

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 14th, 2025

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
Committee members present: Don Kuick, Andy Litts, Paul Macyauski, Mary Campbell, Libby Catt, and Kelly Hecker
Committee members absent: Matt Super and Debbie Weaver
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Approval of the December, 2024 Minutes:** Paul motioned to approve last month's meeting minutes. Support by Andy. Discussion of the minutes and edits made. Approved by all.
4. **Nominations:** Paul nominated Andy for Chair, support by Kelly. All in favor. Paul nominated Debbie for vice chair, support by Mary. All in favor. Paul nominated Don for Secretary, Don declined the position. Kelly for Secretary, support by Libby. All in favor.
5. **Correspondence received:** Libby received comment about township parking lot not being plowed. Sidewalk done but not parking lot. Mary will look into this.
6. **Public Comment:** Cheryl Brenner 917 Blue Star Hwy – Leisure Hall was built thru community fundraising and community fundraising would be a good way to raise money for beach access.
7. **First Street:** Paul drove by today. Contractors are parking in street.
8. **Maple Grove Property:** Paul reports getting a quote from Land Resource Engineering for beach access plan. LRE needed a topographical survey. Land Information Systems in Allegan has one. Allan found one. Paul converted to pdf and sent to LRE. Paul asked LRE to hold up because Allan and EGLE rep suggested wetland delineation. LRE will get us a quote to do a wetland delineation hopefully by February. Wetland delineation won't be able to be completed until summer.

Engineered drawing and application for soil erosion and soil containment that will

Andy reported that Allan, Pam Blough, and EGLE representative reviewed Maple Grove progress. The Township is not yet in possession of the signage designated for the project.

Mary reported on potential grants for beach access development. Potential grants through MNRTF and Land & Water Conservation Fund. Corporate grants and community/ crowdsourcing are other possible avenues. Mary emphasized approaching funding from whole project perspective. Kelly said other possible grants include EGLE Michigan Coastal Management Grant and the Allegan Community Grant Foundation.

Need budget/ YTD expenses for parks activities and development. Mary will work on getting this.

February meeting – establish budget; set aside funds for future capital development (beach access).
Need detailed breakdown of accounts for parks.

Need to start planning for park open house in spring.

9. **Nature Preserve:** quote from Fleming's Tree Service. Don cleared part of tree fallen on south path. Libby heard from resident concerned about orange fence. Need to put up split rail fence. Bluff is undercut under south loop path. Is this a safety concern?

Possible planting of beach grass on dune, could get community groups like Boy Scouts or a 4-H group involved.

10. **Township Hall:** South Haven has taken over Senior Services. They will be reconditioning handicap accessibility equipment.

11. **Board Update:** anticipate new discussion on Senior Hall at board meeting next week. South Haven Senior Services is providing meals and exercise classes.

12. **Round Table:** Andy –. Debbie –. Libby – none. Kelly – making sure we see bids on our bigger projects. Will bring maintenance calendar to next meeting. Don – pumping pit toilet. Will have plan for management of parking lot island. Mary – will get budget.

13. **Adjournment:** Adjourned at 8:16pm

Next meeting date set for Tuesday, February 11th, 2024 at 7:00pm at Casco Township Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Kelly Hecker