

# Powell Township Park & Recreation

## June 2021 Minutes

P.O. Box 319  
Big Bay MI, 49808

Date:06/08/2021

Time:

Members: Present Absent Excused

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

1. Approval of Agenda: **Jill made motion to accept agenda with additions of: New Business: Approve sign for 510 Property, Old Business: Renting Burns Landing Homestead and Pavilion for wedding, and Reports: Spaceport. Motion supported by George.**
2. Additions & Approval of Minutes: **Lucy made motion to accept minutes, George seconded.**
3. Financial Report: **Accepted**

Public Comment: Public present: Marcia Gonstead, Don and Nancy Gaines. **Marcia reported on the gardening committee. Because of the dry spring, this year's planting will have to be watered and rabbit proofed. May use rain barrels. Field trips will help with moving forward. Marcia also brought up the Big Bay relay that was postponed last year due to COVID. Requesting that Parks and Rec plan for the third week of May for 2022. This is not part of Parks and Rec, Funds go to NTN. Items will be placed on the agenda for July.**

### Reports

1. Big Bay Pathway (Sven) **Nothing to report at this time**
2. Burns Landing(Darlene) **Still waiting for Bill Sanders to determine costs and how we can move forward.**
3. Draver Park (Committee) **Talked with Bill Sanders at Draver Park about plans for the park, and was met by Daryl Small who mentioned money available through Alger Delta. They looked at the mechanical room between the two restrooms as a possible family restroom. Does not seem feasible at**

this time.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of money parks and rec should request from Alger Delta to make the most impact with meeting our goals of an accessible park. We may have to pool several grants to manage it. Committee decided to request monies for outside water spigot, electricity for the pavilion, the cost of a temporary porta potty, and aggregate stone for an accessible pathway to porta potty. Porta Potty to be placed near the water tower.

4. Thomas Rock (Committee) **Sven thanked everyone who helped with the clean up. Weeds were pulled, railing fixed and everything looks really great!**

5. Concert Series (Sven) **Next and only concert for this year will be held on Sept. 18. Sub-committee will be needed to organize, including marketing, Raffle, etc. Will be planned at the July meeting.**

6. Community Garden (George and Lucy) **Need to plan where we want to go with the garden. Lucy and George will meet on Friday morning to discuss.**

7. PTR/Powell Trails(Sven) **Still need 4 intersection signs, we will add the cost to the Alger Delta request, and also ask the board to approve the purchase.**

8. Spaceport. **Lucy reported on the spaceport committee that has met twice. People who attended included: Carl Williams, Bill Ford, Jean /Jane Gertz. Public was invited. Gene Champagne offered to help, John Mallo and Frank Ziminsky are also interested. They will meet again in 3 weeks. Darlene is invited to determine the Powell Township Board involvement. Still trying to determine the steps of the process.**

## **Grants**

### **Old Business**

1. Kubota U17: **Bids were presented by Sven. Lucy motioned to accept the bid by Ginop and Jill supported. Sven will check on delivery costs and purchase of a trailer. Lucy made a motion to authorize Sven to obtain bids for the trailer. George seconded.**

2. Burns Landing Rental: **Darlene reported on some research and determined that costs average between \$50-\$200 for 4 hours. Rental will include the restrooms, the boardwalk and picnic area around the homestead, and the pavilion. Discussion over pricing. Jill made a motion to charge \$50 per hour, with a four hour cap for residents, and \$100 per hour, with a four hour cap for non-residents. Deposit equal to rent. Darlene seconded. Signage for rentals will have to be available.**

### **Additional Old Business**

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## **New Business**

1. Trails and Park Manager - Don Gaines **Don Gaines was welcomed as the new Trails and Park Manager. His first day was June 7. He will be providing a progress log, report for meetings, and tracking volunteer hours.**
2. Bill Sanders Meeting **Sven met with Bill Sanders to talk about the 2022 grant strategy. They looked at the 5 year plan and priorities . Bill will come up with recommendations and design a progression of progress for what we want to accomplish. We are waiting to hear back from him.**
3. Bike Path Mix from Associated for Accessible Porta-Johns: **Need okay from board to order \$600 worth of aggregate for Accessible Porta-Johns. Darlene will check if there is any left over from the last order. Darlene made a motion to purchase, Lucy seconded.**
4. Fire On The Bay **Will there be a parade? (Jill checked, there will be no parade) Fireworks to be held on July 10. Lucy to compile a list of rules for fireworks attendees.**
5. 510 sign **Darlene will email a mock-up to committee members for opinion. Sign will measure 4x6 or 8.**

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Public Comment: **Marcia commented on adding the Memorial Day Service at the cemetery to the List of events. She also mentioned damage done by attaching decorations, etc., to buildings for events, and thought it should be considered when renting space.**

**More discussion about rental issues. Committee will review guidelines for rentals at the next meeting.**

**Darlene mentioned the BBSC/EAGLE Survey, encouraging all to complete the survey.**

Time meeting adjourned: **Motion made by George to adjourn, seconded by Kelli, 8:20 PM**

Next Regular Meeting: **July 13**

Minutes Prepared by: **J. 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)

**4rth Summer Concert** (3rd weekend in September)

**Christmas Tree Lighting** (1st Saturday in December)