

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 7:08pm.  
**Committee members present:** Andy Litts, Matt Super, Debbie Weaver, Don Kuick, Paul Macyauski, Libby Catt and Kelly Hecker
2. **Approval of Agenda-** Matt motioned to approve the agenda, supported by Paul. Approved by all.
3. **Approval of the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Minutes:** Matt motioned to approve meeting minutes, support by Debbie. Kelly pointed out some needed edits. All in favor of approving minutes as edited.
4. **Correspondence received:** None
5. **Public Comment:** None.
6. **First Street:** Debbie drove by. It looks good.
7. **Maple Grove Property:** Discussion about the need for another garbage receptacle closer to the bluff. Committee decided to wait and see how garbage cans are used around new parking area before putting another by the bluff.

Debbie and Paul made plans to install grills.

The restroom has been ordered by the township. Estimated 180 days for arrival. The revised septic system plan and application have been approved by the health department. Alan Overhiser met with Consumer's Energy to adjust easement for underground electrical service which will be installed in the spring. Paul reports that Davis Landscaping doing a fine job of keeping the area tidy while working on the project.

8. **Nature Preserve:** Don removed a dead tree. He also noted root damage to asphalt in a couple of spots that will need attention in the next few years.

The committee debated about spring cleanup along the pathway and need for powerbrooming and power-washing. Andy pointed out the original reason for powerbrooming the walkway was to clear organic material that has fallen over the winter. Paul said in the past they have not gotten as good a "scrub" on the vegetation on either side of the walkway as he would like to see. Don pointed out the early emergence this year of the daffodils planted along the pathway might necessitate an earlier 'spring cleaning'. Andy and Paul debated the need for edging along the pathway to reduce overgrowth onto the asphalt. Paul suggested committee members get quotes to powerwash the concrete paths, signs, picnic tables, steel structure. Compton's did it last year and did a good job.

9. **Park Ordinance Review:** The group reviewed township's park ordinance section by section.

APPROVED

There was discussion and agreement of the need to post signs summarizing and referencing “Casco Township Ordinance. Section 6. Fires.” next to any grills that would be installed in the future in the township parks.

**Motion for text amendment:** Paul motioned that we make a recommendation to the township board for acceptance of the following text amendments to the park ordinance. Motion was supported by Don.

Amend Section 8 to read as follows.

*“Section 8. Pets.*

- a. A pet is defined as any animal that is under or intended to be under the custody or control of a person.*
- b. All pets must be on a leash no greater than six feet in length and under the immediate control of a competent person.*
- c. Pets in public parks shall remain on designated pathways.*
- d. Horses and ponies are not allowed in any public park.*
- e. Pets are not allowed on beaches from May 1 through September 30 each year.*
- f. All pet litter shall be picked up, bagged, and disposed of in a litter container or removed from the public park.”*

Omit *“Section 26. Winter Sports.”*

**Vote roll call:** Litts – yes. Macyauski – yes. Hecker – yes. Catt – yes. Kuick – yes. Super – abstained. Weaver – yes. Yes: 6. Abstained: 1. **Motion carries.**

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

11. **Board Update:** Brian Ridley is a new hire for the township. His role is lawncare at parks, township hall, and cemetery. He will also be keeping up on the refuse containers. Paul would also like him to keep the grassy area between the split rail fence and road mown.

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

13. **Adjournment:** Adjourned at 8:22pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00pm at Casco Township Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Hecker