

**Casco Township Parks & Recreation Committee**  
**June 9, 2015**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Those present were: Bruce Brandon, Louis Howerton, John Johnson, Josiah Jessup, Johanan Jessup, Sandra Warren, Ron Seiler, Pam Blough and Kathy Brandon.  
Welcome new member Ron Seiler, to the Park Committee.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Approved with no additions.
3. **Review of the May 12, 2015 minutes.** John Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Sandy Warren. Minutes were approved by all.
4. **Correspondence Received :** None
5. **Public Comments:** None. Public present: Don Kuick.
6. **Discussion on Township Hall Property:** The parking lot will be paved. Mowing the south area of the building was suggested. Discussion on future development of this 40 acres and the parking lot was held. The Township Hall property development will be a continuous discussion for the future.
7. **Blue Star Pathway:** None
8. **West Side County Park Project:** This first phase will be complete and open for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.
9. **Friends of the Nature Preserve update:** Spring cleanup was held on May 16, 2015.
10. **Anonymous Donation to the Nature Preserve:** Tree was purchased from DeBest. They will call Bruce or Sandy when they are ready to put the tree in. Plants were purchased for planting.
11. **Park Ordinance Signed and Posted:** Pam will laminate this new revision. John has volunteered to place the ordinance and other information into the panels at the Preserve. The new Ordinance was also forwarded to Kathy Stanton for the Website.
12. **Sea Grant Equipment Grants:** We will not participate or apply for any Sea Equipment Grant due to the questionable cost of maintenance. It was decided that we would check into the cost of 3 rings and posts to put in on our own.
13. **Casco Township Nature Preserve:**
  - a. Operation and maintenance: none
  - b. CZM parking lot grant application: Pam informed us that they accepted the SHIPO information and she has not heard anything new.
  - c. Funding Source signage at the Preserve: Bruce is working with an online company.
  - d. Handrail Repair: no update
  - e. Dog station: Pam is looking for something portable that can be removed when not in use.

14. **Invasive Species Discussion:** Nothing new. Do we want to identify invasive species and remove them? We will keep this on our agenda for future discussion.
15. **Park Maintenance Checklist:** Moving forward with this at each meeting.
16. **1<sup>st</sup> Street Beach hand rail and steps repair:** Bruce has checked on this and noticed that the stairs could stand to be power washed and grass trimmed.
17. **Update from the Township Board Representative:** Josiah Jessup gave information concerning the formation of the Murdock Drain District. Storage building should be finished soon as well as the fire safe room.
18. **Committee Member Comments:** John Johnson informed the committee that water samples would be taken and tested once every two weeks from our beach as well as 3 others. The origin of any e-coli (human or animal) will be identified.  
Sandy had a newspaper article encouraging people to plant for the pollinators. Allegan County District Conservation Department will be celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service this year. A celebration will be held at the Saugatuck Brewing Co. for more information go to *Allegan County CD.org*.
19. A motion was made by John Johnson, seconded by Johanan Jessup to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted  
Kathy Brandon

