wall.** The Army Corp of Engineers will also be involved with this decision. There will be a public meeting held on Oct. 19, 2016 at the Township Hall, no specific time in the letter, probably 7pm. Public Comment from Kathy Watt expressed her concern for the surrounding beach property.
9. **Township Hall Property:**
 - a. This property will be evaluated in the spring.
 - b. Recreation equipment for the paved area will be purchased in the spring.
10. **First Street Stair Access:** Stairway condition will be evaluated in the spring.
11. **Nature Preserve:**
 - a. **Parking Lot Construction update:** The Project is coming to a completion, it looks very nice. The funding source and interpretive signs have been ordered. Ferns and other natural plant material is coming up, rye seed will also be added. Two additional ADA parking spaces were added to the paved area. A gate was installed to separate the gravel surface parking area so that it can be closed in the winter.

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- b. The Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division 33 beach cleanup.** They will be collecting debris every 28 days.
- c.** The Dog Station and bags were installed for the winter dog season.
- d.** Clay mentioned and showed pictures he had taken of brambles coming up through the stairway. These will need to be cut back as soon as possible, it was trimmed in August but needs to be done again. We will need to be more aggressive with the trimming there.
- e.** Rachel Ridley mention that she felt a trash receptacle at the top of the stairs would really be nice. We will evaluate and discuss in the spring.

- 12. Master Plan Update Discussion:** November 21, 2016 at 6 pm before the next Township Board Meeting, was decided as the date to have our Public Meeting. Bruce and Pam will give a short presentation on accomplishments at the Parks and monies spent. The purpose is to receive public input as to what they would like to see accomplished at the Parks. Pam will put together a Survey Monkey to add into the January tax Newsletter. Questions discussed.
- 13. Update from our Township Board Representation:** Paul informed the Committee that the Board is working on a Township Rental Ordinance. Rachel Ridley was appointed by the Board to be a member of the Parks Committee with her term to begin Jan. 1, 2017. Sandra Warren's term will expire at that time.
- 14. Committee Member Comments:** Pam informed the Committee that the Coastal Zone Management Grant applications need to be in by the end of December. We have nothing to submit for at this time.
- 15. A motion was made by Johanan to adjourn,** supported by Paul. Motion approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

The Next meeting will be held on November 15, 2016 at 7pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Kathleen Brandon

