

1. Inform the Public.
2. Ask the Board to recommend the Planning Commission review the SPARK #2 plans at tomorrow night's meeting.
3. Gather existing and addition documentation supporting SPARK #2 Application.
4. Ask the Board to place an agenda item on the June 20 agenda. (+ \$900 to the maintenance budget for Draver Park.)

**POWELL TOWNSHIP
P.O. BOX 319
BIG BAY MI. 49808**

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

7:00 pm

This Meeting Is Being Recorded

Committee & Dept. Reports

1. Call to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Roll Call of Officers
 4. Agenda
 5. Minutes
 6. Expenditure & Revenue Report
 7. Treasurer's Report
 8. Approval of Bill
- a. Ambulance Dept.
 - b. Emergency Management.
 - c. Fire Dept
 - d. Parks & Rec.
 - e. Planning Commission
 - f. Sewer Dept.
 - g. Water Dept
 - h. Correspondence:
 - i. Presentations:

Public Comment: 3 minute rule:

Agenda Item?



Parks & Recreation Department

e. Apply for a Michigan DNR SPARK Grant for Historical Trail and Draver Park

A temporary Advisory Committee under the Parks and Recreation Committee

Darlene Turner - supervisor@powelltownship.org

Kelli Santilli - treasurer@powelltownship.org

Sven Gonstead - bigbaypathway@gmail.com

Mike Springer - michaelspringer@mac.com

Who are we?

**Powell Township Board
Special Board Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
December 5th, 2022 5:30 PM
Minutes (Approved 12/20/2022)**

1. Call to Order at 5:35 pm by Supervisor.
2. Roll Call of Officers: Darlene Turner (Supervisor) present; Kelli Santilli (Treasurer) present; Mitch Walker (Clerk) present, Karen December (Trustee) absent; Denise Hudson (Trustee) present
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda (Walker/Santilli) All yes, motion carried
4. Presentation: Mike Springer, Proposed DNR Accessibility Improvements at Draver Park, SPARKS grant status.
5. SPARKS grant application for DNR Accessibility Improvements at Draver Park.
 - a. Discussion of project plan.
 - b. **Resolution** in support of application for SPARKS grant for DNR Accessibility Improvements at Draver Park - Roll Call Vote: Darlene Turner (Yea); Kelli Santilli (Yea); Mitch Walker (Yea); Denise Hudson (Yea). Supervisor declares **Resolution adopted**.

Remember Last December

About the program

It's a milestone moment for recreation in Michigan: a **\$65 million grant program to help local communities** that want to create, renovate or redevelop public opportunities for residents and visitors—**especially those whose economic opportunities and health were hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Administered by the DNR, Michigan Spark Grants will support projects that provide safe, accessible, public recreation facilities and spaces to improve people's health, introduce new recreation experiences, **build on existing park infrastructure and make it easier for people to enjoy both indoor and outdoor recreation.** This grant opportunity is possible because of the Building Michigan Together Plan, signed in March 2022, which included a historic infusion of federal funding in our state and local parks.

65 Million Available for existing parks.

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 05/09/2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead (chair) - Present

Darlene Turner - Present

Heidi Shatz (vice chair) – Present

Kelli Santilli (secretary) - Present

Lauri Shaw - Present

Coty Sorby - Present

Linda Ludwig – Absent (excused)

MOTION to approve support
SPARK round #2, encourage
consideration by Planning
and Township Board made
by Lauri/supported by Heidi
(6 aye; 0 nay).

Support from Parks and Recreation

2020-2025



Powell Township
Michigan

WHERE THE
ROAD ENDS
YOUR ADVENTURE BEGINS

Parks and Recreation Plan



Action Plan



This action plan is intended to be a living document that is revisited by the Powell Township Recreation Committee annually to help guide the Committee on their goals to continue to improve the Township's parks and trail systems.

Ideally, the Chair of the Powell Township Recreation Committee will place the Update of the Action Plan on the agenda on or about the same time each year so the Recreation Committee can adjust the plan as needed according to known costs, funding availability, and new opportunities for recreation growth.

