

# Powell Township Park & Recreation

## November Minutes

P.O. Box 319  
Big Bay MI, 49808

Date: 11/09/2021

Time: 6:32

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 **George motion to approve/ Kelli Supported**
2. Additions & Approval of Minutes **Kelli motion to approve/ George Seconded**
3. Financial Report: Donated funds: **Darlene briefly discussed donated funds vs. general funds. Sven wanted to know if trail services such as fuel was covered. Assured that it was. Report Approved.**

Public Comment: **None**

### Reports

1. Burns Landing (Darlene) **No updates from Bill Sanders as to when work would be finished. Township received \$6,390 from 2% Tribal grant for Burns Landing Tables and signs. Visitor counter clicks 990 for October.**
2. Draver Park (Committee) **Discussion regarding accessible toilet rental over-charge and issues with maintenance. Lucy offered to follow up with company.**
3. Thomas Rock (Committee) **Two benches and a table were broken and rotted and brought to township hall. Community person came forward offering to remove them if we want to get rid of them. Tabled to next meeting. Visitor counter clicks at 5044 for October.**
4. Powell Trails (Sven) **New extension to trail from Mountain Peak Parking Lot, coming out on the Sweet Pine route. Leaves have been blown once. Will do another then be done. Possible use of trail for snow shoeing. Sweet Pine Visitor counter clicks at 211 for October.**

5. Concert Series (Sven) **Sven talked about making possible changes for next year. A. No tip jar or else a labeled jar. B. Band price will be set and check ready to cash for them. C. Possible farmers market on same day to promote local food growth. D. Expand the concert to regional bands. Will cost more, may need a grant to help pay for it.**
6. Big Bay Pathway (Sven) **382 October Clicks for Big Bay Pathway. Bear Mountain Ridgeline will soon be back in action. Saturday, 11/13 help open up Bear Mountain and place tubes.**
7. Community Garden (George and Lucy) **Concern about care for bushes and the purchase of trees. Conservation district applying for grants and will work with students. They will plant within existing soil. Discussion about placement of plants.**

## Grants

1. MDARD, recreational trails on PTR (Due Nov. 15th) **Lucy reported final prep for MDARD grant. Received support from CREST. It looks good. Lucy will send out the grant application to the committee to review. There is a \$30,000 match requirement for \$70,000. EAGLE Mine is giving \$50,000 to Parks and Rec. for continued development along with \$30,000 match for the grant. The grant will allow 9-11 miles of trail to be developed and allow for trail manager and assistant for two years, along with trail amenities.**
2. Economic Development Administration (EDA), Burn's Landing to Thomas Rock Pathway (Due March 15th or sooner) **For historical trail. Fiduciary through CUPAD. Things are on hold. Tabled for future discussion.**
3. 2% Funds for Burn's Landing: **See reports #1 above.**

## Old Business

1. Thomas Rock New Benches and other updates **Tabled for next month.**
2. Spaceport Advisory Group: **Lucy reported that they will meet in the near future. Information is being gathered on local impact. Possible threat includes traffic stoppage on 550 for indeterminate amounts of time. There would also be zoning implications.**
3. Equipment Stencil/Asset Tag **Tabled**
4. E-Bike Policy **Tabled: Darlene, Heidi motion to table**
5. Dark Sky Policy and Programming **Heidi sent out information on policies. Lucy discussed a limited lighting ordinance being put into place. Darlene made a motion to table for further research. Heidi seconded. Passed.**
6. Trailheads/Leave No Trace signs **See project planning. Tabled Heidi/ Kelli**
7. Burn's Landing Signage for making reservations

**Discussion on types of signage to go up.  
Message center bulletin board. Motion made to purchase brown message center, Sven made motion/ Kelli seconded. \$425. Passed**

**8. Carol Fulsher, Iron Ore Heritage trail representative. Coming in December, depending on weather, may be zoom. She will discuss development, funding, maintenance and long haul lessons learned.**

**9. Disc Golf Course Sven, Phil DePetro , on hold. No update.**

**10. Softball Tournaments Discussion on going about issues, Darlene called, County will write policy about how to ban ball games when so many problems occur. May not be allowed to stay at Perkins Park. Policy does not exist as of now. Tabled to January agenda.**

### **Additional Old Business**

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### **New Business**

**1. Christmas Tree Lighting 1st Saturday in December. Darlene made motion for \$500 to purchase goodie bags and Tree. Jill seconded. December 4**

**a. Party Bags of goodies**

**b. X-mas decoration of bowling pins Snowman and Trees painted.**

**2. Removal of old benches at Thomas Rock Covered above: Reports #3**

**3. Big Bay Stewardship Council Wayfinding Signage Proposal**

**Sven gave overview of proposal, Jill made motion to support, Kelli supported, motion passed.**

**4. 2022 Proposed Project Planning and Budgets Chairman asked committee to bring to table any ideas, etc. for next month meeting. Funding, events, etc. Sven reviewed recreation plan with committee. Plan to review ideas and consider plans for next year.**

**5. T-Shirts and Stickers to sell: Heidi sold a lot of t-shirts, we need to reorder male colors in soft materials. Table to January meeting.**

**6. Cab for the Groomer Last phase for groomer, we need doors and a heater to enclose at cost of \$3000 Lucy move to purchase, Heidi second. (Amendment to motion: Chairman notified committee 11-11-21 that the current price had gone up to \$4399.97. Committee approved the increased price via email.)**

**7. Porta-John for the winter at the trailhead Tabled to next month.**

8. Honey Bear event (Virtual event Feb. 5-13, live event on 12th) **Sven informed committee of event. Will have fire pit, soup, hot chocolate at trail head.**

### **Additional New Business**

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Public Comment: **None**

Time meeting adjourned: 8:35 Motion by Jill / Second by George

Next Regular Meeting: **December 14, 2021**

Minutes Prepared by: **Jill M. 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)

**4rth Summer Concert** (3rd weekend in September)

**Christmas Tree Lighting** (1st Saturday in December)