

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2021

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Paul called meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Committee members present in person were Matt Super, Andy Litts, Heidi Frasure (sworn in), Don Kuick, and Paul Macyauski; those present via Zoom: Debbie Weaver, Kelly Hecker (serving as recording secretary), and our guest Pam Blough.
Public Present: none

2. **Nomination and Election of New Officers:**
 - a. **Chairman:** Matt nominated Andy as Chair of the committee, supported by Don & Debbie. Committee approved Unanimously.
 - b. **Vice Chair:** Matt nominated Debbie as Vice Chair, supported by Paul. Committee approved Unanimously.
 - c. **Secretary:** Matt nominated Heidi as Secretary, supported by Don. Committee approved unanimously.

3. **Approval of the Dec. 8, 2020 Minutes:** Matt made a motion to accept the Dec. 8, 2020 minutes as written, Heidi 2nd the motion. Minor typo correction made to date of next meeting. This motion approved by all.

4. **Correspondence received:** None

5. **Public Comments:** None

6. **Maple Grove Property project:** Pam summarized report of project findings and progress. On December 21st, 2020 the township board approved engineering study requested by this committee. Paul provided to committee members copies of report including recently conducted soil borings report.

Splashpads are now permitted by Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), formerly DEQ. There are feasibility concerns for a splashpad based on soil type and available drainage area. Extension of municipal water supply and treatment is unlikely in the foreseeable future. Splashpad is a 'nice to have' but most likely beyond the scope of the project budget.

Committee discussed priorities for development based on community interest, practical use and accessibility. Top priorities include:

- grading of site/ removal of dead trees/ more visually defined drainage gully/ ability to walk from parking area to bluff;
- parking area;

- pavilion/ picnic area;
- flush toilets;
- playground.

Development of the infrastructure should include water supply, septic system, electrical supply.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant materials have not yet been published for 2021; expected by the end of January. That information is needed before grant can be submitted.

Pam will bring cost analysis of project broken down by priority category to next meeting along with grant requirements.

7. **First Street property:** Paul talked with Dylan; getting quote to replace the decking under the stairs to strengthen.
8. **Nature Preserve:** Board has asked a tree service to remove fallen dead trees in parking lot and along road.
9. **Miami Park:** park is much smaller now due to erosion of the bluff and is continuing to erode. Road is closed from Pacific to Miami.
10. **Board Update:** None
11. **Round Table:** SHARA – South Haven Area Recreation Association – current projects at Pilgrim Haven; possible future collaboration; SHARA member may make presentation at a future meeting.
12. **Adjournment:** Matt made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Andy. Meeting adjourned at 8:22.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Kelly Hecker