

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
February 9, 2016

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by Bruce at 7:04 pm. Those Committee members present were: Bruce Brandon, Clay Greiffendorf, John Johnson, Sandra Warren, Pam Blough, Consultant and Kathy Brandon recording secretary.
2. **Reappointment** of Bruce Brandon as Chair, and Johanan Jessup as Committee Member was approved by the Board for 2016.
3. **Election of Officers:** Sandra made a motion that Bruce be the Chairperson, Clay be the Vice Chair and John be the secretary. This motion was 2nd by John and motion carried.
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved with no additions.
5. **Correspondence Received:** Bruce received correspondence from Georgine Sizemore, this correspondence discussed and was referred on to Allan.
6. **Public Comments:** No public present.
7. **Review and Approval of the December 8, 2015 minutes:** Dec. 8, 2015 minutes were corrected and approved. John made a motion to approve the minutes of Dec. 8, 2015, motion 2nd by Clay, motion carried.
8. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** refer to the Website information
9. **Friends of the Nature Preserve Update:** nothing to report. Spring Cleanup will be scheduled for May 2016.
10. **Glen Shores-Ferndale Road End Volunteer Clean Up:** Spring cleanup will be scheduled.
11. **Miami Park Beach Property:**
 - a. **Tree Removal:** Bruce and Clay measured 426 inches of stump/67 trees of 2 inches or more were cut down.
 - b. **Property Corner Identification:** Miami Park residents will be invited to a Committee Meeting to discuss maintenance of the bluff on the west side of the road. The Board approved a survey of the corner and the bluff area. Township property will be identified and marked. The Board also charged Pam with coming up with a retribution plan.
12. **Township Hall Property-Parking Lot:** Ready to Bid
13. **First Street Stairs:** None
14. **Nature Preserve Parking Lot Grant Project Update:** Pam reported that the bids will go out for this project in March 2016. The Committee will need 1 additional interpretive sign for this area.
15. **Casco Township Nature Preserve Operation & Maintenance:** The Township has a contract for Maintenance with the builder of the stairs, Oselka Builders. Routine maintenance needed will be checked in the spring.

16. **Invasive Species:** Bruce and Clay gave an update on the meeting they attended on Dec. 9, 2015. This update offered information on what they could do for our Nature Preserve. A survey can be done which would include all plants that are considered most invasive to least invasive. They could also help with removal of the most invasive at a cost of \$80.00 for 2 men per hour. The actual survey is free. They were given a list of all of the invasives.
17. **Park Maintenance Checklist:** none
18. **Update from the Township Board Representative:** Josiah was not present.
19. **Committee Member Comments:** Sandy mentioned that the Allegan County Conservation Club Tree and shrub Sale list was available on their website. There were no other comments.
20. A motion was made by John, seconded by Clay that this meeting be adjourned. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

The Next meeting will be held March 8, 2016.

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Kathy Brandon