

**Powell Township  
Parks & Recreation**

**Minutes 2/11/20**

**P.O. Box 319  
Big Bay MI, 49808**

Time called to order: 6:40 PM

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Lucy to approve agenda, seconded by Jill.

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

**Financial report:** Parks and Rec: Donated Funds: \$19,379.17; Fire on the Bay: ~\$8,000; Concert Series: \$ 2,852.85; CD: \$12,201.64.

**Old Business:**

1. **Big Bay Pathway:** Sven reported that the trailhead was moved to tennis courts. Roy Johnson cleared out a section for parking. Honey Bear ski event hosted about 80 people. The event was very successful.
2. **Burns Landing:** Getting ready for 2nd phase with Bill Sanders going forward. Getting ready for erosion barriers, pathway, boardwalk. 2nd bathroom, finishing parking lot, and light installed at loop.
3. **Draver Park:** Closed for season.
4. **Thomas Rock:** Not plowed at last check.
5. **Concert series:** Amanda agreed to do graphic work. Two bands are locked in, one maybe, and one more to find. More details from Blues Society to come.
6. **MDARD Grand Report:**
  - a. Lucy will do a summary report. Looking for 2020 priorities. Possibilities: Pole barn for equipment, bike trails on 510 (would need ADA approval w/ firm bed). Further discussion is necessary for Parks and Rec goals. Darlene to invite Bill Sanders to next meeting, or possibly a special meeting, for clarification.
7. **Lantern Snowshoe event** was a great success. Decision to hold one a year. Safety concerns were brought up about parking, having more volunteers on the trail itself. More comments included: Put out donation can; have a sign up sheets for participants to sign in and out; Preheat hotdogs.

**Additional Old Business:**

1. **E-mail/Social media accounts**-tabled until next meeting. Parks and Rec email accounts?
2. **Marketing/Branding:** Discussion of a new business group to be formed.
3. **T-Shirts.** Purchased in a selection of styles and colors. \$20 for Long sleeve, \$15 for short sleeve.

**New Business:**

1. **Easter Egg Hunt:** April 11. Motion made by Darlene to approve \$300 for Easter Egg Hunt expenses. Seconded by Lucy.
2. **Proposed Placemaking Organization** in Powell Township. CREST to come and talk about it. Bringing together community and business members.

**Additional New Business:**

1. **Spring banquet:** To be held May 6, Wednesday, at Bay Cliff. \$20 per plate. The township is hosting and will need volunteers to help out. There will be tours of the facilities, social hour at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. Needed are decorators, Name tags, servers, an MC. Sven agreed to provide music with Dennis and Nick.
2. Dinner Menu will include Whitefish, chicken breast, pot roast, salad, green beans maple carrots, cherry torte, oreo pie. It will be a buffet.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:40 PM Motion made by Jill, seconded by Darlene  
Next regular meeting Tuesday, March 10th.

Minutes prepared by Jill Bevins.