

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 11, 2022**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** meeting called to order at 7:07 pm at Casco Township Hall.  
**Committee members present:** Paul Macyauski, Debbie Weaver, Heidi Frasure, and Don Kuick.  
**Members absent:** Andy Litts and Matt Super.  
**Others Present:** Pam Blough, Kathy Stanton (assistant clerk) and Kelly Hecker (recording secretary).
2. **Approval of Agenda:** no changes proposed. Agenda approved by all.
3. **Approval of the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Minutes:** Motion made by Heidi to approve minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie. All in favor. Approved.
4. **Community Recreation Plan:** Update from Pam Blough: after last month's she discussed with Casco township supervisor, Allan Overhiser, regarding the township owned lots in Miami Park subdivision. When the Maple Grove property was made available 75% of its value was donated, but the township needed to cover the remaining 25% of the cost. To do so, the township traded Miami Park parcels as part of acquisition of Maple Grove property. The Mt. Pleasant beachfront property is still owned by the township.

Property lines on First Street Lake Access were redrawn on the map in the 5 year parks & rec plan. Discussion of next steps in the community recreation plan. Decision was mad to close the Parks & Rec survey on January 26, 2022.

*Motion:* Heidi motioned that the committee make a recommendation to Casco Township board for adoption of the updated Five Year Community Recreation Plan for the years 2022 through 2027.

Motion supported by Don.

*Roll call vote:* Macyauski – yes. Weaver – yes. Frasure – yes. Kuick – yes.

*Motion passed.*

5. **2022 Election of Officers:**  
Paul nominated Andy for Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. All in favor of Andy Litts as the Chair of the committee.  
Paul nominated Debbie for Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heidi. All in favor of Debbie Weaver as Vice Chair.  
Don nominated Heidi for Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie. All in favor of Heidi Frasure as Secretary.
6. **Proposed Calendar:** Paul proposed to accept the proposed meeting calendar as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heidi. All in favor. Approved.
7. **Correspondence received:** none
8. **Public Comment:** Parks Survey Summary – suggestions for revision, otherwise looks good.
9. **First Street property:** there is some deer damage on the trees.

10. **Maple Grove Property & Nature Preserve:** Paul reported on activity of the Lakeshore Erosion Committee. That committee met on Monday 1/10/22 to discuss next steps for the group and any general consensus. The group is waiting to meet again until after the Lakeshore Coastal Management Academy trainings. More expert insight is needed on surface water management solutions along the bluffs. Requesting Dawine engineers (work thru Compton or Jensens) to come do an informational presentation on possible solutions for managing ground water to manage bluff erosion. Ideas for how to dispense information to the community were discussed including possible educational event(s) at the preserve.

Discussion of plan to consult with experts to find solutions for surface water runoff management in Maple Grove. Agreement that bluff stabilization is first priority. Conversation will be needed with Army Corps of Engineers or EGLE to delineate locations and determine classification and degree of protection needed for the unique micro-wetlands and fens along the bluff. Consider the balance of degradation of unique micro-ecosystems vs. erosion control when planning.

Heidi suggested that the Parks & Rec committee should be focusing on longer term goals and future grant planning for addressing bluff erosion and feasibility of ADA beach access in Nature Preserve/ Maple Grove.

11. **Miami Park:** Erosion continues. A lot of township property has been lost there.
12. **Board Update:** Special meeting scheduled for January 26, 2022 for Public Hearing of 5 year Parks & Recreation 5 year Plan
13. **Round Table:** Paul – “is the gate [at Preserve] closed?” Don – “no. Snow is too deep, no vehicle traffic going in right now.” Paul will advise Karen to close the gate. Heidi – next time we meet talk to Pam about potential future grants to address feasibility for future planning – costs, quotes, geological surveys, delineation of fen, bluff stabilization thru groundwater re-routing, her help with timeframes on next grant process. Paul will reach out to Edgewater for estimate to do soil borings.
14. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm at Casco Township Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Hecker