

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
June 14, 2016

Final

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Those Committee members present were Bruce Brandon, John Johnson, Josiah Jessup, Johanan Jessup, Sandra Warren, Pam Blough, Consultant and Kathy Brandon, recording secretary. Absent were Clay Greifendorf and Ron Seiler. Public present were Doug Nickerson, Priscilla Massey, Kathy Watt and Bill Watt.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Bruce has 2 items to add under number 11 Nature Preserve, will be item c and d. No other Additions to the Agenda.
3. **Correspondence received:** None
4. **Public Comments:** None at this time.
5. **Approval and review of May 12, 2016 minutes:** After corrections were made, a motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Sandra Warren, 2nd by Johanan Jessup. Approved by all.
6. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** Bruce went to their website and stated that the funding for the Blue Star Pathway has been moved to the north end of the Pathway. This was done because they were not able to obtain all of the easements needed.
7. **Friends of the Nature Preserve:** None
8. **Miami Park Beach Property:** a. Several of the residents have formed an informal group to work with Casco Township Parks to mitigate the erosion of the bluff in Miami Park. Spring growth on the bluff is returning, no cedar seedlings seen. Privet looks good. Bruce will recommend to the board that they move forward with replacement and erosion plantings.
b. Signage for the bluff was discussed at length, wording and design. The number of signs to be determined. Bruce will take the wording and design to the Township Board.
9. **Township Hall Parking Lot Project:** The pavement has been completed and painted. Everyone agreed that it looks great.
10. **First Street access:** None
11. **Nature Preserve:**
 - a. Parking Lot Construction Update: One bid was received, extremely high and rejected. It will go out for bid again and may possibly be done "in house".
 - b. Stairway repair is out for bid.
 - c. Invasive Species discussion: tabled
 - d. Request to be receptive of setting up a free library in the parking lot of the Preserve. The Committee agreed it was not the proper place for it in the Preserve. Perhaps a better place would be at the Township Hall. Bruce will make that recommendation to the Board.
12. **Township Website Update:** Kathy Stanton is updating with new software.

13. **August Parks Millage Renewal on the ballot:** Just a reminder to the Committee that our Parks millage is up for renewal. The Election will be held August 3, 2016.
14. **Update from the Township Board Representative:** Josiah Jessup informed the Committee that he will be joining the U.S. Army in July. The Committee wished him best of luck in his new career and thanked him for his service to the Casco Township.
15. **Committee Member Comments:** John Johnson noted that he had seen week old dog scat in the Preserve. John also said that the water testing samples were coming back very good. John noted that the Maple Grove portion of the Preserve had been mowed including all of the wild Cardinal Flowers. Sandra Warren mentioned that the 2nd annual Casco Mud Run would be held in August 6th at Lake Aresta.
16. **Adjournment:** Josiah Jessup made the motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by John Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

The Next Meeting will be July 12, 2016.

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Kathy Brandon