\$300,000

Parks Projects	Estimate	Timeframe	Funding Source
Draver Park: Develop a community building that will include a fire pit and other community services.	\$300,000	2020-2023	Powell Township, DNR
Update parking, restrooms, and playground equipment with recommended accessibility improvements included in SAIL Report.			
Halfway Park and Ball Field: Work with students and their parents at the Halfway Location to develop feasible improvements to the park. Seek volunteer assistance.	TBD	2020-2022	Powell Township, Marquette County Community Foundation,
Develop plans and cost estimates for improvements to			

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Master Plan 2021 - 2025

TOWNSHIP BOARD

Darlene Turner, Supervisor
Daryl Wilcox, Deputy Supervisor
Kelli Santilli, Treasurer
Nancy Gaines, Deputy Treasurer
Samantha Morin, Clerk
Erica Waite, Deputy Clerk
Denise Hudson
Karen December

PLANNING COMMISSION

Phil Moran, Chairperson
Amanda Stephenson, Vice Chairperson
Doris Childers
Laura Mohrman
Denise Hudson
Nick Korstad
Karl Williams

Former Planning Commissioners: Paul Beauchaine, Carole Burns, Sidney Reade, and John Bourgeois.

Technical assistance for the Master Plan update was provided by Northwoods Planning & Zoning Services, LLC.

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Draver Park: Improvements to ADA parking. Implement Level 1 according to SAIL Report.	\$300	2020	Local Funds
Halfway Park and Ball Field: Work with students and their parents at the Halfway Location to develop feasible improvements to the park. Seek volunteer assistance.	N/A	2020	Local Funds, Grants, Donations
Draver Park: Restroom and playground improvements, accessibility improvements	\$300,000	2021 – 2023	MDNR Trust Fund, Local Funds, Volunteers
Halfway Location Parks: Develop plans and cost estimates for improvements to Halfway location and determine need in funding.	N/A	2022	Local Funds, Grants, Donations, Volunteers
LeClair Cabin: Restoration of site. Develop plans and cost estimates.	N/A	2024-2025	Local Funds

\$300,000

Trails Project	Estimate	Timeframe	Funding Source
Non-Motorized Trail Connections: Begin the planning phase of single track development on CR 510 while working with neighboring townships and trails organizations to collaborate resources.	N/A	2020	N/A
Non-Motorized Trail: Begin construction phase of single tracks on CR 510	TBD	2021	Local Funding, DNR Grants, Donors
Begin dialogue with Marquette County about private business access to Perkins Park and Big Bay Harbor to provide additional recreational benefit for visitors and	N/A	2020	N/A



