

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD  
PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
June 4, 2018**

**Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Handy called the special meeting to order at 6:07pm at the Silver Lake Recreation Area, 1785 East Silver Lake Road, Traverse City, MI 49684.

**Roll Call of Commission Members:**

Present: Chris DeGood, Denise Schmuckal, Dale Majerczyk, Chris Remy, Fern Spence and Valarie Handy

Absent and Excused: James Guilmet

Staff Present: Rob Larrea

**1. Review and Approval of the Agenda – Conflict of Interest**

*Schmuckal moved and Majerczyk seconded to approve the agenda as presented.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Majerczyk, DeGood, Remy, Spence and Handy  
Nays: None*

**2. Minutes**

**a. February 5, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes**

*Schmuckal moved and Majerczyk seconded for to approve the February 5, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Majerczyk, Spence, Remy, DeGood, Handy  
Nays: None*

**3. Correspondence**

a. None

**4. Reports (6:11)**

**Tom Vitale Conservation District Report**

Vitale said that fish are being stocked in Kids Creek and that there are many yards of woodchips from the clean-up at Silver Lake Park. He added that there are many homeless people near the Verizon property and asked Commissioners their opinion regarding the homeless problem in that location. Commissioners agreed to have the homeless population moved out with the help of the Sheriff's department.

**Commissioner Reports**

None

**Staff Report**

None

**5. Business to Come Before the Commission****a. PD 2018-59 Silver Lake Recreation Area Landscape Buffer**

Commissioners looked at the land where many invasive species trees were taken out and determined that a new buffer needed to be placed to protect the neighboring properties from seeing the activities in the park. Tom Vitale and commissioners discussed which type of buffers would be adequate for the area and Larrea said that the ordinance approved a Type C buffer in that area.

*DeGood moved and Schmuckal seconded THAT the planting of a "Type C" buffer at the Silver Lake Recreation Area along East Silver Lake Road in accordance with Section 531 of the Zoning Ordinance to replace the recently removed invasive vegetation BE RECOMMENDED to the Township Board.*

*Yeas: DeGood, Schmuckal, Remy, Spence, Majerczyk, Handy  
Nays: None*

**b. PD Report 2018-60 Silver Lake Recreation Area Path Crack Filling/Benches**

Larrea noted that the township owns a few benches which could be placed in various locations around the park.

*Schmuckal moved and Spence seconded to recommend THAT the benches purchased by the township be placed at evenly spaced locations throughout Silver Lake Recreation Area.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Spence, DeGood, Majerczyk, Remy, Handy  
Nays: None*

Commissioners studied the paved walking path and took note of the many cracks in the path. Commissioners decided to gather bids for the crack sealing project in the park. Sealing the tennis courts and basketball courts were also discussed.

*Schmuckal moved and Majerczyk seconded to RECOMMEND THAT the Township Board approve funding for and engage in a bidding process for repairs to the cracks and seal the entire non-motorized pathway at the Silver Lake Recreation Area.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Majerczyk, Remy, Spence, DeGood, Handy  
Nays: None*

**6. Public Comment (6:35)**

Commissioners also discussed the Boardman Lake Trail and a possible maintenance plan, sidewalks near S. Airport and Garfield and the pocket park located near the airport. Bathroom placement at the YMCA was also discussed

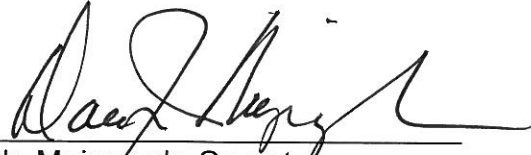
and commissioners would like to ask that the bathrooms be moved to another location.

7. **Items For Next Agenda**

Possible meeting at the pocket park near the airport.

8. **Adjournment**

*Handy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm.*



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