

Casco Township Parks & Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
January 10, 2017

1. **Call to Order and Roll call:** Those present were: Bruce Brandon, Clay Greiffendorf, Pam Blough, Paul Macyauski, Johanan Jessup, Rachel Ridley and Kathy Brandon. Absent were John Johnson and Ron Seiler.
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **The election of Officers:** Election of officers was held, the Committee voted and approved
Chair: Bruce Brandon
Vice Chair: Clay Greiffendorf
Secretary: John Johnson
3. **The Agenda** was approved with no additions or changes.
4. **Correspondence received:** In the memory of Douglas Murdock numerous cards and donations to the CTPRC were received. Doug was the first chairperson of the original Parks & Recreation Committee. Through his passion of trees, parks and nature, Casco Township pursued his dream of creating the Casco Township Nature Preserve.
5. **Public Comment:** Past Committee member Sandra Warren brought in the obituary of Douglas Murdock. She also had an article from the South Haven Tribune about a survey of all trees to be done in the city of South Haven.
6. **Review of the Dec. 13, 2016 minutes.** After review and corrections to the minutes, Clay made a motion to accept the minutes as written with corrections. Motion seconded by Paul and approved by all.
7. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** None
8. **Friends of the Nature Preserve:** None
9. **Miami Park Beach Property:**
 - a. All of the signs are here for the property and will be installed by Joe Dubas in the spring.
 - b. Restoration plantings: Will revisit in the spring.
 - c. Neighboring Property MDEQ permit application for Tram & Toe Wall: None

10. **Township Hall Property:** Game equipment will be ordered in the spring 2017. Updating the lighting in the parking lot was also discussed.
11. **First Street Stair Access:** Assess Stairs and Handrail in the spring. This will also be done at the Nature Preserve stairway.
12. **Nature Preserve:**
 - a. Parking lot Construction Project Closeout: Pam has the paperwork completed, just waiting on a couple signatures.
 - b. The Interpretive sign and the Funding Source sign in.
 - c. Invasive Species: None
 - d. Other: The paved area of the parking will be kept plowed this winter.
 - e. North Gate: The gate and drive area will be modified for easier access.
13. **Parks and Recreation Master Plan update:**
 - a. The Survey Update: So far there are 13 survey responses, the survey runs until Jan. 2017. A printed option will be available in the Township office.
 - b. Goals and Objectives Review: Reviewed and discussed.
14. **Update from the Township Board Representative:** Paul stated that the biggest issue right now is rentals in the Township. Moving through this issue with the Planning Commission is a priority.
15. **Committee Member Comments:**
15. **Meeting Adjourned:** Johanan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Paul. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathleen Brandon

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