

**Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee  
Regular Meeting  
March 11, 2014**

- 1. Call to order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Chair Bruce Brandon. Those also present were: Josiah Jessup, Dave Dobreff, Tom Storr, Sandra Warren, Pam Blough and Kathy Brandon.
- 2. Agenda Approval:** The agenda was approved.
- 3. The Minutes from February 4, 2014.** Sandra made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Tom, motion carried.
- 4. Correspondence:** None
- 5. Public Comment:** None present.
- 6. Follow up to the SHAES presentation** at the 02-04-2014 meeting. While the sample proposal had merit, the committee all agreed that funding for this Water Safety Flag project was not available at this time.
- 7. The Annual Planning Commission** meeting was held on 02-08-2014. Pam made the Parks and Recreation presentation to the Planning Commission and it was very well received with positive input by all the board members.
- 8. Friends of the Nature Preserve Update:** Bruce will touch base with GiGi before the next meeting. No other updates.
- 9. Blue Star Pathway Update:** Dave reported that the only news he knew of was that the Group had joined the South Haven Chamber of Commerce. Sandra also reported that Jeanne VanZoren made a presentation to the Planning Commission that was well received. Pam reported that Allan Overhiser had written the Friends Group a letter of support for the Blue Star Pathway.
- 10. West Side County Park Project Update:** Bruce had no new information.
- 11. Casco Township Nature Preserve:**
  - a.** Pam presented the Total Committee a Resolution and a Site Plan for more parking. Allan felt the Township could allocate the \$26,000 or 25% match for parking. Sandra stated that we should put in a woodchip path from the proposed new parking lot to the stairway to the beach. This path could be done by the Friends Group and/or volunteers. This is not in our Master Plan, and would not be included in the Grant. We do need to think about this and let the Board know about this.
  - We Have a Resolution:** A motion was made by David and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom to accept the Resolution of support by the Committee for the MNRTF Grant as corrected. A roll Call vote was taken and approved to apply for the parking grant.
  - b. Coastal Management Grant Project Update:** The stairway is complete except for some minor finishing details.  
The interpretive signage is due in next week. The bench has been delivered. A Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Stairway will need to be scheduled at the next meeting.
  - c.** Funding source cast sign was discussed. We need a comparable sign to the one we have, no smaller. Pam and others will do more research. More information is also needed for the installation of solar lights and /or phone in case of emergency. This discussion was tabled to gather more information for next meeting.

**d. Maple Grove** tree inspection will take place in June.

**e. Operation and Maintenance:** Mowing of the grove was discussed, also a woodchip path to the beach was discussed.

**f. Signage at the Preserve:** Pam has the property line signs, beach access, beach rules and “no bike” signage to bid.

**12. Invasive Species & Vegetative Management-Allegan County:** None

**13. Township Board Rep. Update:** Josiah talked about Police coverage for the Township.

**14. Member Comments:** Judy Graff sent in articles to Pam concerning future park projects in South Haven area. Pam also stated that she needed letters of support for the parking Grant.

**15.** Dave made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom, all in favor. This meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Minutes submitted by Kathleen Brandon