

Casco Township Park & Recreation Committee Minutes of July 8, 2014 Regular Meeting

1. **Call to order:** This meeting was called to order by Bruce Brandon at 7:04 pm
2. **Roll call:** Those members present were, Bruce Brandon, John Johnson, Josiah Jessup, Dave Dobreff, Tom Storr, Sandra Warren, Pam Blough and recording secretary Kathy Brandon. Absent was Louis Howerton.
3. **Agenda and approval of previous minutes:** The minutes from **the June 10, 2014 Special Meeting** were reviewed, changes and corrections made. John Johnson made a motion that these minutes be approved with changes and corrections, seconded by David Dobreff, motion carried. **Minutes for the Regular June 10, 2014** meeting were reviewed, corrections made. A motion to accept these minutes, with changes was made by John Johnson, seconded by Dave Dobreff, motion carried.
4. **Correspondence:** letter from Cheri Brenner
5. **Public Comments:** none
6. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** David Dobreff informed the Committee of the meeting with the County Board of TRUSTEES. He stated that they wanted more time to look over the project and its cost, and maintaince issues. David did feel that the outcome of the meeting was not negative.
7. **Westside County Park Project:** The project will be put out for bids in August and groundbreaking in October.
8. **Friends of the Nature Preserve:**
Bruce has not heard any news from GiGi Sizemore at this time.
9. **Website Update:** The Casco Township Website is in the process of being newly formatted. So far it looks so much better.
10. **Update from Township Board Representative:** Josiah and Pam gave an update of the Township Annual meeting, held on June 23, 2104. Pam informed the Committee that the Board had decided to pay off the loan of \$130,000 for the Stephan property. This would save the township approximately \$18,000 in interest. The Townships' Budgets were also approved. We do need input from the Board as to how to fulfill the implementation of the individual contribution sign. Bruce will present this to the Board for their input and guidance. There was no real way to tell how the Police Millage will go. Josiah stated that he had heard NO negative comments, which he felt was a positive.
11. **Committee Member Comments:**
John Johnson stated that he had tested the Casco Township Preserve Beach Water and the test came back CLEAN. Testing will be done when funds are available.

David Dobreff wanted to add the Bike trail presentation to the Road commission was very favorable, once certain terms were met, and those terms were met.

Bruce wondered about the ribbon cutting ceremony on Aug. 12, 2014 at 6pm. Pam will check with Cheri for a guest list and check on refreshments. Bruce also noted the The Board clarified that "The Casco Township Nature Preserve" is all One, with the North property being for diverse recreational use.

12. **Rating and making a grid of the trees:** David Lycke, (from Pam's office) along with Pam mapped a grid of all the trees on the north property. They also rated each tree as living, dying, dead. Of the 190 trees, 35 to 40 trees and stumps were identified that need to be removed at some future time.
13. **The Master Plan:** The Committee discussed parking, toilet facilities with water, a pavilion, play area and many other things that could be included in the North Property. These things can be added as Grants become available. Putting together a basic plan, where facilities can be added in the future is a main goal. Pam will have this revised Master Plan on paper for the next meeting. The dead fall will need to be cleaned out and the tall grass mowed as soon as possible.
14. **A motion to adjourn** was made by Dave and 2nd by Tom. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Minutes by: Kathy Brandon
Park Committee secretary