

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2019

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Those Committee members present were Bruce Brandon, Clay Greiffendorf, Paul Macyauski, Rachel Ridley, Andy Litts, David Griessel and Kathy Brandon, recording secretary. Absent John Johnson
Public Present: Judy Graff resident of Casco Township.
2. **Approval of the April 9, 2019 Minutes and April 11, Special Meeting Minutes:** Clay made a motion to accept the April 9, and 11th minutes as written, 2nd by Andy motion approved by all.
3. **Public Comments:** Judy stated that she would like to walk her dog at the Nature Preserve all year, not just in the fall and winter. She also stated that people who walk dogs have no place to walk dogs in Casco Township. Discussion was held by the Committee members.
Clay made a motion that we make a recommend to the Board to amend Section 8 of the Park Ordinance that would allow dogs year round, except at the beach. This motion 2nd by Andy, approved by all.
4. **Correspondence received:** Rachel reported on invasive species. She was notified by a very reputable person that when walking the trail at the Nature Preserve that it has almost every plant in Michigan on the top of the invasive species list! She will take the lead on this project of locating the invasives by the experts in the field, and what to do about them.
5. **First Street project Update:** The Project is beautiful and has just a few things to complete. Signage was discussed at length and Paul will order. The large boulders need to be put in place.
6. **Nature Preserve maintenance update:** May cleanup went as expected, John and Andy attended. Andy suggested that a back pack blower be purchased to cleaning off the trails. The park bench nearest the beach has some erosion on the back of it. This should be fixed ASAP to avoid extensive damage. Andy will get a quote to have this taken to the board. Andy also suggested that the north property looks abandoned. We really need to get the dead trees and limbs taken care of and the mowing completed. It has been extremely wet so far, but needs to be done as soon as possible.
7. **Bench path project at the Township hall:** Delays due to the wet weather.
8. **Park Finance Review:** Committee discussed way to better interpret expenditures.
9. **Board Representative Update:** Paul gave a short summary of the happenings in the Township.
10. **Round Table discussion:** Rachel reminded all that the Voyagers 4H club will be cleaning the beach on May 28th at 4pm. Andy will get a quote on completing the paving at First Street.
11. Rachel made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Clay. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
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