

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 11th, 2024

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 7:07pm.
Committee members present: Andy Litts, Debbie Weaver, Don Kuick, Libby Catt and Kelly Hecker
Members absent: Matt Super, Paul Macyauski
2. **Approval of Agenda-** Approved by all.
3. **Approval of the May 14th, 2024 Minutes:** Andy reviewed the minutes with the committee. Kelly motioned to approve minutes. 2nd by Debbie. Discussion about edits. Minutes with edits approved by all.
4. **Correspondence received:** None
5. **Public Comment:** None.
6. **First Street:** Previous discussion of need for ant control using “Seven” or diazinon between the bricks. Debbie, Libby, and Kelly will go treat on 6/12/24.
7. **Maple Grove Property:** Ship date for bathroom is now July 6th. Anticipate it will arrive mid-July. Consumers Energy on standby for electrical hookup.

Township board approved money for fencing along bluff. Salvageable old fencing will be brought up to fix fencing along road.
8. **Nature Preserve:** Don presented a bid received for removal of 8 trees. \$2750 from Fleming’s Tree Service LLC. Do we need to review our budget? Prioritize safety. If the trees are a threat to public safety, then the work must be done.

Motion: Debbie motioned to recommend that the township board approve the bid submitted. Motion supported by Andy. Don stated that the trees to be removed are marked with pink line on north side of tree. All members in favor of the recommendation. **Motion passed.**

Don presented need for invasive/ aggressive weed control and clearing, estimated at \$3000. Don recommended a budget of \$5,000-10,000/year for new trees to replace fallen and removed trees. Also the Fall bulb catalogs are out. At July meeting, committee will review budget and evaluate budget allowance for tree replacement and a fall bulb planting.
9. **Township Hall:** No update.
10. **Board Update:** No update.
11. **Round Table:** Andy – none. Don – none. Libby – what happened with extra money from ARPA? Debbie – none. Kelly – in July, the committee should review our expenses from the 2023-2024 fiscal year and plan the budget for 2024-2025.

APPROVED

12. **Adjournment:** Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 9th, 2024 at 7:00pm at Casco Nature Preserve unless it is raining in which case we will meet at the township hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Kelly Hecker