

Casco Township Parks & Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
March 14, 2017

1. **Call to Order and Roll call:** Those present were: Bruce Brandon, Clay Greiffendorf, Pam Blough, Paul Macyauski, Johanan Jessup, Ron Seiler, Rachel Ridley, John Johnson and Kathy Brandon.
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **The Agenda** was approved with no additions or changes.
3. **Correspondence received:** None.
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Review and Approval of the February 7, 2017 meeting minutes.** After review and corrections to the minutes, Ron made a motion to accept the minutes as written with corrections. Motion seconded by Clay and approved by all.
6. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** Bruce brought an article from Local Observer. No new news.
7. **Friends of the Nature Preserve:** None
8. **Miami Park Beach Property:**
 - a. All of the signs are here for the property and will be installed in the spring.
 - b. Restoration plantings: Will revisit in the spring.
 - c. Neighboring Property MDEQ permit application for Tram & Toe Wall: None
9. **Township Hall Property-Basketball Hoop Review:** Hoops, backboards and poles were reviewed with the information Pam brought in for the Committee to look at. After much discussion the Committee decided on the unit they thought would be appropriate. Clay made a motion that Bruce take this recommendation to the Board, this was seconded by Ron. Motion carried.
10. **First Street Stair Access:** The Stairs and Handrail were inspected and found to be sound for this season of 2017.
11. **Nature Preserve:**
 - a. Parking lot Construction Project Closeout: Pam has closed out all of the paperwork and a check was recently received.
 - b. The Interpretive sign and the Funding Source signs are in but not permanently. This will be done soon.
 - c. Invasive Species: None
 - d. North Gate: This will be made wider.

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e. Preserve Stairs: Bruce brought in pictures of the bottom of the stairway where the sand had been completely washed away from late winter storms. This will need to be repaired as soon as possible.

12. Parks and Recreation Master Plan update:

a. The Survey Update: 30 survey responses were received. Suggestions received will aid in future development of the Casco township Parks.

b. Future vision and Projects: Pam brought in the 2012 Site Plan of the north section of the Preserve for the Committee to look at. The Committee will meet at the Preserve at 6pm before the next regular meeting, April 11, 2017. They will walk the north area and stake out a mowed pathway that will go from the new parking lot to the beach.

13. Update from the Township Board Representative: Paul stated that the Board placed an eight month moratorium on any action concerning short term rentals. This will give the Planning Commission time to work on new definitions of the ordinance concerning rentals. He also stated that they are working on a noise ordinance for the township.

14. Committee Member Comments: Bruce mentioned a program called "Up Close & Wild" to be held at Little John Park in Allegan, June 24, 2017. This will be put on by the Discovery Center and sponsored by the Allegan County Parks. See Allegan County Parks Facebook Page for more information.

15. Meeting adjourned: A motion was made by Johanan, seconded by Clay to adjourn. All agreed, Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 11, 2017 AT THE PRESERVE

Respectfully submitted:
Kathleen Brandon

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