

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2021

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** meeting called to order at 7:08 pm at Casco Township Hall.
Committee members present: Paul Macyauski, Debbie Weaver, Matt Super, Don Kuick, Heidi Frasure, and Andy Litts.
Others Present: Kelly Hecker, Heidi Frasure took notes for this meeting as the recording secretary
2. **Approval of Agenda:** motion made by Andy to approve agenda; 2nd by Debbie. All in favor.
3. **Approval of the June 8, 2021 Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Debbie; 2nd by Matt. Approved by all. *Motion passed.*
4. **Correspondence received:** Don did receive correspondence related to Casco, concerns about fence and piles of mulch & dirt. Concerns about the roped fence, regarding children potentially falling over. Don to respond to the community to let them know that the dirt and mulch is intended for a future use with the grant work.
5. **Maple Grove Property & Nature Preserve:** MSU Drone research project is under way. 4-5 markers at west end of property and marker on sidewalk. Updated maps that show the elevation, monitoring erosion. Could potentially be useful for risk assessment of potential future land loss.

Discussion about the mowing, looks good. A few branches that need to be trimmed on the path, low hanging 2-3 on the south trail.

Shore Klear is preferred to use because it is the only herbicide approved by the U.S. EPA. Paul didn't want to spread the mulch because it could cover hazards. Dirt piles were donated to us by the city road commission, potential use for the grant project and needs to backfill tree holes or leveling area. Decision was made to haul off the mulch and/or spread it out to prevent combustion concerns.

Discussion about trees around parking lot. Now that trees are cut down, there is minimal shade in the Maple Grove parking area. Shade is a draw of the park. Heidi proposed planting new trees, specifically sycamores. September or October, get quotes on the size and volume. Don suggested a smaller diameter to start because they grow in diameter faster. Don to bring quotes for the next meeting, bids for 2" tree and 4" sycamores. Decision to be made at September meeting.

Board approved 2 grills, need to discuss how to install concrete pad. Paul to purchase them. Deb to look into the 4'x4' pads and posts and get bids. She will send email to the group with this info.

Bathrooms needed servicing, no TP. Should be getting serviced 2x a week.

Put fencing on hold until we learn more from MSU study.

6. **First Street property:** Manhole cover is now exposed. Concerns about a sinkhole, but it was the actual manhole cover. Paul reported to City, they fixed the issue. Trees look good, growing nicely, grass cut.

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Parking area near bike rack were swept. Trees need to be trimmed on path, Paul to talk to Karen about this. Paul to look into the pavers and stakes. Post at end of stairway is removed.

7. **Miami Park:** Debbie reported that neighbor put up their own fencing, some of the fencing is on park property. Neighbors are complaining about the fencing. About 7 people have asked. Recommend to the board that the neighbor takes the fencing down. Board meeting next Monday. Heidi to send notes tonight.
8. **Board Update:** Board approved the purchase of the grill. Erosion control committee meeting was held, but there was not enough people to have a quorum and not enough public present.
9. **Round Table:** Paul –noting; Don – to start clearing between the two parks to eradicate the scrub brush; Super – nothing; Heidi – nothing; Weaver – none; Kelly – grant update should be coming next meeting, QR code survey linked to Survey Monkey, Heidi can do this, Paul needs a communication plan for this. Litts – Grant still waiting, site plans were sent for review.
10. **Adjournment:** Super motion to adjourn. 2nd by Heidi. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 at 7:00pm at Casco Township Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Heidi Frasure