

Powell Township Park & Recreation

Minutes August 10, 2021

P.O. Box 319
Big Bay MI, 49808

Date: **08/10/2021**

Time: **6:25 Meeting called to order.**

Members: Present Absent Excused

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

1. Approval of Agenda **Kelli made motion to approve agenda, George seconded, with the addition of two items (trail movement report/pump track)**
2. Additions & Approval of Minutes **Kelli moved to approve, George supported. minutes**
3. Financial Report: **Accepted**

Public Comment:

1. Committee Officers: **Discussion regarding By-law review. Decision to change officer election to the month of January. Terms agreed to: Deputy and chair to be 3 year terms. Secretary is one year term. Motion to make revision to by-laws as submitted by Lucy. New elections to be held in January. Lucy made motion, Kelli seconded, carried. Sven made motion to appoint Lucy as Deputy chairman, Kelli seconded. Motion passed. Lucy will submit revised bylaws to Township Board for approval at next meeting.**

Reports

1. Parks and Trails Manager/Don Gaines: **Trees down from storm cleaned up, a little more to do.. Powell Recreation Sign put up, confusion about the correct trail entrance. New sign to be installed on post clarifying entrance. Sign to read: Trail entrance on left (with correct distance) Getting price on**

finishing kiosk. \$700 to complete roofing and anchored. (steel roofing, concrete, 2x4s.) Motion to purchase materials at \$1000. Heidi/ Kelli, approved. Meeting with winter grooming crew. Equipment being prepped for winter.

2. Big Bay Pathway (Sven) **No report**
3. Burns Landing(Darlene) **Road work being done now.**
4. Draver Park (Committee) **Accessible pathway prepared to reach accessible portapotty, but a regular one was delivered. That one was removed, waiting for accessible version.**
5. Thomas Rock (Committee) **Some limited washout to be repaired.**
6. Concert Series (Sven) **Poster created for concert on Sept 18th, 7:00. Volunteer list created for help sign up. Sandwich boards to be set up the week before.**
7. Community Garden (George and Lucy) **Some trees were planted by Marcia. Would like to plant nut trees closer to the forest area. George will contact Grace Altoblum for advice. Idea from Sven: Approach Dan Perkins to help with future plans for beds.**
8. PTRR Trails (Sven) **Covered by Don's report above.**

Grants

1. **MDARD application: Proposal for trails using the MDARD grant. Needs to be done by October.**

Old Business

1. MCTA Banquet **Nothing this month. October 6th at Bay Cliff.**
2. Draver Park Porta **Discussed above.**
3. DiscUP **Tied to pump track. Discussion to begin to look at possible areas for the Disc Golf course. Further discussion regarding relevance to our population. Sven will look into having the DiscUP people back for advice in moving forward and answering questions.**
4. Equipment Stencils **Sven asked about stencils to label equipment. Kelli reported that they were ordered.**
5. Leave No Trace **Special meeting held last month. Talia would like to bring some sample materials. Sven will ask her to bring them to us.**
6. Pump track **Discussion with Marquette county looking at doing a pump track. They are interested in possibly working with us to begin the planning process. Superior Health may also help with funds. Tribal money may also be possible.**

Additional Old Business

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New Business

1. Trail Counters: **Daryl made a graph of attendance at the various sites. He feels we need to purchase at least 3 more counters to obtain a more accurate count. Big Bay Pathways, Thomas Rock, Burns Landing. Daryl will come next month to discuss further. Burns Landing could wait until next year when it's finished. Lucy made motion to purchase 2 new counters. George supported. (Trail Services budget item)**

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Public Comment: Don made comment on Playground, Negaunee on Cherry St. has fit strip for all ages. Might be a good model For Draver. Nancy commented on the possibility of a viewing telescope for the top of Thomas Rock. Don asked about Soccer nets for Draver Park.

Time meeting adjourned: **7:50 Motion by Jill/ Seconded by Heidi**

Next Regular Meeting: **September 14th 6:30 PM**

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)