

Casco Township Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Regular Meeting July 14, 2015

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm. Present were: Bruce Brandon, John Johnson, Josiah Jessup, Johanan Jessup, Sandra Warren, Pam Blough and Kathy Brandon. Absent were: Louis Howerton and Ron Seiler.
2. **Approval of the agenda:** No additions or changes to the agenda.
3. **Review and Approval** of the June 9, 2015 meeting minutes were tabled to the next meeting scheduled for Aug. 11, 2015.
4. **Correspondence Received:** Bruce mentioned a phone call concerning glass in the parking lot and also an experience with a dog. Bruce did go to the Preserve and clean up the glass.

The Calendar on the Township website was found to be incorrect. Kathy B. will contact the Web director to correct the meeting dates. Bruce will double check to confirm the correct dates have been added.

5. **Public Comments:** There was public comment about the 1st St. Beach Access at the Regular Casco Township Board Meeting on July, 2015. A "No Trespassing Sign" had been placed in the water at the bottom of the stairs.
6. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** Bruce received an email from Jeanne Van Zoren that the group was trying to raise another \$30,000, as well as right of ways to obtain by the end of this year.
7. **West Side County Park Project Update:** Very nice and complete except for fall delivery of the Gazebo.
8. **Friends of the Nature Preserve:** None
9. **Donation project.** Bruce updated the Committee on the sign and that the Tree had been planted by DeBest and the other plantings put in By Bruce and Kathy.
10. **Discussion of the Township property:** Bruce and Pam gave the trustees at July 20, 2015 board meeting the committee recommendations for a nice flat surface for playing games etc. and mowing to the south. The Board was receptive to these ideas.

11. **Sea Grant Equipment Grant:** We will purchase on our own, as Pam could not find any information on availability through the Websites.

12. **Nature Preserve:**
 - a. **Operation & Maintenance:** No problems reported here.
 - b. CZM Parking lot grant application: Pam was notified that we **did** pass the SHIPO review. Another hurdle down.
 - c. Bruce is working on getting an example of the Sign for the Funding sources
 - d. Bruce also brought a picture of the handrail that needs repair. Pam will send on to the builder.
 - e. John will take care of the information panels to get the current information in the them.
 - f. New Dog Rules/Signs/Equipment. Will discuss at the August Meeting.

13. **Invasive Species Discussion:** None

14. **Park Maintenance check list.** Pam made a nice format for us to look at, getting closer to a final draft for approval.

17. **Update from the Township Board Representative:** Josiah brought a copy of the Jul 1, 2015 to Jun 30, 2016, Park Budget.

18. **Committee Member Comments:** Water testing is going great our beach water has been very good. New testing is in the works for the future that would be a much faster test and possibly find the source of bacteria.
Sandy mentioned the Casco Methodist Church Mud Run on Aug. 1, 2015.

19. **Next Meeting will be held:** Tues. August 11, 2015 at 7pm.

20. **John made a motion to adjourn,** seconded by Johanan. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Brandon