

Casco Township Park & Recreation Committee
April 14, 2015

1. **Roll call and Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Those present were: Bruce Brandon, Pam Blough, Louis Howerton, Sandra Warren, John Johnson, Josiah Jessup, Johanan Jessup and Kathy Brandon. Absent: none
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was amended and approved.
3. **Review and Approval of the March 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by Louie to accept the March 11, 2015 as corrected. This motion approved by all.
4. **Correspondence:** none
5. **Public comments:** none present
6. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** Bruce does not have anything to report. There is a meeting scheduled for April 21, 2015 concerning a Blue Star cycling event, Bruce will be attending this meeting.
7. **West Side County Park Project Update:** Bruce commented that the project is underway, the project will be done in three phases with this first phase completed by July 1, 2015.
8. **Friends of the Nature Preserve update:** There is a cleanup date set for May 16, 2015. The Committee will have a list of projects for the Friends Group. Advertising for this project will on the County website.
- 8b. **Sea Grants:** John received a call from Michigan Sea Grant Representative, Elizabeth LaPorte. She was looking for municipalities who may be looking for water safety equipment. A motion was made by John, 2nd by Josiah, approved by all that Bruce and Pam take this information to the next Township Board meeting for their consideration.
9. **Review of Revisions to Parks Ordinance:** Pam forwarded the revisions to the Township Attorney for his recommendations and approval. Louie made a motion accept the lawyer's rendition of the Park Ordinance and to recommend to the Casco Board, these Park Amendment Ordinance changes. Motion 2nd by Johanan and agreed by all. Bruce recommended that the Park Ordinance be reviewed yearly.

*see attached recommended Park Ordinance
10. **Casco Township Nature Preserve:**
 - a. **Operation and Maintance:** The Vault toilet hinges still need to be adjusted.
 - b. **CZM parking lot grant application:** no news
 - c. **Funding sources signage at the Preserve:** Bruce has contacted Signs Tomorrow for information.
 - d. **Winter stairway damage:** David Wolfe has been contacted by Pam to repair the hand rail at the Preserve.

11. **1st Street Beach Hand rail and steps Repair:** Bruce has mentioned this to Allan, he suggested they go with Joe to check out any needed repairs.
12. **Anonymous Donation For the Casco Township Nature Preserve-Proposed Plantings:** A motion was made by John to present to the Board our plan to hire DeBest to plant the new white Pine tree and purchase native flowering bushes with the Anonymous donation. This motion was 2nd by Johanan, motion carried. Bruce will also inquire how we go about purchasing other plants and mulch etc.
13. **Update from Township Board Representatives:** Josiah talked about the upcoming election. He also informed the Committee that 64th to 66th Street would receive a sealing and fog coating also 72nd street west to the expressway will received the same. There will be some remodeling of some of the previous State Police space and filing room to include a fire room which would be cheaper than purchasing fireproof cabinets. Douglas Brousseau has passed away and his son, Nathan Brousseau will fill the remaining 5 year contract as Township Accessor.
14. **Committee Member Comments:** John mentioned that there is money available through the Allegan Foundation, which includes a lot of money from Perrigo. It is his understanding that they are looking for Public infrastructure funding that could possibly dovetail with the CZM Grant.
15. **Adjournment:** John made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, 2nd by Johanan, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Kathy Brandon

