

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

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:04pm.
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 August 14th, 2024 Minutes:** Paul motioned to approve minutes. Supported by Debbie. Minutes reviewed. Discussion about the confusion on the date of this meeting. Meeting date and location needs to be published as meetings are open to public. Minutes approved by all.
4. **Correspondence received:** Don was informed by a resident that there are poisonous plants in Nature Preserve/Maple Grove park. Debbie was informed that there are moth webs at the entrance to the Nature Preserve.
5. **Public Comment:** None present
6. **First Street:** Paul reports that 1st street park is cleaned up and looks good after having a good talk with Brian Ridley.
7. **Maple Grove Property:** Paul has been in touch with the contractor and has requested that the concrete work be finished timely.

Committee walked the park. Electrical meter has been mounted on the bathroom. Consumer's Power will be notified when they can come in to do their work.

The string line for placement of a split-rail fence along the bluff was adjusted to increase set-back from bluff edge for safety.

The brush and small trees growing along the bluff need to be trimmed/hedged to improve view of the lake but leaving the root systems will help to stabilize the soil and slow erosion.

Don suggested that in the future, the committee should specify use of jute landscape netting as it is biodegradable and does not need to be removed.

Debbie is working with landscaping contractor(s) on a concept for beach access.

The committee is displeased by the lack of oversight and involvement from Pam Blough & Associates on this project.

8. **Nature Preserve:** The board has approved money for removal of dying/dead trees and limbs. Tree service will be coming in to remove by the end of the year.

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There are still chuck holes between the paved and gravel parking areas. Paul will present our motion from July's committee meeting to the board for approval to fill these potholes.

Paul suggested we start getting quotes for repair of the cracks on the paved walking path. This work will need to be started and completed in the spring.

Committee reviewed and edited the parks safety & maintenance checklist for the preserve. Paul will present the edited checklist to the board and review it with Allan Overhiser and Brian Ridley.

9. **Township Hall:** Don witnessed a family using the pickleball court. Meeting tonight at the township hall regarding possible renovation.

10. **Board Update:**

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

12. **Adjournment:** Adjourned at 6:56pm.

Next meeting date set for Monday, October 7th, 2024 at 7:00pm at Casco Township Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Kelly Hecker