

# Powell Township Park & Recreation

March 8, 2021 Minutes

P.O. Box 319

Big Bay MI, 49808

Date:03/09/2021

Time: 6:34

Members: Present Absent Excused

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

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** Change in New Business #2, delete, Public comment missing.: Motion made by Lucy to add public comment in 2 places, Seconded by Kelli. Motion to approve agenda with changes made by Lucy, supported by Darlene.
- 2. Additions & Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Darlene, seconded by Kelli.
- 3. Financial Report:** No changes, Approved

Guest: No guests

Public Comment: Marcia says Hi!

## Reports

- 1. Big Bay Pathway (Sven):** People loved the trail in in town, good comments. Many people using the parking area at Draver for trail head access. Question asked about mowing, should it be scheduled? Decision to hold Spring cleanup 2nd week of May. Signs are up on all open trails.
- 2. Burns Landing(Darlene)** Nothing to report, waiting...for spring
- 3. Draver Park (Committee)** Nothing to report, waiting...for spring
- 4. Thomas Rock (Committee)** Nothing to report, waiting...for spring
- 5. Concert Series (Sven)** Nothing to report, waiting...for spring
- 6. Community Garden (Geoge and Lucy)** Looked at plan and written notes. Mr. Dan Perkins interested in helping to get the garden rolling. School is interested in helping, especially with the planting. Lucy looked at funding and

reported about the Superior grant project. Possible \$2500, Community foundation about \$1,000 available, Total of \$3500 total if we can get both grants. Will be a tight turn around. May not be feasible for this year. Also refer to notes attached to the end of the minutes....Discussion on Water availability. Deer problems. Feed by design. Plan for other people to join in and use beds. Get the word out by posting on boards, people watching as the beds are going in, website, etc. Beds to be organic. Compost from Big Bay eventually. Native species only.

- a. Sub-Committee for garden. Would be great to have local gardeners.  
. Forming of committee composed of 4-5 people approved. Kelli to be contact person for liaison. Motion by George/ Kelli Second.

7. PTRAs Trails (Sven) Not much, still waiting. More signs and maps to be installed on a couple of trails.

### Grants

1. **Marquette County Community Foundation Grant:** Covered by Lucy under Community garden.
2. **Superior Health Foundation Grant:** Covered by Lucy under community garden.
3. **KBIC,** Nothing at this time. Accessibility is an important item to continue to work on. We need to explore options to complete this work. Tabled to next month.

### Old Business

1. **Five Year Rec Plan Annual Review:** Set date for public meeting to review: Meeting to be held on 4/14/2021 at 6:30. In person at the hall, and zoom. Discussion on presentation of plan at the meeting. Sugarloaf is not in township, Squaw Beach should be referred to as Burns Landing. This is not a revision, just a review. Update, not revise. maybe re-strategize, then have public discussion regarding the plan to be published on the website.
2. **PTRA Wayfinding:** Signage Big Bay stewardship council is creating wayfinding signage. Next month a plan may be in place and will be brought back to us next meeting. Eagle mine donated \$20,000 for signage.
3. **PTRA Welcome Sign:** Discussion ensued on the \$20,000 donation. Money available for trail signage in CD.

### Additional Old Business

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### New Business

1. **CD** \$12,000 to come due in April, Jill/ Lucy to cash it out and review

monthly, making a decision to create new CD

2. **Groomer Cab** (deleted)

3. **Big Bay Connectivity Trail**, Sven working on the Burns Landing to Thomas Rock Trail. Discussion on logistics of getting permissions for parcels on the trail.

4. **Big Bay Stewardship Council** : Parks and Rec. working with Big Bay Stewardship Council on common goals.

### **Additional New Business**

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**Public Comment:** Marcia commented on the garden. Concerned about using community compost. Difficult to determine if pesticides etc, are contained in this type of compost. Marquette Conservation District Plant sale coming up for local plants. Marcia will get info to Sven. BBSC is consistent with our goals. Trail comment: Big Bay is a historical center, make it a historical trail. There is a push in Marquette for historical trails. Taking this into consideration could open it up for grantwork.

Time meeting adjourned: 8:36

Motion to adjourn: By Jill/ Support by Kelli

Next Regular Meeting: 4/13/21

Minutes Prepared by: Jill Bevins

### **Notes regarding grants for P&R meeting 3-9-21 Lucy's notes and to do list**

Language for the grants—Superior Health Foundation and Community Foundation of Marquette County

Description of Organization--Powell Township's tagline on our website is "Where the road ends and the adventure begins". As County Road 550 ends in Big Bay. As a Township, we have all the departments and legal responsibilities of a Township. The specific committee in the Township applying for the Pilot Project Grant is the Powell Township Parks and Recreation(P&R) Committee. The P & R Committee is committed to providing outdoor and indoor opportunities to our citizens and to our visitors. Our activities have a primary purpose of creating opportunities for the health and well- being and fun of our citizens through outdoor sports such as snow skiing, snow shoeing, running, biking and walking through our system of connecting trails and lakefront areas on Lake Superior and Big Bay Harbor. We sponsor Concerts in Draver Park during the summer and numerous holiday events for the families and children in the community. We work in tandem with Marquette County in their stewardship of Big Bay Harbor and Perkins Park on Lake

independence. We also work closely with Bay Cliff Health Camp on joint projects such as the annual 4th of July Parade in Big Bay.

Description of Project--Powell Township Food forest and Community Gardens-- The prime objective of the two- fold project is to construct an experience for families and residents and visitors to Powell Township that will enhance the health of the participants and their skills and enjoyment of growing food. The project will have two different approaches for increasing food production by families and individuals. Developing a food forest in the same area as the Community Gardens and expanding the planting of fruit trees and berries in other sections of forest owned by Powell Township (Powell Township Recreation Area) and perhaps private land owners who support the Township in planting in the woods of their property along the Big Bay Pathway. The second approach is a more traditional Community Garden where people can have a bed in the space along the Big Bay Pathway Trailhead and we can have two seasons—summer crops and fall crops. It is our understanding the Powell Township School is interested in committing to working the gardens into their fall curriculum.

#### Questions for the Committee

1. Possible source for cedar logs for the beds. Could reach out to Dennis Wilcox once we have dimensions
2. Add need for signage for the community garden and for the trees and berries planted—money for this should be incorporated into the grants.
3. We need to locate old wood; wood chips and sawdust for the beds for the CG. Maybe Kisskis? Dennis Wilcox? Beds will be developed in a 3- layer approach-- Need 2-3 feet : 1) wood mulch material as the base of the garden bed 2) manure and compost;3) then Soil. Want to locally source if at all possible.
4. Critical to track volunteer hours and will want to write those hours as in-kind – like the hours to dig the beds and trenches for tree planting We imagine that if we have 250 hours of volunteer time on these two projects, we will match the SHF grant at \$2500 in-kind services (250 x \$25 per hour).
5. Do we have a water supply at the site ( Big Bay Pathway Trailhead.
6. Need to involve public—when review 5Yr plan can discuss ideas about the plots in Community Gardens How to allot the beds--awarded by lottery? Require some volunteer hours in creation of the beds and maintenance? Rotate use in spring and fall?

**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)