

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 7:01pm.  
**Committee members present:** Andy Litts, Matt Super, Debbie Weaver, Don Kuick, Paul Macyauski, Libby Catt and Kelly Hecker
2. **Approval of Agenda-** Approved by all.
3. **Approval of the February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Minutes:** Matt motioned to approve meeting minutes, support by Don. No discussion. All in favor of approving minutes.
4. **Correspondence received:** Debbie was approached by a neighbor who said that the park looks very nice and questioning if we are going to remove the old stair debris from the beach.
5. **Public Comment:** None.
6. **First Street:** Paul went by. Contractors are working, parking on township property. Don and Andy noted that there are ruts. A construction sign has been put in the right-of-way and our “No Parking” sign is lying on the ground next to it. Contractors are doing damage to grass. The arborvitae we planted are covered with concrete. Andy will send an official letter on behalf of the Parks Committee to Kevin Stufflebeam asking them to replace what they have damaged and to put up our “No Parking” sign. Paul will talk with him too.

Otherwise, the park looks pretty good. Andy said that there’s a good amount of beach – looks good. The sidewalk could be edged.

7. **Maple Grove Property:** Dylan (Davis Landscaping) continues to do work on the project. One of the drains was plugged, Dylan opened it. Continues to drain. The well is in. Most of driveway grading is done. Doing seeding around sidewalks. Septic is scheduled to go in second or third week of April. Consumers Energy may come out in April to re-route line. Todd Jensen setting up meeting so he can be there when Consumers does the work. Bathroom is ordered but no confirmed delivery date. Pam is estimating July-August. Asking Dylan to wait on some of the concrete work until after bathroom is installed.

Paul would like to see some sycamores in the area to help dry the area. Don suggested also some bald cypress. Matt suggested having a catch basin with rocks and a pipe out to Blue Star. Andy wondering about elevations.

Paul suggests requesting state funds to remove the stair debris. Committee will revisit this topic.

8. **Nature Preserve:** Andy took photos of trees that will become hazardous. Don mentioned a couple of others that need to be removed. Ideas of replanting trees in nature preserve, possibly purchasing from conservation district tree sale. Discussing pros and cons of planting treelings. Don mentioned that most of the windbreak. Discussion of what to plant

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**Motion:** Debbie motioned to recommend that the board approve spending up to \$750 on trees to plant in Nature Preserve. Support by Paul. Vote: Weaver – yes. Kuick – yes. Litts – yes. Hecker – yes. Macyauski – yes. Super – yes. Catt – yes. **Motion carried.**

Andy brought quote from Davis Landscaping to power-sweep path for \$300. Sweeping to edge of sidewalk.

**Motion:** Matt motioned to recommend to the board spending \$300 for spring power-sweeping of path. Support by Paul. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Matt will get bid for powerwashing concrete pads and picnic tables.

9. **Township Hall:** Mary Campbell of Senior Services approached Paul requesting a post for pickleball in the parking lot. Paul recommended that the Senior Services purchase. Committee agrees with Paul.

10. **Board Update:** None.

11. **Round Table:** Andy – old orange fence do we want to remove? Matt – none. Don – Celia was at the park and witnessed a mother with children headed down the ravine to the beach. Signs are posted. Libby – none. Debbie – plant a hedge or split rail fence back up along the bluff edge. Paul – none. Kelly – none.

12. **Adjournment:** Adjourned at 7:58pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00pm at Casco Township Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Hecker