

**Powell Township Park & Recreation
December 2020 Minutes
P.O. Box 319
Big Bay MI, 49808**

Date:12/08/2020

Time: 6:35

Members: Present Absent Excused

Sven Gonstead -Chair	P
Jill Bevins -Secretary	P
Darlene Turner	P
Lucy Wilcox	P
George Girod	P
Heidi Shatz	Ex

Also present: Observers Kelly Santilli and Mike Springer

1. Approval of Agenda **Motion by Darlene, supported by George, with addition of New Business: Consolidate PTRAs items.**
2. Additions & Approval of Minutes **Accepted as submitted, motion by Lucy, 2nd by George.**
3. Financial Report: **Presented by Darlene.**

Old Business

1. Big Bay Pathway (Sven) **On hold until the snow flies. Posts are in, more signs to go up. Sven working on them. Other things to do include straw bales by bridge, completion of maps. Grooming equipment is being serviced and updated.**
2. Burns Landing(Darlene) **Nothing to report.**
3. Draver Park (Committee) **Grant not funded, more at item 6.**
4. Thomas Rock (Committee) **Some trees were cut at Thomas Rock. Township board approved plowing to be done at Draver and Thomas Rock parking lots.**
5. Concert Series (Sven) **Tabled.**
6. Grants (Committee) **Grants for Draver Park upgrades and Trail Pole Barn were not funded. New MDARD grant was submitted focusing on trail expansion and trail maintenance position. Should receive news by the end of January. May also seek continued support from EGLE or millage proposal.**
7. E-Bike Policy **Standard E-bike policy has been difficult to locate. Suggestions included looking to NTN policy and trying to simplify for our purposes. E-1 bikes only decided on previously. (Public comment by Mike Springer: Should aim for a liberal policy) Policy tabled for future**

meeting.

8. Temporary Garage for BBP **School board granted permission for the trail groomer to be housed in their garage for the winter grooming season.**

9. Trail Garden Grants: **George researched plants for this climate area for planting along the trail garden: High bush blueberries, thornless blackberries, raspberries, 6 types. This would be throughout seasons. Fruit trees: pawpaw trees, pear trees (3 in 1), Apple trees, maybe get supply from township trees. \$450 for plants alone. Soil and planting extra. Should think about nut trees also, they are larger trees and would want a clear area to plant them. Need to check space. For the raised bed Garden area: not sure on prices yet, COVID has raised prices on lumber. \$1500 would be a place to start. George will do more research for the next meeting. A Google photo image of the area will be helpful, if Darlene can help with that. Lucy added: Superior Health foundation has two different kinds of grant, small grants (\$2000) that can be accessed any time, the other has a December opening for larger grants up to \$5000. Lucy will check, but needs a cost estimate for submission. Sven questions: MQT. Community foundation grants due in April. Do you have a capital startup budget we could look at? George feels \$1500- \$2000 would get us going. We need to look at the number of raised beds we will need and where we should start. Maintenance of beds is an issue. Should start small in the beginning. School would take care of 1 or 2. It would be good to do a newsletter or facebook posting about the trail garden. A public meeting would be timely, but may need to put off until COVID is over. We could publicize our meetings a little better.**

Additional Old Business

1. PTRN Consolidated Trail Topic for agenda. **Decision made to consolidate agenda items 1-4 into one item for future meetings.**
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New Business

1. Amendment for 5 year rec plan **Lucy will amend 5 year rec plan, but needs a digital copy in order to work with it. Darlene will try to obtain a workable copy. A copy can also be found on Township website. This will need to be completed before February 1st. for grant work.**
2. Cork Tiles for Community Boards **Samantha brought up a need for replacement cork backing for community boards. \$150 needed to purchase materials. Motion made by Jill to approve, supported by Darlene.**
3. Potential offerings to help the community through Covid winter. **Mike Springer will send us a link for a winter city conference available during a set time, might be a good source for more information. Lucy brought up the topic of guided snowshoe hikes for some of our trails. Would be good to get more people involved in winter activities. Fishing Derby is still on for February. Maybe contest for walking most trails....Snowflake award?**
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Time meeting adjourned: **7:49**

Motion by Darlene seconded by George

Next Regular Meeting: 01-12-21

Minutes Prepared by: Jill Bevins

Powell Township Annual Programing/Events Last Edited: 1/5/2020

Thomas Rock Snowshoe Event (Third Saturday of January)

Fishing Derby (Second Weekend in February)

Honey Bear Classic (Second Weekend in February)

Easter Egg Hunt (1st Saturday before Easter)

Thomas Rock Spring Clean-up (1st week of May)

Burn's Landing Spring Clean-up (1st week of May)

Draver Park Spring Clean-up (1st week of May)

Big Bay Relay (3rd Saturday of May)

Memorial Day Softball Tournament (Memorial Day Weekend)

1st Summer Concert (2nd or 3rd Saturday in June)

PTRN Volunteer Picnic (2nd or 3rd Saturday in June)

July 4th Parade (July 4th)

July 4th Softball Tournament (Weekend After July 4th)

Fire On The Bay (Saturday after July 4th)

2nd Summer Concert (Saturday After July 4th)

3rd Summer Concert (1st Saturday in August)

Fireman's Picnic (3rd Sunday in August)

Labor Day Softball Tournament (Labor Day weekend)

Harvest Festival (3rd weekend in September)

4th Summer Concert (3rd weekend in September)

Christmas Tree Lighting (1st Saturday in December)