

Casco Township Parks & Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
Feb. 7, 2017

1. **Call to Order and Roll call:** Those present were: Bruce Brandon, Clay Greiffendorf, Pam Blough, Paul Macyauski, John Johnson, Rachel Ridley, Ron Seiler and Kathy Brandon. Absent was Johanan Jessup
The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** the Agenda was approved.
3. **Correspondence received:** Three additional hand written Park & Recreation Surveys were received.
4. **Public Comments:** No Public present.
5. **Review & Approval of the Feb. 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed by all. A motion was made by Clay to accept the minutes as written. This motion 2nd by Rachel and approved by all.
6. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** Clay reported that the he saw an article in the Douglas Observer concerning the project. The city of Saugatuck observed that the pathway would go right through the City Welcome Sign as well as in the front of the Fire Hall. The article also suggested making other changes in the pathway as well. The website for the group had no changes or additions since January.
7. **Friends of the Nature Preserve:** None: Work session in May will be scheduled.
8. **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: Waiting on the Army Corp of Engineers for report or information.
9. **Township Hall Property-Basketball Hoop Review:** Discussion was had on the height, size and sturdiness of the basketball system as well as cost. Committee Chairman Brandon will take the suggestions to the board for approval. Committee will continue looking for Pickle Ball Court setup information.
10. **First Street Stair Access:** Contractor John Brush, will go out to the First Street stairway as well as the Preserve stairway to assess any problems that need to be addressed. The bike rack will be looked at, it may just need to be painted.

11. **Nature Preserve:**
 - a. **Parking Lot Project Closeout in Process.** Pam is very close to having the project paperwork completed. A copy of the Project Narrative was given to all.
 - b. **Interpretive & Funding Sign installation:** Spring
 - c. **Invasive Species-on-going discussions:** Pam had an article from the Grand Haven Tribune concerning Ottawa County Parks renewal of a memorandum of understanding with partners that make up the “West Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area”. This information will be kept for future reference.
 - d. **North Gate:** An upgrade and widening will be done in the spring for easier access.

12. **Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update:**
 - a. **Survey:** As of 2-3-17, 26 responses had been received. The Committee discussed the survey results, all will be taken into consideration in the Master Plan Update.
 - b. **Goals and Objectives** were discussed. Pam had an updated version that she shared with the Committee. Pam will bring the current Master Plan drawing for the Nature Preserve to the next meeting.

13. **Update from the Township Board Representative:** Paul updated the Committee on the possibility of a Township Noise Ordinance . The Planning Commission is working on the rental Issue.

14. **Committee Member comments:** None

15. **Meeting Adjourned:** John made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Clay. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathleen Brandon