

Minutes
Cascade Charter Township
Parks Committee Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 2023
8:00 A.M.
5920 Tahoe Dr

- ARTICLE 1.** Chair Wanty called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.
Members Present: Chair Ginny Wanty, Mike Reese, Supervisor Grace Lesperance, Joe Engel, Eileen Boekestein
Members Absent: Matt Douglas
Others Present: Parks Director Melanie Manion and others listed on the sign-in sheet
- ARTICLE 2. Approve the current Agenda**
Motion was made by Member Engel to approve the current agenda with the removal of Article 3. Supported by Supervisor Lesperance. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- ARTICLE 3. Approve the Minutes of the May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting**
This portion of the meeting was removed from the agenda.
- ARTICLE 4. Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak to non-agenda items**
There was no one that wished to speak
- ARTICLE 5. Park Director Report – Melanie Manion, new Parks and Recreation Director**
Parks Director Manion gave a brief overview of the parks and will discuss more in detail at the June 20, 2023, regular meeting.
- ARTICLE 6. Review and Discuss Cascade Recreation Park Improvements**
Parks Director Manion created a list for the committee to select their individual priorities for park maintenance, landscaping, dog park add-ons, field/courts, and infrastructure. During the next regularly scheduled meeting Parks Director Manion will share the finalized priority list developed by committee members.

Other items discussed included adding Wifi, cameras, and extra lighting to Cascade Rec Park. Tassel Park requires some upgrades and cleaning as well.
- ARTICLE 7. Old Business**
There was no old business to discuss.
- ARTICLE 8. Any Other Business**
Chair Wanty advised the committee to review the Wycliffe Trailhead Park concept before the next meeting.

A member of the Thornapple River Watershed Council is attending the next meeting.

Supervisor Lesperance mentioned the large stone at Westdale Memorial Park that won't hold the plaque. She wondered if the rock could be moved since it is covered in glue.

ARTICLE 9. Public Comment

There was no one who wished to speak.

ARTICLE 10. Adjournment

Motion was made by Member Engel to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Member Boekestein. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Engel, Secretary