

Powell Township Park & Recreation

Minutes

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Date: 01/12/2021

Time: 6:33

Members: Present Absent Excused

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

1. Approval of Agenda **Lucy motion/Darlene second**
2. Approval of Minutes **Darlene motion/ George second**
3. Financial Report: **Decide in February whether to cash CD or roll over.**

Guest/s: Carl Linquist, Kelly Santilli : **Carl Linquist (Superior Watershed Partnership) and Michael Springer gave presentation: Suggested updating 5 yr. Plan. We can get groups to help out with projects. They are interested in a coastal conservation initiative to protect coastal areas. It was suggested to update plan with a new goal and objective, including strategies, reflecting this initiative. Funding would have to be obtained through grant applications. They feel that this will be feasible and they are very willing to help. Would like this to be presented to the planning commission by parks and rec. Will add to Feb. 9 agenda for discussion/voting.**

Reports

1. Big Bay Pathway (Sven) **Trail is okay, we need snow. Working on mapping.**
2. Burns Landing(Darlene) **Nothing, closed for winter.**
3. Draver Park (Committee) **Closed for winter, did get grant for restroom upgrades.**
4. Thomas Rock (Committee) **Being used frequently. Has been packed down nicely.**

5. PTRAs Trails (Sven) **Still getting some use because of low snow, able to drive in. All signage is done, Sven will install throughout winter.**
6. Concert Series (Sven) **Tabled**
7. Community Garden (George and Lucy) **Eight garden beds in right hand back corner, short distance from trailhead, going toward the bridge. Four beds dedicated to Powell School, four for public. George proposed planning work meetings for grant proposal. He feels that the beds are the best place to start. Will schedule meeting within the week.**

Grants

1. MDARD **Sven and Lucy met on final report. Report nearly finished, we met every goal and then some. Challenge is still keeping track of volunteer hours. Matching funds from Lundin came in.**
2. Marquette County Community Foundation
3. Superior Health Foundation
4. DNR Passport and MNRTF

Old Business

1. E-Bike Policy **Tabled**
2. Addition of Kelly Santilli to Committee **Vote held for Kelly Santilli to join the Parks and Rec Committee. Darlene motioned, supported by Sven. Approved, All ayes.**

Additional Old Business

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

New Business

1. 5 Year Recreation Plan Annual Review **Plan needs review, invite community to discuss new issues. Will add review to the February meeting. Special zoom meeting for discussion of the path forward. January 25, 6:30.**
2. Potential Recreation Millage **Discussion of asking for millage. This will help pay for maintenance of trails and possible pole barn.**
3. Operational funding P & R programming, facilities, and trails **Discussed in Millage item.**

Additional New Business

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Time meeting adjourned: **7:57**

Next Regular Meeting: **February 9th**

Minutes Prepared by: Jill M. 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)