

Powell Township Park & Recreation

Minutes for May, 2021

P.O. Box 319
Big Bay MI, 49808

Date:5/11/2021

Time: 6:42

Members:	Present	Absent	Excused
Sven Gonstead -Chair	P		
Jill Bevins -Secretary	P		
Darlene Turner	P		
Lucy Wilcox	P		
George Girod	P		
Heidi Shatz	P		
Kellie Santilli	P		

1. Approval of Agenda: **Jill made motion to approve with amendment/ George seconded.**
2. Additions & Approval of Minutes: **Motion made by Lucy/ George seconded**
3. Financial Report: **Accepted**

Public Comment: **Public present: Karen December, Nancy Gaines, Louise Wilcox. No comment made.**

Reports-

1. Big Bay Pathway (Sven) **Not a lot of movement, will wait to mow. Signage is set to be improved on corners to connector trail, and grading to do. Lease agreements go out annually, Sven working with property owners to secure agreements. Bear Mountain access is waiting for communication from Longyear.**
2. Burns Landing (Darlene) **Bill Sanders was out to look last week, 2nd portion will be going forward.**
3. Draver Park (Committee) **Nothing new. Next board meeting will be the vote for accessible porta potty, after additional cost information obtained.**
4. Thomas Rock (Committee) **Clean up organization needed. Two loads of gravel put on drivethrough, paint is ready for restroom floors. Wednesday 26th, 4:00 planned for clean up. Counters show 30 visitors a day.**
5. Concert Series (Sven) **Heidi brought up electrical upgrades for Draver Park Pavillion. Should be addressed at next meeting. Possible show with local musicians, John Prine tribute for September.**

6. Community Garden (Geoge and Lucy) **Presentation will be given tomorrow by Marcia. Possible road trips to visit other community gardens to be planned.**
7. Powell Trails (Sven) **NTN has been very helpful on the trails. Powell Peak trail Improvements have been great, not completely up to standard, but close. Kiosk improvement set back, North Coast Builders cannot help right now to finish the work that needs to be done. Concrete pillars need to be made to lift the kiosk up above the snow line to protect it. Dan Perkins is being asked to help with the roof. Brochure rack to be installed to highlight area amenities and attractions. Maps on the trail intersections need to be completed. Proposal for costs to be presented to the committee at next meeting. Directional signs to be put up on Powell Peak trails for mountain bikers. New sign for entry to the trail should be considered.**

Grants- Most grants must be in by April 1st, need to be worked on during winter for Spring submission.

Old Business-

1. 5 year Plan Annual Review: **Ready for tomorrow night's meeting. Lucy has put in a lot of work to make this presentation happen. A short synopsis was given by Lucy on the reasoning and history of the Rec Plan.**
2. Parks and Trails Manager: **3 applicants, special meeting to interview. Motion made by Lucy for Kelli, Jill and Sven to conduct Interviews. Supported by George. Will present recommendation to the Township Board.**

Additional Old Business-

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New Business-

1. Kubota U-17: **Committee to consider the purchase of a mini excavator from donated funds to help with trail development and community garden. Cost around \$27,000. Long term investment. Would pay for itself, cost of hiring the work out adds up quickly. Maintenance man will need to be able to operate the equipment. This will make us more independent in creating our own trails, along with other township responsibilities.**
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Additional New Business-

1. Virtual meeting platform equipment and management: Darlene has been managing the zoom meetings, would like to find someone else to take over. Jill to help with the zoom meeting sharing. Technology improvements at the township hall would be helpful

to continue and improve zoom meeting. Motion made by Lucy, seconded by George to bring request to Township Board to purchase said equipment.

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Public Comment: Karen made a comment regarding zoom meetings, that Parks and Rec has had zoom meetings before the Township Hall began having them

Time meeting adjourned: **7:59**

Next Regular Meeting: **June 8.**

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)