

**Casco Township Parks & Recreation Committee**  
**Regular meeting**  
**August 9, 2016**

The CTPRC met at 5:30 pm at the Miami Beach Park Bluff on Lakeshore Drive to stake locations for future plantings. The Regular meeting followed.

1. **Call to Order and Roll call:** Those present tonight were: Bruce Brandon, Clay Greiffendorf, John Johnson (at the Bluff only), Ron Seiler, Sandra Warren. Pam Blough and Kathleen Brandon.  
Absent: Johanan Jessup  
The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm
2. **The Agenda** was approved.
3. **Correspondence Received:** Bruce received a call from a Ms. Hoodock who had previously owned the Maple Grove Property. She wanted to be updated on the property and house that were there. Also let Bruce know that her Grandfather had planted the maple trees there. A couple from Otsego came by the Township Office and let Janet know how nice they thought the Nature Preserve was.
4. **Public Comments:** No Comment. Rachel Ridley present
5. **Approval of the July 12, 2016 minutes:** Committee reviewed the July minutes. Ron made a motion to accept the Jul minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy, minutes approved.
6. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** None
7. **Friends of the Nature Preserve:** A friends group of 4 to 5 people volunteered to trim and clean up the pathways. The Board had approved Dan Fleming to do the trimming of the viewing areas and that has been completed.
8. **Miami Park Beach Property:**
  - a. Installation of signs: The sign proofs arrived and were not what the Committee approved, so Pam rejected them and had them redone.
  - b. Proposed Plantings: 19 stakes were placed for the planting of Native Eastern Red Cedar. This is the recommendation of the Committee to the Township Board.
9. **Township Hall Property:** Referred to being a spring 2017 project.
10. **First Street Stair access:** Bruce reported that it is in good useable shape. It will need attention in the spring.
11. **Nature Preserve:**
  - a. CZM Staff Site visit went very well, they were very complimentary of the stair installation.
  - b. The Parking Lot Construction is coming along, a couple of Ash trees were removed.
  - c. Interpretive sign and Funding source sign will be ordered.
  - d. Invasive species will be on future ongoing discussions.
12. **Park Millage Renewal was passed by a 69% approval.**
13. We have no Township Board Representative at this time.

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14. **Committee Member Comments:** Sandy reported that the Lake Arvesta Mud Run was a success this year. She also recommended that the Committee get started reviewing the "Five Year Park & Rec. Plan. This will be added to the next agenda.
15. Clay made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kathleen Brandon

