

Casco Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
May 13, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Bruce Brandon at 7:05 pm. Those committee present were: Louis Howerton, John Johnson, Board Representative Josiah Jessup, Dave Dobreff, Sandra Warren, and Pam Blough, Consultant. Absent was Tom Storr.
2. The Agenda was reviewed and approved with no additions.
3. The April 8, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed, changes were made. Louis Howerton proposed the minutes from April 8, 2014 be accepted with corrections, 2nd by Josiah Jessup, motion approved by all.
4. Correspondence received: Bruce had conversed with Dan Fleming regarding a new sign. This letter was in response to their conversation. The sign he wanted was to recognize those all individuals who contributed To the CTNP for their donations and support. **See attachment:**
5. Public Comment: No public present.
6. Blue Star Pathway update: Update given by Dave Dobreff that the Friends of the Blue Star Pathway had raised the funds needed to qualify for CMAQ funding.
7. Westside County Park Project: Bruce Brandon reported that the County is preparing bids so that they can get started by Aug. or Sept. of this year.
8. Friends of the Nature Preserve Update: Bruce reported that he had been in contact with GiGi who is heading up the group of volunteers. They are ready to start clean-up projects and possibly native to the area plantings.
9. Casco Township Nature Preserve:
 - a. The 2014 MNRTF parking lot grant application was received by the State of Michigan.
 - b. Coastal Management grant project update: Just waiting for the completion of the sidewalk.
 - c. Stairway ribbon cutting ceremony will be held when the project is complete.
 - d. The Casco Board will look over the proposals of “ Beach Rules and Operations” at their next meeting.
 - e. The trees at Maple Grove will be inspected as part of the June 10, 2014 committee meeting to be held at 6 pm.
 - f. Operation and Maintance: The vault toilet door needs a sign on the inside of the door stating “Please Close Door”.
 - g. Signage at the Preserve: Pam brought the sign examples to go over. One change was made and then they will go to the Board for approval. Holland Custom Signs is the company doing our signs.
10. Invasive Species Policy & Vegetative Management: Will be handled by the County Parks manager, Brandy Guilda.
11. Update from our County Board Representative: Josiah updated the Committee on the upcoming millage Proposal concerning Police Coverage for the Township.

- 12.** Committee comments: Dave Dobreff asked Bruce if the Tourist Council had any knowledge of the Blue Star Pathway Project. Bruce said they didn't know very much, so he informed them of the details. Louie wondered if there was a certain compound to remove the joint goop on the stair rail. Pam will check with The builder.
- Sandy commented that she could not find any non-wolmanized wood on the stairway. John stated that all of the balusters were not of wolmanized material. Pam conferred with the builder that "yes", they used all wolmanized wood.
- Bruce will be in Saugatuck for a Paddle Craft Trail way conference next week.
- Sandy also mentioned that The Casco United Methodist Church was having a Memorial Day Program. It will feature a Wounded Warrior speaker, Casco Band and followed by a Potluck. Starts at 12 noon.
- 13.** John Johnson made a motion to adjourn, Louie 2nd that motion, all agreed, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted:
1 attachment
Kathleen Brandon