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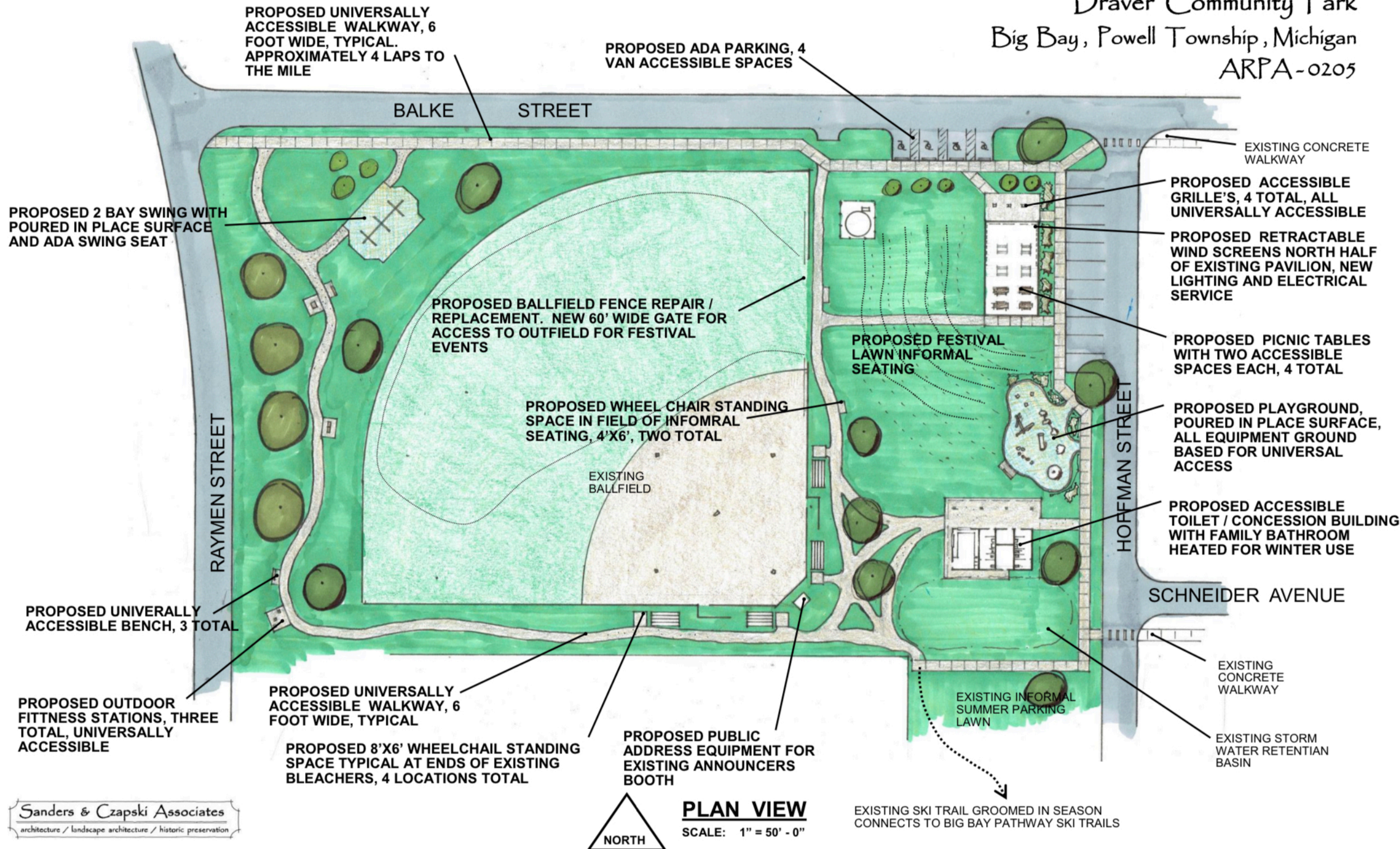
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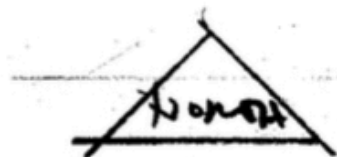
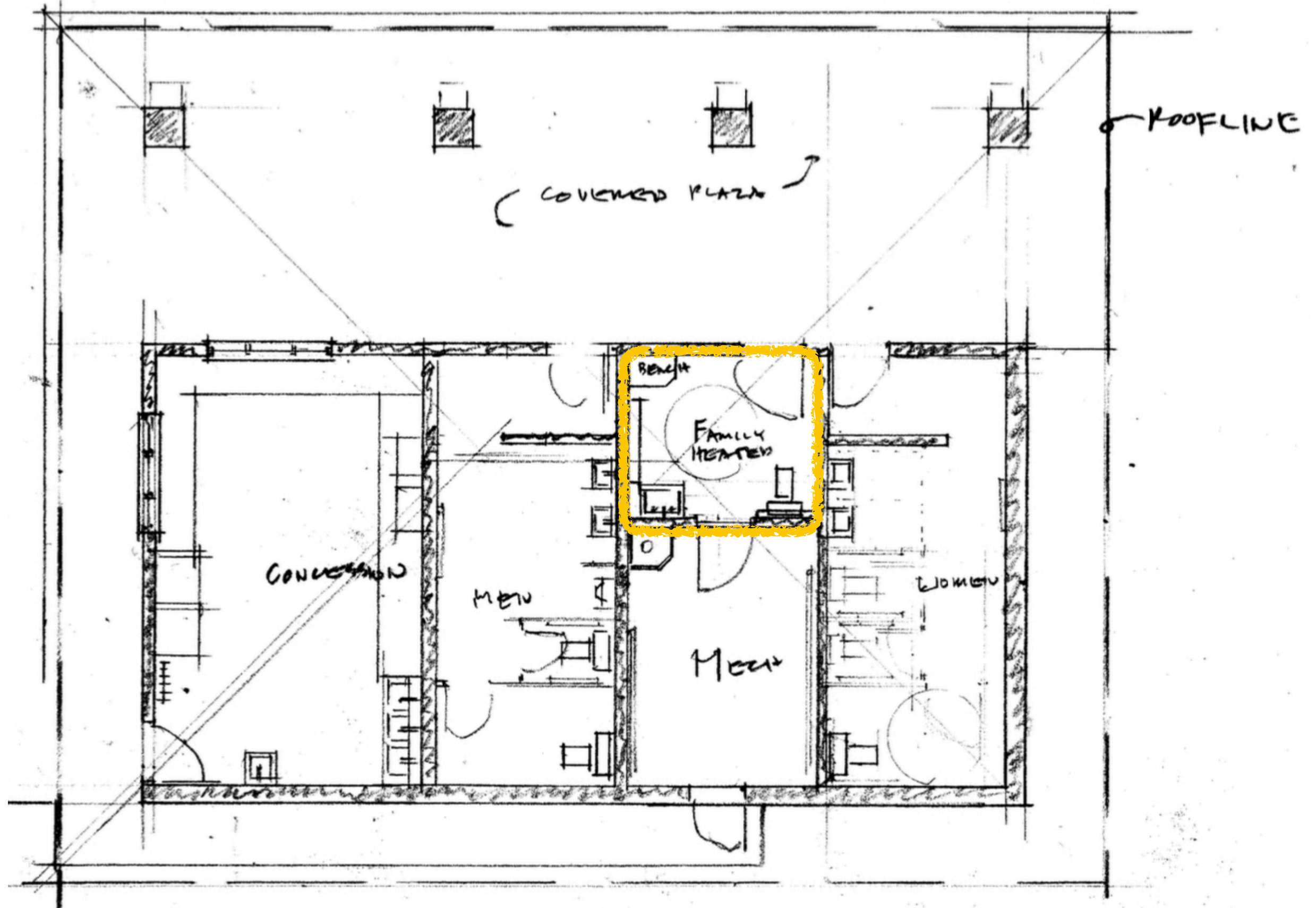
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Draver Community Park

