

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 14th, 2024

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 7:09pm.
Committee members present: Andy Litts, Paul Macyauski, Debbie Weaver, Don Kuick, Libby Catt, Matt Super, and Kelly Hecker
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved by all.
3. **Approval of the July 9th, 2024 Minutes:** Don motioned to approve minutes. Supported by Kelly. Minutes reviewed and approved by all.
4. **Correspondence received:** None
5. **Public Comment:** None present
6. **First Street:** Paul will contact Brian Ridley to request he clear weeds from paver bricks and fence and tidy the area around the entrance and bike rack.
7. **Maple Grove Property:** Bathroom is set. Plumbing started inside. Building was not ordered to Michigan Code so contractor is working on needed modifications and getting the electrical box mounted. We will request that he take up the landscape netting before project is finished. The septic tank & field are finished. Discussion of landscaping ideas to improve appearance.
8. **Nature Preserve:** Committee walked the park. Chuck holes are still present between paved and gravel parking areas. These need to be filled. Cracks in paved path will be repaired in spring.

Trees to be cut down are marked. Committee identified additional trees that are posing hazards. Big maple on north loop is dead and arching over the walk path. Between new driveway and Blue Star Hwy, there is a large broken branch suspended between two trees that needs to be taken down.

Don suggested 0.1 mile markers be placed along the path. Committee will revisit this suggestion.

Committee again discussed need for maintenance throughout the nature preserve. A few committee members were displeased with the current appearance. Prior parks employee did much of the appreciated maintenance and upkeep. Expectations need to be communicated with the current employee. A task list will be presented as was done in 2021. Committee would like 18-24" mowed border maintained on either side of walking path after daffodils die back in the spring. Peninsula should be mowed before Memorial Day and after Columbus Day. Kelly will bring task list for committee to review.

We need to create a maintenance schedule and budget to manage growth in the park. Kelly will bring calendar to September meeting.

APPROVED

Motion: Paul motioned for a recommendation be made to the board for \$500 to order flower bulbs to plant this fall. Support by Kelly. Committee discussed species to be planted. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

9. **Township Hall:** Is the pickleball net being used? No one on our committee is seeing it used. Will plan to take down the net by the start of November for election day parking and the winter season.

10. **Board Update:** Bathroom at Maple Grove is set.

11. **Round Table:** Andy – none. Don – none. Libby – none. Debbie – none. Kelly –none. Paul – none. Matt – none.

12. **Adjournment:** Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting date to be determined - either will be Monday, September 9th or Wednesday, September 11th, 2024 at 7:00pm at Casco Township Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Kelly Hecker