

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

Minutes 3/10/20

P.O. Box 319

Big Bay MI, 49808

Time called to order: 6:33 PM

Members present: Sven Gonstead-Chair; Jill Bevins, Darlene Turner, Arline Erickson, Lucy Wilcox, Heidi Shatz

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Lucy to approve agenda, seconded by Heidi

Additions and Approval of Minutes: Added in Guest speaker Emily Whittiker. Motion made by Arline/ seconded by Lucy.

Financial report: Parks and Rec Total \$39,376.34; Museum: 100.19; Fire on the Bay: \$8,441.59; Concert Series: \$ \$2,853.86; CD: \$12,201.64.

Guest Speaker: Emily Whittiker spoke about having some type of farmer's market in conjunction with the concert series. Discussion included: Pros, such as increased public attendance, local farmers opportunity to share crops. Cons, Community and music is the focus of our concerts, possible loss of revenue to food shack/raffle sales. Suggestion of a percentage of farmer revenue donated to concert. Only in the discussion phase.

Old Business:

1. **Big Bay Pathway:** No change from last month. New groomer working well with minor adjustments. Wrap up grooming at the end of March. Spring clean up first week of May. Powell Pass is now integrated into the NTN, Locals are encouraged to put donations in the donation pipe. Dog clean-up can should be replaced.
2. **Burns Landing:** No new update.
3. **Draver Park:** Closed for season.
4. **Thomas Rock:** Still being plowed. Would like to get aggregate rocks for maintenance. Agreed we should prepare for snowshoe events this summer, putting up hook hangers for the lanterns.
5. **Concert series:** Amanda submitted idea for poster. Discussion centered on possible changes to have it connect more with previous posters by focusing on one or two landmarks.

6. **Easter Egg Hunt:** April 11, 11:00-12:00 AM, need volunteers on April 9 to prepare.
 7. **Proposed Big Bay Stewardship Council:** Meeting to be held on March 19, 6:00 PM at the Thunder Bay Inn.
 8. **2020 Grant strategy, Bill Sanders meeting with Parks and Rec. Committee:** Grant deadline is April 1st. Two trust fund grants: 1. Allow work on Draver ADA restrooms and create accessible pathways. 2. Build storage building for equipment on PT property. The building should include parking and staging area. Possible use of connector trail/easement road to the property (Hoffman road renewal) Property issues may affect grant use.
 9. **MDARD Grand Report:**
 - a. Lucy submitted report on March 5th. Amendment for \$25,500 to contract with NTN for bike trail from 510 to Alder creek (5-6 miles). Waiting to hear if amendment was approved. Reported 598 volunteer hours. 6 of 8 goals completed. Still to be done includes signage, trail counters, and lake signage
7. **Lantern Snowshoe event** was a great success. Decision to hold one a year. Safety concerns were brought up about parking, having more volunteers on the trail itself. More comments included: Put out donation can; have a sign up sheets for participants to sign in and out; Preheat hotdogs.

Additional Old Business:

1. **E-mail/Social media accounts**-tabled until next meeting. Parks and Rec email accounts?

Clarifying discussion about the Big Bay Relay: It is not part of the Big Bay Pathway. Big Bay Pathway and NTN are partnering to manage trails. Equipment purchased belong to NTN/Pathways. Contract to be written clarifying that all equipment belongs to NTN for the sole use in Powell Twp. Pathways.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 PM Motion made by Lucy, seconded by Heidi
Next regular meeting Tuesday, April 14th

Minutes prepared by Jill Bevins.