

Casco Township Parks and Recreation Committee

Regular Meeting

February 4, 2014

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm on 02/04/2014. Those present were: Bruce Brandon, Sandra Warren, Louis Howerton, David Dobreff, and Pam Blough.
2. **Agenda:** The regular meeting agenda was amended for a speaker.

Ronald Wise, Executive Director of South Haven Area Emergency Services (SHAES), gave a presentation regarding Park and Beach Operations. This presentation lasted a total of 46 minutes and included a draft proposal for providing such service on our Casco Township beach.
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** January 14, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed and changes were made. The minutes from December 10, 2013 were reviewed and changes were made. A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by David to approve both the January and December minutes with changes. Motion approved by unanimous vote.
4. **Blue Star Pathway Update:** David contributed information that the Allegan County Parks Commission had added a statement to the County Master Plan in support of the Blue Star Pathway.
5. **Casco Township Nature Preserve:** Pam added that the Township did approve the bench and signage. Signs are coming in and changes are being made. They will go to the sign Committee for approval. The bench will be ordered within the week. Our logo will be included on all the signage.
A quarterly report was submitted to the Coastal Zone Management so we should begin getting reimbursements to the Township.
6. **Comments:** Bruce gave information to the Committee Members about the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Conference that he attended.
He also added that the West Side County Park received a Phase I grant to improve the stairway, parking, and pavilions.
Discussion was had by all concerning the information provided by Ronald Wise. This discussion included the use of the beach flag warning system, life jackets, life rings, call box etc.
7. **Adjournment:** A motion was mad by Louis and seconded by David that this meeting be adjourned. Motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Minutes submitted: Kathy Brandon