

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2014
3rd Floor Surbeck Building
201 N. Shiawassee Street
Corunna, MI 48817
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:20 PM by Superintendent Heavilin
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Board Present: Commissioner Jeffery Bartz, Tanya Buckelew, Robert Ebmeyer, Richard Miller, Road Commissioner Mike Constine and Joe DeCaire. Absent: Bob Downer, Bruce Robb, Nancy Zdunic and Drain Commissioner Tony Newman. Also present: Superintendent Phil Heavilin.
4. **Election of 2014 Officers**
 - Motion by Bartz to Nominate Buckelew for the position of Chair, seconded by Ebmeyer. No other nominations were offered. Motion passed (at this point Buckelew took over as Chairperson to run the meeting)
 - Motion by Bartz to nominate Robert Ebmeyer for Vice-Chair, seconded by DeCaire. No other nominations were offered. Motion passed.
 - Motion by Bartz to nominate Nancy Zdunic for Secretary, seconded by DeCaire. No other nominations were offered. Motion passed.
 - Motion by Bartz to appoint Superintendent Heavilin as Recording Secretary, seconded by DeCaire; Motion passed.
5. **Call to the Public** – No public present
6. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Ebmeyer to approve the Agenda, supported by DeCaire. Motion passed.
7. **Approval of the minutes.** A motion was made by DeCaire to approve the minutes of October 2, 2013. Motion supported by Bartz. Motion passed.
8. **Old Business:**
 - No Old Business presented at this time.
9. **New Business:**
 - Earth Day Parks Clean-up – with Easter occupying the weekend closest to Earth Day (April 22), Buckelew suggested we designate Saturday, April 26 as clean-up day. Board members selected parks assignments as follows:
 - Henderson Park – no commitment yet
 - Geeck Road – Heavilin will contact Downer to coordinate with AMVETS
 - Kerby Park – DeCaire will work with Newman on a different day (overlaps the township's clean-up day)
 - Lytle Road – Heavilin will contact the Corunna Rotary Club
 - Shiatown – Ebmeyer, Heavilin (will also contact Kiwanis and the Boy Scouts)
10. **Buildings and Grounds Superintendent's Report**
 - The current Reservations Report was distributed for review
 - Heavilin reported that the new parks Grasshopper mower is at the dealer but not yet delivered to B&G.
 - It is expected that the volunteers who have mowed for us in 2013 will continue in the 2014 season. Heavilin will be in contact with the volunteers to verify their intentions.

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- Heavilin shared photos of the various bronze memorial markers taken from the parks starting a couple of years ago with the Geeck Road AMVETS plaque, followed by the two taken from Lytle Road (Rotary and Goeble) and then the two stolen from Shiatown West this winter. He does not recommend replacing them at this time, at least not with metal markers. It might be possible to acquire resin plaques that look like metal but would not have the attraction to metal scrappers.
- The log pile at Shiatown East made up of logs taken from the dam impound area is the source of numerous citizen complaints. This pile is the responsibility of the Friends of the Shiawassee and Heavilin has had numerous conversations with them related to the issue. There are plans for further work to remove the remainder of the dam and it is Heavilin's intention to hold their feet to the fire by disallowing any further work at the park related to the dam until the log pile is completely cleaned up.
- The ice storm experienced at the end of 2013 did damage to trees at Shiatown but not a significant amount at any other park. Fallen and hanging limbs will be addressed when the ground is clear of ice and snow, and hardened enough to get equipment out on it.

11. Commissioners heard: No comments

12. Good and Welfare: No comments

13. Next Meeting: May 7, 2014, **6:00 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