

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, June 6, 2012  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Surbeck Building  
201 N. Shiawassee Street  
Corunna, MI 48817  
6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:35PM by Vice-chair Buckelew
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Board Present: Joe DeCaire, Tanya Buckelew, Ron Elder, Nancy Zdunic, Tony Newman and Dick Miller. Absent: Junior Love, Bob Downer, Bruce Robb, and John Michalec. Also present: Superintendent Phil Heavilin.
4. **Call to the Public** – No Comments from the public were offered.
5. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by DeCaire to approve the agenda. Motion supported by Miller. Motion Carried.
6. **Approval of the May 2, 2012 minutes.** A Motion was made by DeCaire to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2012 meeting. Motion supported by Zdunic. Motion carried.
7. **Old Business:**
  - a. Superintendent Heavilin reported that he has re-submitted the grant application to Wal-Mart under the name of the Shiawassee-Kiwanis Club with suggested modifications for clarification.
  - b. Superintendent Heavilin provided a brief update on the Canoe Launch Advisory Committee’s activities. He reported that he expects construction to take place in August.
  - c. Drain Commissioner Newman offered a few remarks on the status of the Shiatown dam. All members voiced great dismay over the loss of another life at the dam and desire for the State of Michigan to move quickly to remove the dangerous structure.
8. **New Business:**
  - a. Superintendent Heavilin requested that the board formally approve the continued use of the parks by Cheff’s Canoe Rental. Motion to approve for the 2012 season was made by DeCaire and seconded by Newman. Motion carried.
  - b. Superintendent Heavilin reported that a family living on Johnston Road has stepped up to volunteer taking care of Pinegrove, starting with the mowing right now. The discussion with Kathy Kersjes is that she would love to see the park re-commissioned including putting tops and seats back on the tables, and seats on the swings. The commission was supportive of watching how the Kersjeses do in keeping the grass mowed, with the possibility of further discussion on re-commissioning later in the season. Kathy had also asked if she could have a yard sale at the park, and the overwhelming sentiment from the commission was “no”. Although they greatly appreciate the Kersjes’s efforts for the park, they do not want to start a precedent regarding use of the park.
9. **Buildings and Grounds Superintendent’s Report**
  - a. The Reservation Report was distributed.

- b. Superintendent Heavilin noted that the drain flowing under Henderson Road had a suspect color and was investigated by Environmental Health. It was determined to be benign at this point (probably broken down herbicide) but we will watch for anything similar in the future.
- c. In gathering information for the Canoe Launch project, Superintendent Heavilin discovered that the title to the Lytle Road Park had never actually passed to the Board of Commissioners from the Road Commission. He is working with the Register of Deeds and Tax Description departments in getting the proper property description so a formal transfer can take place soon.

**10. Commissioners heard:**

- Commissioner Elder gave a brief update on the state of the County.

**11. Good and Welfare:**

- DeCaire noted that he is having the north portion of Kerby Park mowed at no cost to the County.

**12. Next Meeting:** August 1, 2012, 6:30 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Surbeck Bldg., 201 N. Shiawassee St., Corunna, MI.

**13. Adjourn:** 7:14 p.m.

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