Big Bay, Powell Township, Michigan
ARPA-0205





CONCESSION / TOILET FLOOR PLAN
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2. To add rows to a section, click the + button.
3. See the Grant Program handbook [here](#) for additional information.

Budget Categories

Pre-planning - Only includes conceptual designs, public input, public surveys and other meetings.

Administration - Internal activities necessary to support the oversight and implementation of the project. This category is capped at 5% of the Project Subtotal.

Project Permitting, Plan Designs and Oversight - This category is capped at 25% of the Project Subtotal.

Construction**Programming**

Equipment - directly related to activities supporting the construction improvements of the project; maintenance equipment is not eligible.

Need for project?*

☒ Yes ☐ No

☒ Yes ☐ No

☒ Yes ☐ No

☒ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Cost

\$ 1,200

\$ 3,500

\$ 107,200

\$ 775,000

\$

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Subtotal**\$886,900****\$886,900.00**

Michigan Spark Grants Application Outcome

Powell Township
ARPA-0205

February 9, 2023

We regret to inform you that the application noted above was not selected for Spark Grants round one funding. Over 460 applications requesting more than \$280 million in grant funds were submitted for this statewide grant opportunity and less than 5% of applications received were recommended for funding in this round.

Dates for the next round of Michigan Spark Grants will be decided soon and once decided, a notification will be sent out from MiGrants and information will be posted on the [Spark Grants webpage](#). Additional instructions will be sent to you on how to resubmit applications at that time. Please note that changes cannot be made to existing Spark Grants applications until the next round of funding is open.

Because of the volume of applications received, DNR Grant Coordinators will have difficulty in responding to individual inquiries regarding submitted applications. Instead, by the end of March and ahead of the next round of funding, individual scores will be shared with applicants and general information on how to improve applications will be made available on the DNR [Spark Grants webpage](#).

Thank you for your interest in the Michigan Spark Grants Program.

