

Casco Township Parks & Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2015

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Bruce Brandon at 7:10 pm. Present committee members were: Bruce Brandon, John Johnson, Josiah Jessup, Johanan Jessup, Ron Seiler, Sandra Warren, Pam Blough, Consultant and recording secretary Kathy Brandon. Absent was Louis Howerton
2. **The Agenda** was approved.
3. **Review of the September 8, 2015 meeting minutes.** A motion by Ron and a second from John was made to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
4. **Correspondence Received:** One phone call was received by Bruce about dogs on the beach off leash.
5. **Public Comments:** No public present.
6. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** No formal news.
7. **Friends of the Nature Preserve Update:** It was felt by Pam and Bruce as well as John that professional pruning be done around the stairs and viewing area. This will be relayed to the Board.
8. **Township Hall property parking lot:** Pam had the design drawings. All Committee Members thought they looked very good. Next the designs will go to Allan and then to the Board for their input and then back to this Committee for a Motion. This will be a spring, 2016 project.
9. **First Street:** The stairs to the beach were power washed and looked good.
10. **Nature Preserve Parking Lot:** The Committee reviewed the design and grant. The Grant Contract has not been signed as of this date. This project will also get started in the spring of 2016.
11. **Casco Township Nature Preserve Operation and Maintenance:**
 - a. Funding source signage: The Board has allowed the Committee to spend whatever it takes to get the sign completed.
 - b. Handrail repair: This is not done yet, we do, however have a maintenance contract with the builder.
 - c. New dog signs have been approved by the Board for purchase. Bruce will duct tape over the “no dogs allowed” that are posted right now.
 - d. The new White Pine tree looks good.
 - e. Property Signage was approved for purchase by the Board.

- 12. Invasive Species- meeting:** Bruce and other committee members who want, can attend the meeting with the "Invasive Species Strike Team". Through the Conservation District of Allegan County. This meeting will be held on November 13, 2015 at 10 am. in the office of Justin Burchette on Lincoln Road.
- 13. Park Maintenance Checklist:** Final completed.
- 14. Township Board Representative update:** Paving of North Shore Dr. to Blue Star will be done. Updating of the North Shore Drain bids came in way over budget. That project will be put on hold.
- 15. Committee Member Comments:** Sandy had an article from the Grand Rapids Press concerning grants for butterfly habitats. In Michigan, nearly \$120,000 will be used to enhance the Monarch Butterfly Habitat in the Hiawatha National Forest.
Bruce told the Committee about the City of South Haven allowing Golf Carts on the roads this summer within the city limits.
Pam mentioned that we will also need one additional interpretive sign to create.
- 16.** A motion was made by John to adjourn, seconded by Josiah, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The Next Meeting Will be Held November 10, 2015

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Kathy Brandon

