

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 8th, 2023

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 7:09pm.
Committee members present: Andy Litts, Matt Super, Paul Macyauski, Debbie Weaver, Don Kuick, Libby Catt, and Kelly Hecker
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Approval of the July 11th, 2023 Minutes:** resignation of Heidi Frasure will be added to minutes. Approved with amendment.
4. **Correspondence received:** Matt received correspondence from Mark Compton questioning the process of bid acceptance. Matt invited him to attend the August meeting.

Kelly received positive comments on the wildflower plantings.

Libby heard from a resident who was concerned about the poor visibility on 107th when turning left onto Blue Star Hwy.

5. **Public Comment:** No public present.
6. **First Street:** looks like people are using the park. Discussion of potential for future parking. Don will be using heavier concentration of ShoreClear to control the bittersweet.
7. **Maple Grove Property:** Three bids were received for the MNRTF grant project. All three bids are over the project estimates presenting a shortfall in funds to move forward with the project.

Motion: Debbie motioned to recommend to the board that we amend the plan to reduce the width of the footpath from the parking lot to the picnic pad from 10 feet to 6 feet and we request that the township provide funds to cover the shortfall. Supported by Don. **Votes: Macyauski – yes. Super – yes. Kuick – yes. Weaver – yes. Litts – yes. Catt – yes. Hecker – yes. Motion passed.**

8. **Nature Preserve:** Matt pointed out the dead pine in the loop by the bluff and recognized it as an inherent hazard. Matt will get a quote to have it cleared.
Debbie sent pictures of the park bluff to Brian Debest and talked with him about the possibility of access to the beach. Paul suggested a switchback style path starting at the norther property line moving to the ravine and then switching back, staying within the 30-year erosion line.

Bathroom urinal is still broken. Restroom is better maintained and cleaner than last year.

9. **Miami Park:** township still possesses 1200 feet of frontage along the lake.
10. **Board Update:** Great Lakes grant for which we applied was not awarded.

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11. **Round Table:** Matt – none. Kelly – none. Debbie – brought up the three bids received and questioned if we could make a recommendation of contractor. Group agrees that lowest bid contractor will be fine. Don – none. Andy – none. Libby - none.

12. **Adjournment:** Adjourned at 8:11pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 at 7:00pm at Casco Township Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Kelly Hecker