

**Casco Township Parks & Recreation Committee**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 8, 2015**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Bruce Brandon called the meeting to order at 7pm. Bruce welcomed new Committee Member Clay Greiffendorf. Those present were: Bruce Brandon, John Johnson, Josiah Jessup, Johanan Jessup, Ron Seiler, Clay Greiffendorf, Pam Blough Consultant and Kathy Brandon recording secretary. Absent: Sandra Warren.
- 2. Approval of the agenda:** Agenda approved
- 3. Correspondence Received:** none
- 4. Public Comments:** none
- 5. Review and approval of the Nov. 10, 2015 minutes:** A motion was made by John to accept the minutes as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johanan, minutes approved by all.
- 6. Review of the revised 2016 Calendar:** A motion was made by Johanan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josiah to accept the revised calendar. Approved by all.
- 7. The Committee Member Roster was updated.**
- 8. Blue Star Pathway Update:** None. The only information available is on their website, which Bruce shared with the Committee.
- 9. Friends of the Nature Preserve:** Nothing to report.
- 10. Glenn Shores-Ferndale Road End Volunteer Clean up:** Bruce and Pam presented the Groups plan to the Township Board and they were receptive of the project.
- 11. Miami Park Beach Property Tree Removal:** After much discussion, a motion was made. Ron made a motion that this Committee recommend to the Township Board that all vegetation that was removed be replaced. Further, that vegetation be replaced in a manner that allows the bluff to be destabilized with similar growth trees, 2 to 3 feet with a maximum 2 gal. Containers. Further, the amount of replanting should be equal the amount removed. This motion was seconded by Clay and approved by all.

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**a. Clay made a motion** that this Committee recommend to the Township Board that a “line and corner “ survey as well as down the hillside to establish a sight line of approximately 8 stakes, as well as signage noting that the property is public owned by Casco Township. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by John and approved by all.

**Township Hall property-parking lot update:** Pam presented the parking lot plans to the Township Board and they approved them. A motion was made by Johanan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josiah to accept the parking lot designs, approved by all.

**12. First Street Stairs:** None**13. Casco Township Nature Preserve Operation and Maintenance:**

- a. Funding source signage:** Bruce is working on this.
- b. Stair review and repair:** Spring project
- c. Snow plowing:** will be done in the parking lot only
- d. New Dog/Rules/Signs/Equipment:** Bruce stated that that the dog owners were being responsible, no evidence of misuse along the trail.
- e. New Plantings Maintenance:** Spring, no discussion
- f. Property Line signage:** no discussion

**14. Nature Preserve Parking Lot Grant Project Update:** The contract has been received and signed. Pam and Allan will meet with the MDEQ staff on Dec. 21, 2015 before the regular December Board meeting. The design drawings have been updated. One interpretive sign will also be needed. It will be a gravel parking lot and bids for the project will go out after the first part of 2016. A motion was made by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johanan to move forward with the Preserve Parking Lot Project. This motion was approved by all.

**15. Invasive Species:** A meeting is scheduled Dec. 9, 2015 at 10 am in the Allegan Soil Conservation Office. Bruce and Clay will be attending.

**17. Park Maintenance Checklist:** no discussion

**18. Update from the Township Board Representative:** Josiah updated the committee that our Township Patrol Officer Kurt Katje will be off the next 2 weeks. There will be a replacement officer. There was a request to reseal Columbine Road.

**19. Committee Member Comments:** Bruce reported that the Gazebo parts arrived and that it will be put up soon.

**20. There was a motion made by Josiah, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johanan to adjourn the meeting.** This motion was approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

