

# Powell Township Park & Recreation Minutes 1/14/20

P.O. Box 319  
Big Bay MI, 49808

Time called to order: 6:30 PM

Members present: Sven Gonstead-Chair; Jill Bevins, Darlene Turner, Arline Erickson, Heidi Shatz, Lucy Wilcox

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Darlent to approve agenda, seconded by Heidi.

**Additions and Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Darlene/ seconded by Arline.

**Financial report:** Parks and Rec: Donated Funds: \$19,379.17; Fire on the Bay: \$7,229.47; Concert Series: \$ \$2,852.85; CD: \$12,201.64.

**Public Hearing:** Five Year Recreation Plan: See attached minutes. The draft plan was presented on Dec. 11. All comments were accepted. The public hearing included comments on the Halfway park. The school survey indicated that there are some students in the area who would benefit from an improved park area. A suggestion was made to possibly engage local residents to assist in development.

**Guest: Rochelle Dale** presented on the Traditional Arts Gathering on the Yellow Dog River. The Watershed group would like Parks and Rec Committee to consider collaborating with them on another gathering in the future.

**Guest: Marcia Gonstead** gave details on the 42nd running of the Big Bay Relay to be held on May 16. Last year there were 41 teams with 205 participants. Amount raised was \$3,706. Marcia is heading up the organization of this year's event. More details to be ironed out over the next couple months.

## Old Business:

1. **Big Bay Pathway:** Sven reported logging issues going through the trail. Parking is also a problem because of the trucks going through. Possibly move trailhead to school trail. Grooming is going well.
2. **Burns Landing:** Darlene reported finalized plan for bathroom and pavillion platforms, working with Bay Cliff.

3. **Draver Park:** Closed for season.
4. **Thomas Rock:** Parking lot was opened up with front end loader for the Lantern Snowshoe event on Saturday.
5. **Concert series:** Two bands have committed for this summer's concert series. Marquette Blues Society will help with regional and local bands. Perhaps explore a collaboration with Hiawatha group. Amanda to be asked to do concert poster again.
6. **MDARD Grand Report:**
  - a. Darlene and Luce will attend a DNR presentation on the Quicker Passport trust fund grants for possible funding for the CR 510 trail.
7. **Five Year Recreation Plan:** Roll call vote to adopt recreation plan: Jill made a motion to adopt the plan, seconded by Lucy. Roll Call vote: Sven, yes; Jill, yes; Arline, yes; Darlene, yes; Lucy, yes; Heidi Abstained. Resolution passed.

**New Business:**

1. Lantern Snowshoe Event: Finalized Plans. Trail will be single file following the left trail. Lucy will clean off benches. Plowing done by Pete or Carl. Fire ring and firewood provided by Sven in parking area. Traffic duty: Parking on Thomas Rock side of 510. Volunteer Adrian Baker will bring fire truck with lights to guide parking. Heidi and Michelle will assist in parking control also. Next year consider checking into Marq tran bus cooperation. Hot Dogs/Buns/Hot Chocolate by Darlene. Also condiments. String lights with battery. Sven, Jill and Heidi filled lanterns.
2. E-mail/Social media accounts-tabled until next meeting.
3. 2020 budget further discussion needed.
4. Grant goals-tabled until next meeting.
5. Marketing/Branding, New Logo-tabled until next meeting. Motion made by Arline, seconded by Heidi to Table#2, #4 and #5

**Additional New Business:**

1. T-Shirts. Agreed to purchase a selection of T-Shirts with Parks and Rec current logo using previously agreed upon funds.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:45 PM Motion made by Jill, seconded by Darlene  
Next regular meeting Tuesday, February 11th.

Minutes prepared by Jill Bevins.

**Powell Township Parks & Recreation  
Public Hearing  
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808  
Tuesday January 14th, 2020 7:08 PM  
Draft Minutes**

**Public Hearing Opened:**

A public hearing for the Powell Township Parks and Recreation five year plan was called to order by Chair- Gonstead at 7:08p.

- The five year plan was published in the paper and the public was given a well- advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30-days.
- Leah Fraley read the Powell Township Recreation Committee Resolution of Approval of the Powell Township parks and Recreation Plan 2020-2025 aloud.

**Public Comment:**

- M. Gonstead asked if there is a way to asses usage of the halfway park.
- M. Gonstead asked by the halfway ballfield was not maintained before.
- M. Gonstead asked if this is the final five year plan or a draft.
- Adam stated he did not realize that a ball field in the halfway was an option.

**Public Hearing Closed:**

A public hearing for the Powell Township Parks and Recreation five year plan was closed by Chair- Gonstead at 7:16 pm.

Notes prepared by Leah Fraley