

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
July 10, 2018

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 7:0 pm. Those Committee members present were1 Bruce Brandon, John Johnson, Clay Greiffendorf, Paul Macyauski, Rachel Ridley, Andy Litts, and Kathy Brandon, recording secretary.
Public Present: John Weaver, Debbie Weaver, Patti Arnold, Janice Greiffendorf and Doug Nickerson (came in later in the meeting) All residents of Casco Township.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The Agenda was accepted with no changes.
3. **Public Comments:** Public expressed concern about maintaining the bluff and hedges. Mr. Nickerson was concerned about recent cutting of Sumac and brush on the bluff. MUCH discussion was had with the Public and the Committee members.
John made a motion that Allan send out a letter to the Miami Park Lakeshore residents asking input into the maintenance of the Township Park property and how best to do that. Letter to include the Township Ordinance already in place. This motion was 2nd by Clay, approved by all.
4. **Correspondence received:** An email to Bruce was received from Doug Nickerson stating that cutting was taking place on the Weaver property at the top of the bluff as well as the Face.
5. **Review and Approval of the June 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by John to accept the June minutes as written, seconded by Paul, approved by all.
6. **Friends of the Nature Preserve Update:** none
7. **Facebook Page Update:** “Casco Township Parks & Recreation” is up and running.
8. **Nature Preserve Maintenance. Mowing Plan board comments.** Bruce took to Committee mowing plan to the Board, which they approved except that they want the “no mow area”to be mowed late in the fall. Rachel mentioned several dead ash trees along the pathway need to be removed since they are a hazard. She also noticed that signs are needed on the beach bluff that state “no climbing on the dunes” like the current signs at the Westside County Park Beach. The signs designating “Casco Property Ends’ have not been installed, life ring, rope and post have not been replaced.
9. **Miami Parks Beach Property:** See Public comment.
10. **First Street Access Maintenance:** The Board has approved \$5000 for stair improvement. Paul will get an estimate to handle the overgrowth on the stairway and will bring to next meeting. Patti Arnold was present for public comment and talked about the need for upkeep and maintainace of the stairs, as well as keeping the benches at the top of stairs in any new building project.
None of the signs ordered have been installed.
11. **Township Hall Property:** The basketball hoop has not been installed, it is on Joe’s list.

12. **Murdock Donation Plan:** The Committee would like to move forward with the purchase of a bench with a small plaque attached "In Memory of Douglas Murdock" Rachel will check on the ordering and wording. All benches will be the same as in the Nature Preserve.

14. **Recreation Plan-Action plan review:** continuing process

16. **Round Table discussion:** Bruce talked to the board about having the authority of a budget to purchase small items needed without going through the Board approval process. This is a work in progress. Committee members discussed and agreed.
Rachel mentioned signs are a big problem and not being put up or replaced at the Parks.
The Committee expressed their concern about the duties of the park part time maintenance person. They also agreed that maintenance in general seems to be a problem. Checklist needs to be used or tweaked.
Paul suggested putting the signs at the beach more up into the bluff.
Who does garbage pickup when Dylan is not there? Paul had pictures of overflowing receptacles.

17. **Adjournment:** Clay made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Rachel. Approved by all, meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

The next meeting will be Aug. 14, 2018 at 7pm.

**Minutes respectfully submitted,
Kathy Brandon**

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