Sincerely,
Grants Management Section
Finance and Operations Division
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

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Applicant	Proposal Title	County	Grant Request
Berrien County	Silver Beach County Park Playground Enhancement	Berrien County	\$850,000
City of Albion	McIntosh Park Phase 2	Calhoun County	\$1,000,000
City of Auburn	Auburn Park Fit & Fun Project	Bay County	\$312,400
City of Benton Harbor	Hall Park Restoration Phase I	Berrien County	\$958,000
City of Flint	St. John Street Neighborhood Memorial Park/Flint River Trail	Genesee County	\$1,000,000
City of Grand Blanc	Physicians Park Playground - "Run for the Playground!"	Genesee County	\$379,400
City of Lapeer	Linear Park Pathway Rehab - Rowden Park	Lapeer County	\$767,600
City of Marlette	Marlette Community Park Improvements	Sanilac County	\$393,900
City of Morenci	Stephenson Park Reactivation	Lenawee County	\$863,500
City of Muskegon	Muskegon Splash Pad Reconstruction	Muskegon County	\$250,000
City of Port Huron	16th & Dove Street Park	St. Clair County	\$500,000
City of Sault Ste. Marie	Alford Park Expansion	Chippewa County	\$716,600
City of Trenton	Kennedy Aquatic Center Renewal	Wayne County	\$1,000,000
Clay Township	Clay Twp Park Playscape	St. Clair County	\$584,800
Covert Township	Covert Park Beach & Campground North Boardwalk	Van Buren County	\$475,000
Lapeer County	Polly Ann Trail	Lapeer County	\$287,300
Village of Cassopolis	Stone Lake Waterfront Improvements	Cass County	\$1,000,000
Village of Elk Rapids	Improvements to Rotary Park	Antrim County	\$478,100
Village of Hersey	Hersey Shared-Use Path	Osceola County	\$1,000,000
Village of Sebewaing	Sebewaing Main Park Playground Renovation	Huron County	\$1,000,000
Village of Vermontville	Village Park Revitalization Project	Eaton County	\$362,300
	Total for 21 awards		\$14,178,900
	Average grant award amount per 21 awards		\$675,186
Powell Township	Draver Community Park and Trailhead	Marquette County	\$866,900
			\$191,714

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Applicants
received
a total of

\$14,178,900

Based on the total score, a tier was assigned to each application.

Tiers	Score Range	Number of Apps	Cumulative	Total Request	Cumulative
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Tier 2	83-89	10	31	\$4,804,600.00	\$18,983,500.00
Tier 3	80-82	20	51	\$11,729,600.00	\$30,713,100.00
Tier 4	77-79	39	90	\$27,618,200.00	\$58,331,300.00
Tier 5	74-76	45	135	\$28,802,100.00	\$87,133,400.00
Tier 6	70-73	62	197	\$39,466,100.00	\$126,599,500.00
Tier 7	67-69	55	252	\$32,215,400.00	\$158,814,900.00
Tier 8	64-66	55	307	\$33,418,400.00	\$192,233,300.00
Tier 9	60-63	56	363	\$36,648,900.00	\$228,882,200.00
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SPARK 1 Score for Powell Township

	SCORE	Total Possible	Difference
Application Number	ARPA-0205		
Public Benefit and Anticipated Outcomes	19	24	5
Access to Project Site	16	17	1
Financial and Social Considerations	10	19	9
Clarity of Scope and Ability to Execute	14	14	0
Access to New Opportunities for People of All Abilities	15	15	0
New Construction, Renovation and Future Maintenance	7	11	4
Total Score	81	100	19
Tier	3	81%	

April 21, 2023

Contact: [Dan Lord](#), 517-290-5603

Michigan Spark Grant applications open May 1; nearly \$23 million available for public recreation projects

Additional pathway to Spark Grants funding will be open to 'opportunity communities' through new partnership with Michigan's philanthropy network



After record interest in first-round Michigan Spark Grants funding, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will reopen grant applications starting May 1 with up to \$23 million available for public recreation improvement projects in areas most

affected by COVID-19. To boost grant access for those in greatest need, the

Two pathways to funding:

Applications open May 1 for DNR Spark Grants! Apply by June 26. There is also a new option available later this year to several dozen "opportunity communities" that have historically faced barriers to participating in the grant process.



