

Kowatch, Reynolds, Sharrard elected to chamber board

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GAYLORD — Justin Kowatch, Kevin Reynolds and Todd Sharrard were elected to three-year terms on the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors by an Oct. 19 vote of membership.

They will participate in all board activities for the remainder of 2011 in preparation for taking their seats Jan. 1. Their terms will expire Dec. 31, 2014.

Kowatch is the owner and principal engineer of JLK Engineering, a consulting engineering practice specializing in mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University and is a licensed professional engineer in the states of Michigan, Florida and Texas.

Although originally from Gaylord, he was raised in the Alpena area and moved back to Gaylord in 2000. He is currently an active member of the chamber and also is a 2005 graduate of the chamber's Leadership Otsego County program.

Kowatch and his wife, Annette, have two children, Joseph and Allison.

Reynolds has been a controller at Paxton Resources since 2003. He moved to Gaylord in 1993 and has a wife and 7-year-old twins.

Reynolds graduated from Grayling High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting in 1992 from Northern Michigan University. He earned his CPA designation in 1995 and has worked in public accounting for 10 years.

Reynolds has been an active member in the Rotary Club since 1999 and has chaired and co-chaired the Rotary Radio Auction for the 10 years. He has served on the Headwaters Land Conservancy, Otsego Memorial Hospital Foundation and Michaywé Owners Association boards in the past.

He currently serves on the Otsego County Community Foundation and Gaylord Cub Scouts boards and last year was appointed to fill a one-year term on the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce Board.

Sharrard has been the account manager for SunGlo Services since 2009. Prior to that, he worked in the community for other chamber members.

Sharrard grew up in Essexville but has lived in Gaylord for the past 25 years. He served five years on the City Zoning Board of Appeals and three years on the City Planning Commission. He has been on the Gaylord City Council for the past 10 years. He is currently on the chamber board because of a vacancy and will continue serving as a board member because of the election.

Sharrard is married to Marianne and has two children, Amber and Danny, and a granddaughter, Gabriella. Sharrard has also been active in high school and youth sports.