

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
June 13, 2017

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Those Committee members present were Bruce Brandon, John Johnson, Johanan Jessup, Clay Greiffendorf, Paul Macyauski, Ron Seiler, Rachel Ridley, Pam Blough, Consultant and Kathleen Brandon
Public present were: Cheri Brenner, Allan Overhiser and Pam Greiffendorf
2. **Public Hearing** for the Casco Township Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan commenced at 7:01 pm and concluded at 7:15 pm.
3. **Correspondence received:** None
4. **Public Comments:** None at this time.
5. **Approval and review of May 9, 2017 minutes:** After a correction, a motion to approve the minutes, with the correction was made by John and 2nd by Johanan, motion carried.
6. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** Clay reported that construction is underway at the north end of Saugatuck. More information and a map is available on the Blue Star Pathway website.
7. **Friends of the Nature Preserve - Spring Clean-up:** Bruce stated that clean-up went well. Some small cracks in the pathway have developed and need attention. Several fence rails have been broken by falling branches and need to be replaced.
8. **Nature Preserve**
Interpretive sign: Will be moved to a better place away from the parking.
Funding sign: The stake is gone so Clay will replace it. Joe is ready to do the permanent installation.
Garlic Mustard: This patch was taken care at the Spring Clean-Up. Several ladies pulled it up by hand as was suggested.
North Gate: The gate is locked but will still be moved to the north and made wider for the access of maintenance trucks.
Mowed Pathway: The staked area is still very wet for mowing. Pam will get in touch with Joe and have him mow as close to the suggested staked area as possible.
Stairway bottom section: These are back in place.
Install posts and rings: Bruce took care of this installation.
Remove silt fencing: Done by Joe
9. **Miami Park Beach Property:**
Installation of signs: Joe has a list for installation.

9. cont.

Restorative plantings: The plantings have not grown to the knowledge of any board members. Clay felt that because of the new erosion no one should be disturbing the bluff. Bruce thought that the Road Commission should be made aware of the newest erosion problems, Allan will notify them.

Neighboring Property MDEQ Permit Application for Tram & Toe Wall: None

10. Township Hall Property-Basketball Hoop: follow up in July.

11. First Street Stair Access.

Review bike rack: none

Review for repairs: none

Identification Sign-Continue discussion: Pam had a drawing of the signs for recommendation. A sign to be placed at the top area of the stairway states " **1st St. Recreational Lake Michigan Public Access (18' wide)**". Two signs at the bottom will state "**Private Property beyond this sign. Do Not Trespass**". Paul made a motion the Committee recommend to the Board the placement of the signs approved for the First Street site. This motion 2nd by Rachel. Motion approved.

12. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update- Resolution: A Roll call vote was taken to approve the recommendation to the Casco Township Board the updated Five Year Community Recreation Plan.

Bruce Brandon	yes
Clay Greiffendorf	yes
John Johnson	yes
Paul Macyauski	yes
Johanan Jessup	yes
Ron Seiler	aye
Rachel Ridley	yes

Ayes/yes: 7 Nays/No: 0 Abstains: 0

The Five Year Community Recreation Plan 2017 – 2021. Recommendation by this Resolution is approved by this Committee on June 13, 2017.

13. Update from the Township Board Representative: Annual Meeting is June 19, 2017 at 6pm. Sound meter to be purchased. Rental notice information will be sent out to all Casco residents on the west side of Blue Star.

14. Comments from Committee: Pam mentioned that budget information will be available at our July meeting. Equipment for Basketball and Pickle ball in July as well. By-Laws were included in the information packet tonight for all to look over.

15. Meeting Adjourned: John made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Johanan. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Kathleen Brandon

