SHIAWASSEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, August 7, 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 Chairman Love

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call:** Board Present: Commissioner Jeffery Bartz, Tanya Buckelew, Joe DeCaire, Chairman Junior Love, Richard Miller, Drain Commissioner Tony Newman, Bruce Robb, and Secretary Nancy Zdunic. Absent: Bob Downer, and Road Commissioner John Michalec. Also present: Superintendent Phil Heavilin and Administrator Margaret McAvoy.

4. **Call to the Public** – No public present

5. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Buckelew to approve the Agenda, supported by Bartz. Motion passed.

6. **Approval of the minutes.** It was noted that there were two Board members not listed in the minutes. A motion was made by DeCaire to approve the minutes of June 5, 2013 as corrected. Motion supported by Newman. Motion passed.

7. **Old Business:**
   a. No Old Business presented at this time.

8. **New Business:**
   a. The Updated Five-Year Parks Plan was discussed as sent out. Motion by Buckelew to approve as presented. Second by Bartz; motion passed.
   b. The Durand AMVETS have asked that we consider options related to their problem of dog waste in Geeck Road Park. After discussion, it was determined that we would place dog waste bag dispensers in all of the major parks to encourage proper disposal of pet waste.

9. **Buildings and Grounds Superintendent's Report**
   a. The current Reservations Report was distributed for review.
   b. Superintendent Heavilin noted that a concerted, cooperative effort by volunteers and staff was effective in getting the mowing back on track. There are now more volunteers available for mowing than we are able to utilize with the few mowers we have. One volunteer in the Kerby Park area and the AMVETS are all mowing with their own equipment and fuel!
   c. There are still signs to place for the Canoe Launch project but B&G staff has simply not had time to dedicate to this project.
   d. Heavilin has received prices for mowers similar to and comparable to the Kubotas we are using in the parks now. Prices range from $9,000 to $21,000 plus the cost of the cab @$4,400 depending on new or used equipment.
   e. Heavilin reported that there has been an incident of threat to our main volunteer mower apparently based on the lack of mowing in Shiatown. Police were called and they followed up on the incident with the volunteer and the unhappy individual.

10. **Commissioners Heard:**
    - Commissioner Bartz noted the need for better mowing equipment and hopes the commissioners can find a way to fund upgrades in that area. He passed on a note from a citizen regarding deteriorated boards in the wood bridge on the trail at Shiatown. He is also interested in a canoe launch down-river of the old dam but understands that the Friends of the Shiawassee group intends to install one after the dam is removed

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and the river banks are returned to a natural condition. Commissioner Bartz has spoken with Dean Welte of the Shiawassee County Road Commission about grading in Henderson and Shiatown and says that Dean is very willing to cooperate (Administrator McAvoy and Superintendent Heavilin will also be meeting with Welte soon to further facilitate the relationship between our two organizations.). Bartz also reported a plumbing leak in the Men's restroom at Henderson Park.

11. Good and Welfare:

12. Next Meeting: October 2, 2013, 6:30 p.m., 3rd floor Surbeck Bldg., 201 N. Shiawassee St., Corunna, MI.

13. Adjourn: 7:12 p.m.

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

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