

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2013
3rd Floor Surbeck Building
201 N. Shiawassee Street
Corunna, MI 48817
6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:30PM by Superintendent Heavilin.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Board Present: Junior Love, Tanya Buckelew, Bruce Robb, Jeff Bartz, Joe DeCaire, Tony Newman and Dick Miller. Absent: Nancy Zdunic, Bob Downer and John Michalec. Also present: Superintendent Phil Heavilin and guest Mike Cheff.
4. **Call to the Public** – No Comments from the public were offered.
5. **Election of Officers** - Superintendent Heavilin opened the floor to nominations for officers:
 - a. **Chairman** – A nomination of Love was offered by DeCaire and supported by Miller. No other nominations were offered. Unanimous vote in favor of Love for Chairman. ***Chairman Love took over as chair at this point in the meeting.***
 - b. **Vice-chair** – A nomination of Buckelew was offered by Newman and supported by Bartz. No other nominations were offered. Unanimous vote in favor of Buckelew as Vice-chair.
 - c. **Secretary** – Nomination of Zdunic was offered by Buckelew and supported by Miller. No other nominations were offered. Unanimous vote in favor of Zdunic as Secretary.
 - d. Motion by Buckelew to appoint Heavilin as Recording Secretary, with support by Newman. Motion passed.
6. **Approval of Agendas:** Motion by Buckelew to approve the Agenda as distributed at the meeting, supported by DeCaire. Motion passed.
7. **Approval of the minutes.** A motion was made by Buckelew to approve the minutes of August 1, 2012 corrections and the minutes of October 3, 2012 as presented. Motion supported by Newman. Motion passed.
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. No Old Business presented at this time.
9. **New Business:**

Mike Cheff of Cheff's Canoe Rentals was present to request permission to use our parks in the course of his business. He presented a copy of his insurance for our files. Motion by Buckelew to approve his use of our parks for his business, supported by Miller. Motion passed.
10. **Buildings and Grounds Superintendent's Report**
 - a. An updated Reservation Report was distributed.
 - b. Modern Woodmen Representative Ed Arthur is coordinating plantings at Shiatown East with Boy Scout Venture scouts under the leadership of Paul Whitman. They will plant three trees around the play area on the hill and flowers around the base of the sign on May 5 in celebration of Arbor Day
 - c. Shiatown Dam Status: Friends of the Shiawassee is coordinating the further demolition of the dam on behalf of the State of Michigan. They have secured grant funds for about half of the cost and are hopeful for the remaining amount through a grant application submitted to the Fisheries Division. Heavilin has signage to install upriver of the dam warning canoes to exit the river.

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- d. The department also has signs to be installed at the entrances to the parks that have the new canoe launches. These should be installed by the time of the official opening on Memorial Weekend.
- e. The volunteer who mowed the parks last year has been contacted and will be mowing again this year starting as soon as the ground has dried enough to safely run the mowers with out causing damage.
- f. John Miller, Pastor at the Oakley Community Church has expressed interest in using Pine Grove Park's new pavilion and ball field for Music Jamborees and family fun days. Heavilin will look into what might be involved in getting electricity to the pavilion and what liability issues might be in play given the park is currently decommissioned.
- g. The Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service has put us on notice that sea lamprey larvae have been detected in the Shiawassee River and they will be treating the water to eradicate them.

11. Commissioners heard:

- No comments from the commissioners.

12. Good and Welfare:

13. Next Meeting: June 5, 2013, 6:30 p.m., 3rd floor Surbeck Bldg., 201 N. Shiawassee St., Corunna, MI.

14. Adjourn: 7:12 p.m.

Nancy Zdunic, Secretary to the Shiawassee County Parks & Recreation Commission