

**Powell Township Park & Recreation August 2020**

**Minutes**

**P.O. Box 319 Big Bay MI, 49808**

Date: 08/11/2020

Time: 6:39

Members Present: Sven Gonstead-Chair, Jill Bevins -Secretary, Arline Erickson, Darlene Turner, Lucy Wilcox, George Girod, Heidi Shatz

1. Approval of Agenda: Approved, Motion made by Darlene, supported by George.
2. Additions and Approval of Minutes: Approved, Motion made Darlene supported by George.
3. Financial Report: Parks and Rec: 19,228.06  
Museum: 100.26  
Fire on the Bay: 9,531.13  
Music Concerts: 2,855.50  
Donated funds total: 31,714.95  
(CDs: 20,000 and 12,237.30) See attached report for details.

**Old Business:**

1. Big Bay Pathway (Sven): Boundary edge resolved, signs moved to Draver Park Location. Over the next few weeks, grading and fixing will be completed.
2. Burns Landing: Changed plans for Phase 2 are in the works and should be received from Bill Sanders within the next two weeks.
3. Draver Park: 3-5 trees should come down. Currently looking for cost effective removal options.
4. Thomas Rock: Gravel delivered to township hall, will need to be moved to Thomas Rock.
5. 510 Property: Jeremiah is making progress, 2 miles complete now. NTN let us know that the 5-6 miles will not be completed as soon as expected. We still have 2.5 miles to get done, and 2.5 miles to be added. Trail will go to Lookout Mt. Hope to be done by November 15.
  - a. Heidi sent out volunteer opportunities on Facebook page. (See volunteer report)
  - b. Pay pipe was moved to the new trailhead on Co. Rd. 510. It needs to be cleaned up and painted. Darlene volunteered to get the job done.
6. Concert Series: Cancelled for season.
7. Grants: MDARD has supported our work and has been very supportive and helpful.
8. Volunteer report: Heidi posted volunteer opportunities on Facebook page, resulting in a couple of volunteers showing up. A new event has been posted for the 510 property, new people are responding.
9. Outreach Coordinator Report: George has nothing to report. George and Heidi

will coordinate efforts for outreach.

10. Big Bay Stewardship Council: Budget needs to be completed for NTN work for MDARD \$25,000 contract. Working on date for ribbon cutting for new trail.
11. Powell Twp. e-bike policy: Tabled to next meeting.
12. Community Garden: Daryl has surveyed to mark out lines off dump road. George has done some investigation. Possible strip gardens by trailhead. Looking at other templates of community gardens. Get the word out and see how it goes. Perhaps use both sides of the trail, build raised trail beds, check for interest from school students. For this fall: Work the soil strips with manure for planting in the spring.
13. Pump Track: More research needed on community interest, checking out other bike trails. There is a natural pump track in Calumet made in a dredged lake area.
14. Reserving of Burns Landing: Arline and Darlene will research prices in other townships. Need standard set of questions for inquiry.

**New Business:**

1. 510 Property Ribbon Cutting: To be held at the trail parking lot, with some kind of mini reception to be held at the parking lot. Need to set the date ASAP (Sept. 18-20)
2. Labor day tournament cancelled, Harvest Festival at Perkins Park is still on.

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Darlene to adjourn, supported by Arline.

Time meeting adjourned: 7:45

Next Regular Meeting. 9/14/20