

Cascade Township Parks Committee
November 20, 2018
Minutes

Community Development Director Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Members Present: Dawn McDonald, Alan Rowland, Sara Homeyer
Supervisor Beahan, Economic Development/DDA Director Korhorn.

Article 1. Discussion to purchase of 9155 Cascade Rd.

Peterson informed the group that the Cascade /Ada Soccer Association is talking about selling the property they own at 9155 Cascade Rd. Ada Bible Church who sold the property to them has the rights to buy it back. Ada Bible has indicated that they would be willing to sell the property to the Township. After much discussion the parks committee decided not to recommend the purchase of the property for the following reasons.

1. They would like to concentrate the efforts on smaller neighborhood parks
2. Would like to see property purchased where it will provide a gathering place for local community
3. Would prefer township to purchase property along Thornapple River consistent with long term plans
4. The larger acreage park was seen as something on a more regional scale
5. Would prefer property south of I-96 if we're going to hold on to it for future park
6. Property is best suited for sports fields which are not a priority in the short or mid/long term for the township

Peterson said he would inform the Township Manager of the decision.

Minutes recorded by –
Steve Peterson
Community Development Director