

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 13, 2021**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Andy called meeting to order at 7:01 pm at Casco Nature Preserve.  
**Committee members present in person:** Heidi Frasure, Paul Macyauski, Don Kuick, Debbie Weaver, Matt Super, Andy Litts.  
**Others Present:** Kelly Hecker, recording secretary
2. **Approval of the March 9, 2021 Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Heidi; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Vote roll call: Litts – yes, Kuick – yes, Frasure – yes, Macyauski – yes, Super – yes. *Motion passed.*
3. **Correspondence received:**
  - A representative from Midwest Recreation contacted the township to discuss park playground equipment. Literature & pricing material are available to view at the township hall.
  - **Update on MNRTF grant from Pam Blough & Assoc.:** the MNRTF grant was submitted on 4/1/21. The approved March minutes are needed to update the application. The MNRTF grant review committee comments are expected in August; next steps in grant process expected in September.
4. **Maple Grove Property:** Committee met at Casco Nature Preserve and walked the Maple Grove property. Landscaping upkeep and park maintenance standards were outlined. Recording secretary, Hecker, will compile a checklist for the committee to review by Friday 4/16/21 based on the standards and maintenance schedule discussed.

Prior to the meeting, committee member Don Kuick had walked the Maple Grove property, identifying 59 of 120 trees that are dead/dying. The committee agreed that the priority is to remove the 10 trees in the gravel parking area (identified on accompanying tree diagram as trees #19, 26-34) as these trees post the greatest safety concerns to the public and property. Committee will get quotes for removal of these trees.

Some vandalism was noted on a few trees in the preserve and on concrete pathway along the bluff. Other items needing repair include replacing dog walking sign and straightening a parking sign. A few landscape areas were discussed to improve view of lake.

Suggestion to plant sycamores along the road as they are fast growing and attractive. proposed regular mowing/growing of Maple Grove section of the Nature Preserve and that board should set measurable standard for landscape maintenance.
5. **Adjournment:** Andy motioned for adjournment; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb. Approved by all. *Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00pm at Casco Township Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Hecker