

**Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 09, 2019**

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Those Committee members present were Bruce Brandon, Paul Macyauski, Andy Litts, David Griessel and Clay Greiffendorf, Rachel Ridley, Kathy Brandon, recording secretary. Absent: John Johnson  
**Public Present:** Don Quick, Doug Nikkerson, Mr. Chuck Ippel and wife residents of Casco Township.
- 2. Approval of the June 11, 2019 Minutes:** David made a motion to accept the June 11, 2019 minutes as written, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, this motion approved by all.
- 3. Public Comments:** Doug Nikkerson asked the committee about the eradication of invasives, such as knotweed in our Township. Clay explained that we are trying to get help from different resources concerning this problem. Committee member Rachel has volunteered to look into this and seek guidance from the County and State entities. Don Quit, an arborist and present at this meeting suggested ways he uses to control the knotweed. Paul added that the county is using RoundUp as their way of control. This is a pressing issue in our area and State. The Committee will continue looking into invasives and hope to come up with a plan of management. The Ippells were here to complain that the present method of watering the new vegetation at First is flooding their property. Paul will check with the Landscaper to get this issue resolved.
- 4. Correspondence received:** A complaint letter from a resident and user of the First Street Access was received. The resident expressed that it is their opinion that the signage at First Street is illegal. After much discussion, the Committee it felt the wordage is appropriate under Michigan Law. Bruce will present the letter to the Board and recommend it be sent to the Township lawyer.
- 5. First Street Access project update:** The Committee volunteers will continue to repair and replace handrails.
- 6. Bench path project at the Township hall:** Paul will be contacting the landscaper for completion details. Although this area is being mowed, trimming has not being done except by a Committee member and looks unkept.
- 7. Park Finance Review:** The Township Board was receptive to the Committees idea of the "Capital improvement fund."
- 8. Nature Preserve maintenance Update:** Dylon Zmuda gave a park maintenance report. The benches and tables Could use a good power washing as normal algae and lichens growth has taken place. Paul will order a few more "Stairs Closed" signs . As the Maple Grove Property was drier it was able to be mowed. Many thanks to David Griessel for his volunteer work.

**Adjournment:** Rachel made a motion to adjourn, David second the motion agreed by all. Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm

**Minutes respectfully submitted,**  
**Kathy Brandon**

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