

Powell Township Park & Recreation

October 12, 2021 Minutes

P.O. Box 319
Big Bay MI, 49808

Date: 10/12//2021

Time: 6:30

Members: Present Absent Excused

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

1. Approval of Agenda **Heidi moved to approve/George Seconded**
2. Additions & Approval of Minutes **Kelli Motion to approve/ George Seconded**
3. Financial Report: **Darlene out, Kelli gave Report on Concert Concession-50/50 \$442 /T-Shirts,donations: 325; Fire on the Bay: \$8.82**
Ojibway Donations: \$6,393.00 for signs and Park Equipment

Public Comment: None

Reports

1. Big Bay Pathway/PTRA Trails (Don) **Don not available. No answer on the Bear Mountain Loop.**
2. Burns Landing(Darlene) **Paving was completed on the road to the beach.**
3. Draver Park (Committee) **Cornstalks still up, should come down soon. Outhouse will be picked up this month.**
4. Thomas Rock (Committee) **Discussed Benches at Thomas Rock. Need to look at the possibility of metal benches that will not rot. Mowing has been done.**
5. Powell Trails **Few trees down, will hit with blowers when leaves are down. We need to move broken benches from Thomas Rock**
6. Concert Series (Sven) **Show went well, very successful. Looking to next year. Over 500 people attended.**
7. Community Garden (George and Lucy) **Met with Mr. Gillette and Kathy Wright who got a grant for a garden, or can use state funding. Teachers seemed excited about it.**

Parks and Rec can donate some funds if necessary. A reach out to conservation groups could prove helpful.

Grants

- 1. MDARD, recreational trails on PTRA (Due Nov. 15th) Sven and Lucy working on this Grant.**
- 2. Economic Development Administration (EDA), Competitive Grant for Burn's Landing to Thomas Rock Transportation Corridor (Due March 15th or sooner) Grant for Burns Landing to Thomas Rock. Proposal made to EAGLE Mines for help on matching funds. CUPAD may help with the application.**
- 3. Lake Superior Health Foundation Lucy is investigating possible funding of Disc Golf Course.**
- 4. Community Foundation of Marquette County Possible funds for upgrading of benches. Picnic Tables at Burns Landing or Powell Trails.**

Old Business

- 1. Disc Golf Course No connection with Phil DePetro at DiscUP yet. Waiting for more information.**
- 2. Spaceport Advisory Group No Report**
- 3. Equipment Stencil/Asset Tag Stickers done, will be numbered and applied to all equipment.**
- 4. E-Bike Policy/Ordinance Adapted from Michigan DNR policy. What class bike should be allowed on any paved trail? Number 7, 8 and 9 on the Policy needs to be addressed. To be discussed next meeting.**
- 5. Dark Sky Ordinance Dark Sky Ordinance has a lot of hoops to jump through, but we could go to a simpler idea of specific light fixtures. Heidi will come up with some ideas for us to look at for future meetings.**
- 6. Leave No Trace signs Tabled for next month.**
- 7. Burn's Landing Signage for making reservations Kelli will Come up with some ideas for next month..**
- 8. Softball Tournaments Tabled for next month.**

Additional Old Business

- 1. Fire on the Bay: Date set for next year: July 9th, 2022 Rain Date: July 16, 2022. Ideas for fund raising were discussed: have donation can at fireworks, sell glow sticks.**
- 2. Wayfinding Signage We have funds from EAGLE mine for signage. We need to move forward and get more public input. Placemaking committee affiliated with Stewardship Committee is working on this project.**

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New Business

1. 2022 Proposed Project Planning and Budgets

See Grant planning above. Should start thinking ahead to 2022. Possibly tie in Community Garden to Beautification

2. T-Shirts and Stickers to sell **Sales went well at the concert. Stickers for vehicles would possibly do well.**

3. Bay Cliff Collaboration **Sven met with Clair to talk about trails, found a route to connect with Bay Cliff property. Possibly help Bay Cliff to establish trails on their property.**

4. Glen Hutchinson Property/Powell Trails **Parcel purchased by Powell Peak, will discuss with owners about creating more trails through it.**

5. Cab for the Groomer **Sven submitted to Darlene an estimate for heated cab for groomer. Approx. \$2500. Tabled for now, to discuss next month.**

Additional New Business

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Public Comment:

Time meeting adjourned: 7:52 Jill/Heidi

Next Regular Meeting: November 9

Minutes Prepared by:

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)