

Casco Township Parks & Recreation Committee
August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting

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1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm. Those present were: Bruce Brandon, Pam Blough, John Johnson, Josiah Jessup, Johanan Jessup, Ron Seiler, Sandra Warren, and Kathy Brandon. Absent: Louis Howerton.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Approved
3. **Approval of the June 9, 2015 park meeting minutes.** Motion made by Sandra to approve the June 9, 2015 minutes seconded by Johanan, minutes approved.
Motion made to approve the July 11, 2015 minutes with corrections was made by John, seconded by Josiah, approved by all.
4. **Correspondence received: None**
5. **Public comments:** Georgia (GiGi) Sizemore was present to talk about the Friends of the Nature Preserve Group recruiting new members and projects that they could do. Pam let her know that we were working on a checklist that would be helpful to the Group. Kathy will contact the Web director to include the Friends Group information. She also talked about what, if anything could be done about erosion. Don Kuick was present, no comments however.
6. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** Nothing to report
7. **West Side County Park Project Update:** This part of the project is complete except for the installation of the Gazebo, which will go in after Labor Day. This item will be taken off future agendas.
8. **Friends of the Nature Preserve:** Please see #5 Public comments.
9. **Township Hall Property:** Waiting to see if they are paving the parking lot. We need to have a plan for what we want striped on the pavement. Pam will make up a plan for us to look at for our next meeting.
10. **First Street:** Maintenance suggested by this Committee is in the hands of the Township.
11. **Casco Township Nature Preserve:**
 - a. Operation and Maintenance: The Township Trustees approved the purchase of 3 lifesaving rings and posts for the amount of \$500. Beach cleanup was also discussed.
 - b. CZM parking lot Grant application: The official SHPO letter received. This is a good thing.
 - c. Funding sources signage: Bruce is working on that
 - d. Handrail Repair: The Township is working on an annual maintenance agreement with Oselka Contractors the Company that built the stairway.
 - e. New Dog Rules: Pam stated we need a sign stating the seasonal calendar for dog use. Also need to purchase a removable dog waste bag station. We also need to remove the No Dogs signs.

- g. New Planting Maintenance: Bruce has been watering the new Tree. All but maybe 4 of the small plantings were eaten by critters so next plantings will need more protection.
- h. Water testing results: John reported that all of the test have come back very good.
- i. Property line Signage: Property owner to the south called the Township concerning missing signs. Two Casco Signs, one in the water and one on the water edge were found tonight. Bruce will remove these in the morning right away and place them back on the property line.

- 12. **Invasive Species Discussion:** No information available at this time.
- 13. **Park Maintenance Checklist:** Pam is working on the format.
- 14. **Meeting calendar:** Pam updated the Calendar. Web Calendar is updated as well.
- 15. **Update from Township Board Representative:** Josiah informed us that the Board approved \$500 for the Life Saving rings and posts. Water and Sewer hookups are below expectations. The Township Board renewed its 30 year contract with Consumers Power.
- 16. **Committee Member Comments:** John talked about the problem of dogs in the Park and on the beach. No matter how many signs we put up there will be dogs. Pam talked about people putting up unauthorized signs on top of official signs or other places. Bruce will discuss this at the next Board meeting.
- 17. **Meeting adjourned:** A motion was made by John, seconded by Johanan to adjourn the meeting, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50

The next Park & Recreation Committee Meeting will be September 8, 2015.

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Kathy Brandon