

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2024

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.
Committee members present: Andy Litts, Matt Super, Debbie Weaver, Don Kuick, Paul Macyauski, Libby Catt and Kelly Hecker
2. **Approval of Agenda-** all approve of agenda
3. **Approval of the December 12th, 2023 Minutes:** Kelly motioned to approve December meeting minutes. Matt support. Discussion involved edits to minutes. All in favor of approving minutes.
4. **Correspondence received:** None
5. **Public Comment:** None.
6. **Elections:** Debbie proposed that the current officers maintain their positions. Matt supported motion.
2024 Nominations for the Casco Township Parks & Recreation Committee are as follows:
 - *Andy Litts for committee chair.*
 - *Debbie Weaver for Vice Chair.*
 - *Kelly Hecker for Secretary.*

Roll call vote: Litts – yes. Macyauski – yes. Hecker – yes. Weaver – yes. Kuick – yes. Super – yes. Catt – not present.
7. **First Street:** Dappled willows spreading. Will cut back in the spring.
8. **Maple Grove Property:** there was confusion about above ground vs underground electrical service. Will wait for Consumers Energy to install underground service in the spring when the rate for install is lower. Currently, there is no bathroom in place requiring the electrical service. Paul heard from Dylan after a meeting with all contractors, revealing confusion. Consumers will be removing existing electrical poles. Davis Landscaping has been installing concrete work and will continue installing concrete pathways. The township is buying the bathroom directly for the vendor in order to stay within budget. The application for the proposed septic system design was denied by the county health department. The septic system is being redesigned.
9. **Nature Preserve:** Don brought attention to 2 trees west of the new sidewalk that are leaning and should be cut. Reviewed Don's list of suggested tree species to be planted.

How do we keep track of the trees we owe to the park?

Debbie informed that the garbage can was overflowing. Libby said they were full after New Years too. Paul requested Haven Maid to take care of the trash on a weekly basis/ as needed. New township employee will be taking over park maintenance duties. Brian Ridley is new mower for the township. Karen has retired.

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10. **Township Hall:** no update.

11. **Board Update:** Brian Ridley is new lawn maintenance person for the parks. Township also hired a new sexton.

12. **Round Table:** Andy – none. Matt – the Maple Grove park project is a waste of money until we fix the bluff. Conversation about getting more bids and ideas for stabilizing bluff and getting access to the beach. Don – none. Libby – none. Debbie – none. Paul – none. Kelly – none.

13. **Adjournment:** Adjourned at 8:11pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 at 7:00pm at Casco Township Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Kelly Hecker