

# Powell Township Park & Recreation

## December 2021 Minutes

P.O. Box 319  
Big Bay MI, 49808

Date: **12/14/2021**

Time: **6:49 PM**

Members: Present Absent Excused

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

Guest: Reggie Durant

1. Approval of Agenda: **3 items added, Darlene made motion to approve with changes/Lucy supported.**
2. Additions & Approval of Minutes **Lucy made motion to accept/ George seconded.**
3. Financial Report: **None ready because of updates on computer. Should be same as last month.**

Public Comment: **Reggie Durant and Clare put tracks on Wolverine and it is ready to go on trails. Had some problems with tires, took some time but completed project successfully.**

### Reports

1. Big Bay Pathway (Sven) **Tracks installed on Wolverine groomer, some mechanical difficulties with grizzly groomer, will need to deal with those issues.**
2. Burns Landing(Darlene) **No Update**
3. Draver Park (Committee) **No Update**
4. Thomas Rock (Committee) **Parking lot is being plowed, there has been some activity. Some responses from tax bill letters were received. . A couple of people volunteered to work on snowshoe trail.**

5. Concert Series (Sven) **First band for July concert is booked.**
  - a. Sub-Committee: **Need to form committee to structure the concerts organization was discussed. Lucy and Heidi agreed to work on it. There has been some community interest. The need to look out for conflicts in booking the use of pavilion was discussed.**
  - b. Page on the PT Website: **Parks and Rec would like to start a section on the page for Concert setup.**
6. Community Garden (George and Lucy) **Committee discussed the path from the road to the tree line, planning for the curve of the path. Sven will set up a diagram of it. Heidi brought up the school's interest in providing input for layout and planning. Agreed to hold off and let the school plan the layout.**
7. PTRAs Trails (Sven) **Putting up signage with volunteer. Discussion on trail clean up during winter months.**

### **Grants MDARD**

1. **Grants have been submitted, thanks to the help of Lucy, Darlene and a few others.**

### **Old Business**

1. Porta-John for Big Bay Pathway Layout: **No estimates yet. Table for next meeting. To be put at trail head.**
2. Dark Sky: **Too much for our group, would refer to township. Discussion about wording for possible township ordinance. To be brought up at February township meeting.**
3. Spaceport Advisory Group: **A citizen will be going to the board with information. The citizen requested links be added to the township website, but not sure about legalities with that issue.**
4. Potential 2022 Projects: **Need to schedule special meeting to consider projects and funding. Sven will set up a poll to determine best meeting time.**

### **Additional Old Business**

1. Christmas Party: **Tree lighting was held outdoors. It was a success, seemed to be more adults than children. 20 children received bags at the parties. Possibly hold off on any lighting before the party next year. Three committee members attended.**
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### **New Business**

1. Holiday Cards to collaborators: **Lucy will send them out.**

2. Renewal of Terms: **Darlene is due. January 1st restructure with elections.**
3. Honey Bear Celebration, **Feb. 12th Parking lot of Big Bay Pathway. With 2 firepits. Tent and haybales. Check into getting portapotty for that event.**

#### **Additional New Business**

1. Special meeting: **A meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss relationship with NTN. Newsletter claimed authority over Powell Twp. Trails. Need to discuss with NTN and clarify assets and balances. Sven will send poll to determine best time for Parks and Rec to meet and discuss this further.**
2. Trail Manager: **Board will be asked to repost position and contact NTN for a posting.**
3. T-Shirt order: **Heidi asked about T-Shirts, Could we order more V-necks? Motion made by Heidi to purchase/Sven supported, motion passed. \$500 authorized.**

Public Comment: **Reggie, NTN member, mountain biker. Marquette Township doesn't have a problem with co-ownership, or sense of ownership. He recommended our working with them.**

Time meeting adjourned: **7:48**

Next Regular Meeting: **January 11, 2022**

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)