



Powell Township Board
Board Meeting for Interviews
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
Friday May 28th, 2021 9:55 AM

~~Draft Minutes~~

Approved 6/15/21

- 1) Call to order at 9:55 AM, by Supervisor
- 2) Roll Call: Denise Hudson (Trustee), Kelli Santilli (Treasurer), Karen December (Trustee), Darlene Turner (Supervisor), Samantha Morin (Clerk)
 - a) Present: Sven Gonstead (Parks & Rec Chair)

Public Comment: None

- 3) 10am Saxon R Millard; answered the Board Prepared Questions. End 10:15 AM
- 4) There is time before the next applicant. Discussion as follows
 - a) Combining two questions to "What are your interests?." Discussion on what the purpose of having that answer
 - b) Sven Gonstead: Noquemanon Trail Network (NTN) has contacted Parks and Rec about training new hire for free; teach trail techniques; on job training by bringing the NTN worker to Powell; offer courses on chain saw safety
 - c) Hudson brings up trainer to train volunteers but Sven responds that Volunteers don't generally run saws
 - d) Thomas Rock Discussion:
 - i) Gravel work complete
 - ii) Railing issues (already brought to custodian)
 - iii) Chipmunks holes popping up
 - iv) Stairways weeded, makes a visual difference
 - v) Shortcuts people make that are making their own trails; should this be addressed in the future
- 5) 10:30 Coty Edward; answered the Board Prepared Questions. End 11:04 AM
- 6) 11:10 Donald Gaines; answered the Board Prepared Question. End 11:36 AM

Public Comment: None

- 7) Applicants Discussion with Gonstead
 - a) Three month trial period
 - b) Questions from the board: who is the best to get this new position started? Who would make this position better for five years down the line?
 - c) After discussion of qualities of all applicants; Gonstead recommends Don Gaines
 - d) Hudson brings up a work-hire policy needed
 - e) Roll Call Vote: Hudson, Don Gaines; December, Coty Sorby; Santilli, Don Gaines; Turner, Coty Sorby; Morin, Don Gaines. Don Gaines is approved as Powell Township Parks and Trails Manager.
 - f) Discussion that the start date will be June 7th to be follow biweekly schedule
 - g) Clerk will send new hire packet, send letter to the other applicants
 - h) Gonstead: a good problem to have that we have these qualified people that the board is divided

Meeting adjourned at 12 pm by Supervisor.

Minutes prepared by
Samantha Morin
Powell Township Clerk