

# Powell Township Park & Recreation

## July 2021 Minutes

P.O. Box 319  
Big Bay MI, 49808

Date:07/13/2021

Time: **6:37**

Members: Present Absent Excused

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

1. Approval of Agenda: **Motion made by George/Supported by Lucy: approved**
2. Additions & Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve by Lucy/Second by Darlene: approved**
3. Financial Report: **Accepted**

Public Comment: **Sven commented on the incredible fireworks. Jill commented on 4th of July activities for children and decorations around town. Very well done.**

Guests:

- 1) Big Bay Relay. Marcia Gonstead : **See handout provided by Marcia. Would like Parks and Rec help on the 2022 relay. Help will be needed to put on this event to benefit the trails. Lucy commented that it should remain a Noque event, with proceeds to Pathway.**
- 2) DiscUP, Phil Depetro: **Established in 2013. BMX course was first. There are 650 chapters, Marquette is the 46th in MI. Large involvement with participants. There is another course in Harvey that ranks 139th in MI. Course requires one acre per hole, 18 holes. Building cost \$1,000 per hole. Includes (building) two tee pads, red and blue. Different possibilities for tee pad construction. There are 5 people on DiscUP board, 75 members in DiscUP. Funding for building by grants, along with donation tubes on courses. Possible location by Powell Peak trail mentioned. Possible clinic for school classes to build interest.**

3) Nancy Gaines (Food Shack Painting) **Draver Park is looking great, possible paint job on Food Shack. Kelli made motion to allow Nancy to paint shack. George seconded.**

## **Reports**

1. Parks and Trails Manager (Don Gaines) **Trail Hidden Grin mowed, Garbage cleaned up. Draver Park was fixed up for tournament. Took down some trees on trails. Checking on conditions for future. Some signage put up (no open fires and dead end) and prep for paving at Burns Landing was done. Training on equipment was also completed. Lucy commented on signage on Sweet Pine, Maps are up, was well received by hikers.**
2. Big Bay Pathway (Sven) **Covered by Don.**
3. Burns Landing(Darlene) **No update, a wedding was held at Pavilion. Sign needs to be put up concerning capacity. (Decided to post it at 40 people)**
4. Draver Park (Committee) **Daryl spoke to Darlene about footage for path from portapotty to pavilion (80 feet) at Draver Park. Prices discussed about options. Discussion about whose responsibility it is to order materials. Clarification was needed. Decision was made for a 5 foot wide path with aggregate. Pad should be an aggregate pad, measurement to be determined. Try to clarify in the future who is the authority for decision making, after board approval, in particular projects.**
5. Thomas Rock (Committee) **Daily total sheet shared for public usage of Pathway, Burns, Sweetpine, Thomas Rock. Very good data for future use.**
6. Concert Series (Sven) **Sven hopes to create a sub-committee layout for next concert, previous to next meeting.**
7. Community Garden (George and Lucy) **Not a lot of interest so far for volunteers. Large undertaking, do we have enough interest? Field trips may bring interest. Needs to be advertised.**
8. PTRR Trails (Sven) **Covered by Don. Some signage needs to be replaced, non-motorized signs loaned by NTN. Some work on kiosk still needs to be done. Signs encouraging clean up as hikers are using the trails could be placed.**

## **Grants-**

**2022 Projects and possible grants to match: Tabled for future meeting.**

## **Old Business**

1. Accessible Porta-John Bathroom: **Need to contact company to see if it is still available.**
2. Committee Officers: **Possible review of by-laws. Tabled for next meeting. Meeting at 6:00 PM, followed by regular meeting.**

## **Additional Old Business**

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### **New Business**

1. MCTA Reception in October 6, **To be held at Bay Cliff. Support needed by all departments. Possible use of Marqtran to bring in members. Pete will give tour of Burns Landing or Thomas Rock.**
2. Trail Counters: **See Thomas Rock. Can Daryl can come in to talk about the trail counters for recommendations for improvements? Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve want counters also. Hope to get the same counters we have, would like to order under our umbrella. \$657 each, need 2. They would reimburse township. Darlene makes motion to allow the purchase, George seconded.**
3. Trailer Plates and Insurance : **Trailer needs plates and title. Paperwork to be submitted. Will check to see if it will fall under equipment insurance.**
4. U-17 insurance Coverage- **See above**
5. Asset Tagging, Log and Maintenance Records: **Decided that Parks and Rec needs to tag assets, maintain log and maintenance records.**
6. Powell Township Stencil and Stick on logo : **Do we have a stencil, or stickers for identification? Township Logo stencil would be nice. Kelli will get quote of costs.**
7. Leave No Trace : **Improving trail heads. An organization provides signage to encourage good conservation habits for hikers. Will be looked at in future. Sven will send information for committee to review.**

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Public Comment: **Leave no Trace paid for by Crest.**

Time meeting adjourned: **Motion by Jill/ Supported by George 8:09**

Next Regular Meeting: **August 10**

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)