DNR Spark Grants

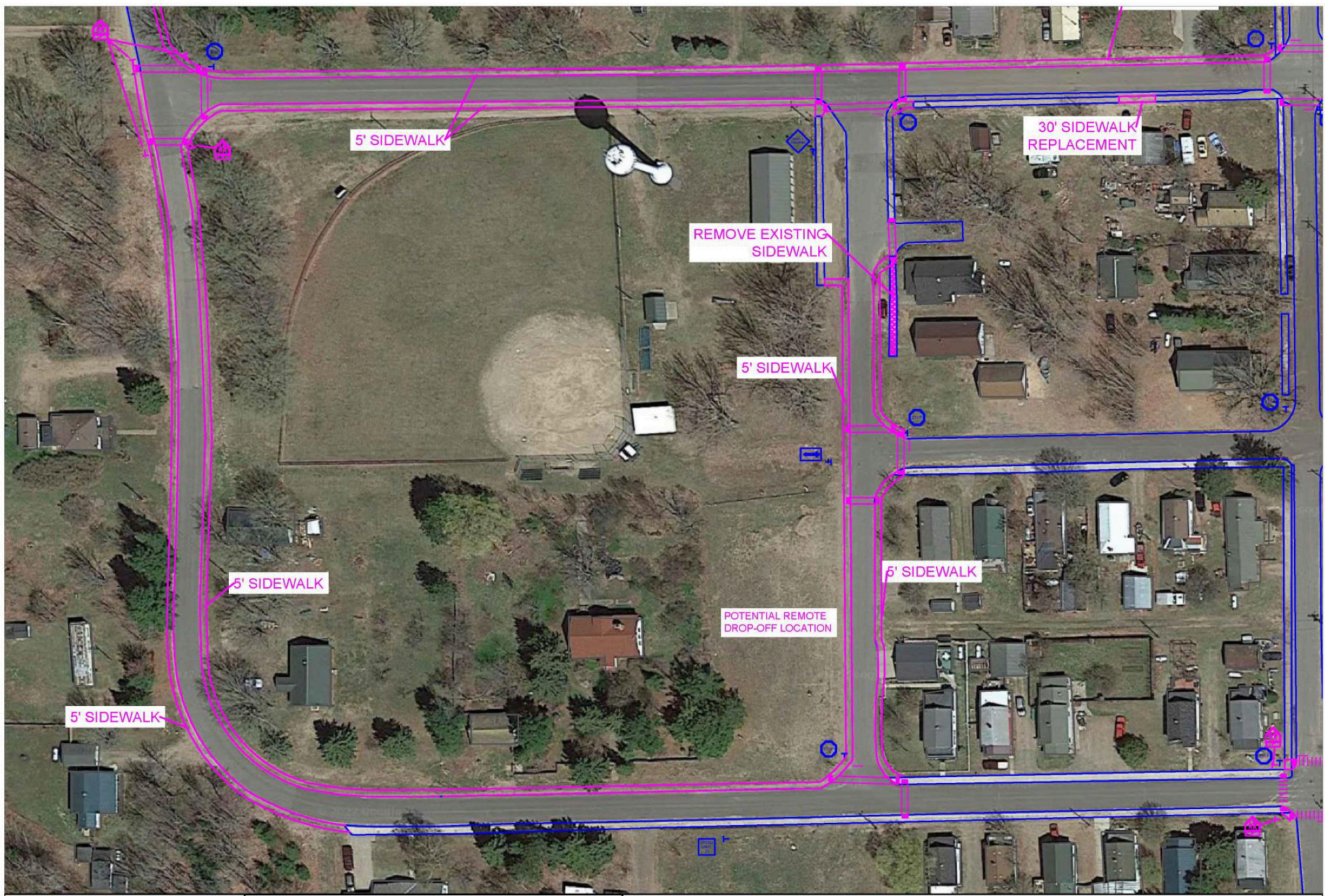
Applications open May 1 to all eligible applicants. Take the steps now to prepare. Get all the details below.



Spark Grants for opportunity communities

Learn more about this creative new option available to designated "opportunity communities."

**The next round of applications opens
May 1, 2023,
and are due in MiGrants by 11:45 p.m.
June 26, 2023.**



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Powell Township Recreational Trail Network

The Parks and Rec. with Big Bay Pathways has been awarded multiple grants to improve the Powell Township Recreational Trail Network. The recent grant is from the CUPPAD for \$1500 for a communication board. This board will be for neighborhood news. The locations will be outside Post Office and the Halfway FireHall Also received is \$1500 from Marquette Community Foundation for trail grooming and \$10,000 from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for trail grooming and equipment. We appreciate all the help and funding to improve our trails that the community can better enjoy the wonderful place we live. Follow us on Facebook as the Big Bay Pathway

News Sports Outdoors

air, often with the help JOHN PEPIN fishing on a clear and One of the short bursts of wind danced on the wind briefly before See North p. 3C

From school to skiing

New trail connects Powell Township School to Big Bay Pathway

By CHRISTIE BLECK
Journal Staff Writer

BIG BAY — It takes a Big Bay village to raise a child.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on Monday to celebrate a new trail connecting Powell Township School to the Big Bay Pathway.

