

**Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 11, 2018**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Those Committee members present were Bruce Brandon, John Johnson, Clay Greiffendorf, Paul Macyauski, Rachel Ridley, Andy Litts, Dylon Zmuda and Kathy Brandon, recording secretary.  
**Public Present:** Valerie Bears, Janis Greiffendorf, Susan Barkley, and John Barkley all residents of Casco Township.
  2. **Review/approval of August 14, 2018 minutes:** Paul made a motion to approve the August 14, 2018 minutes with changes, 2nd by Paul. Minutes approved by all.
  3. **Public Comments:** John Barkley gave a presentation about bluff erosion on the Miami Park Bluff.
  4. **Correspondence received:** Emails about the maintenance of the bluff areas in Miami Park were presented by Paul and will be available in the Park File in the Clerks Office..
  5. **Doug Murdock Memorial Event:**  
Date and time: Oct. 16, 2018 at 5:30 pm  
Tree planting: Brian DeBest will be planting the tree/trees. Paul will be managing the date and time with him. Cookies and lemonade will be provided by Committee members.  
Invitations will be sent out to the family and those who donated in his name by Rachel. It will be advertised in the south Haven Newspaper, on the Facebook page and in the Methodist Church Bulletin.  
Rachel will contact Sandra Warren and ask her to do a short presentation about Doug's involvement in getting the Nature Preserve and park started and his love of nature.  
Bench and plaque have been ordered.
  6. **Miami Park Bluff:** Bruce gave a brief history of the Bluff property. **Bruce then made a motion:**
    1. The park ordinance be amended to allow very limited and specific resident maintenance of the park property west of Lakeshore Drive to the start of the vertical bluff.
    2. Residents would be allowed to mow the grass and trim privet type hedges on the horizontal plane to a height of no lower than four feet (4 feet) in front of their respected residences. No cutting of trees allowed.
    3. No cutting of any vegetation on the vertical bluff.
    4. Residents may petition the Township Board through the Parks Committee if they observe vegetation that is "A danger to the Community"
    5. A letter shall be drafted and sent to all adjacent property owners concerning this action. The Township will maintain control of any adverse possession.
- This motion was seconded by Clay. Andy called for a vote of the Committee. A roll call vote was taken, all Committee members approved this motion.
7. **Report from Park Maintenance Attendant:** Dylon reported that to the right of the stairs going to the beach there is more new erosion to the bluff. Signs are up and he thinks they have helped. He is concerned and wondering if anything can be done in that area. Concerning signage, he feels we need to keep at least one replacement of every sign in stock.

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Park Rules signs are needed at each pathway entrance. There is a large tree down on the Parks north property. Also trees dead and down in the Nature Preserve. He feels another cleanup day is needed. Rachel stated that Brian Ridley will have time this fall to take out the dead ash trees and others. Bruce will propose this to the board for their decision. Marking trees to be removed must be done. Need "No fires on the beach" sign added to rules.

- 8. First Street Maintenance:** This area looks much better, vegetation removed. Paul stated a bit more stair work needed. It was also noted that golf carts were parking there and more bike racks needed.
- 9. Nature Preserve maintenance:** Fall cleanup is needed. Rachel noticed a lot of parking lot sprawl this summer.
- 10. Round Table discussion:** Paul commented on spending and budget. Discussion on small expenditures, which includes signs, life rings etc. John suggested a list of needs on the agenda for next month.
- 11. Adjournment:** John made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clay and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next Meeting will be Oct. 11, 2018

Minutes respectfully submitted:  
Kathy Brandon



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