"It's really a special and beautiful little trail," said Lucy Wilcox, a member of the township's parks and recreation committee.

The trail, she noted, will allow the students to ski right out of the school and onto the pathway.

Volunteers were key to the effort, Wilcox said. Without the Powell Township volunteers who worked to build the trail as well as a bridge, the project wouldn't have been possible.

The Big Pathway is an affiliate of the Noquemanon Trail Network, which Wilcox called a major partner in the project.

Other support, she said, has come from Marquette County, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, and others.

The new trail, which begins behind the school by the tennis courts, isn't just for students either.

"It's going to be a hiking trail year-round," Wilcox said. "It's going to be a ski and snowshoe trail for the winter. It's for anyone who comes — citizens, tourists."

The connector trail also is for people of varying abilities.

Wilcox noted the trail, which is about a quarter mile, connects to a loop that's walkable for people who don't want to hike a long distance.

"Then if you want to go a long distance, you got it," she said.

Collaboration was important in the project, she said.

"There's so many pieces, so many skills sets, and there's money, there's equipment that you have," Wilcox said. "So, NTN shares equipment with us. We've had grants to purchase some equipment."

"We're just a small little township. There are only, like, 400 people who live in Big Bay, and without help, we just couldn't do it all."

A trail tends to become overgrown and then disappear if not maintained.

So, Wilcox said volunteers also will maintain the trail, helping with the needed grooming in the winter as well as the brushing and cutting necessary in the spring and summer.

Sven Gonstead, chairman of Powell Township Parks and Recreation and an NTN board member, said the connector trail has been about three years in the making, although the entire system has been worked on for about 17 years.

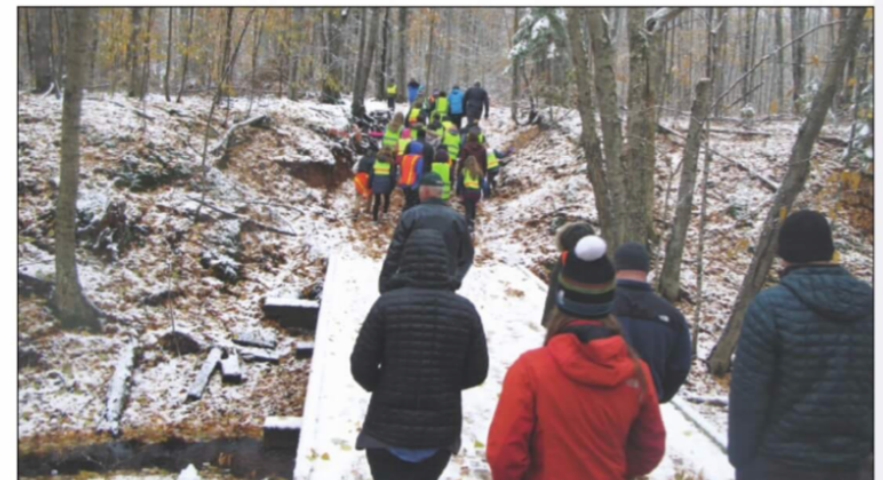
Like Wilcox, he appreciates the community support.

"It's incredible," Gonstead said. "It's been absolutely critical, and we're grateful all way back to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community."

KBIC, he said, helped with a grant to acquire grooming equipment. Eagle Mine too had been involved with providing materials for the bridge and other things.



Above, Lucy Wilcox, a member of Powell Township Parks and Recreation, stands at the beginning of a new connector trail that allows Powell Township School students, as well as the community, to connect to the Big Bay Pathway. A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on Monday at the trail. Below, Powell Township students and community members hike the new trail. (Journal photos by Christie Bleck)



He also credited the "volunteer corps" in Big Bay.

"They've been all fantastic," Gonstead said.

He believes the kids having easy access to trail is important.

"This is really a great partnership," Gonstead said. "They say it takes a village to raise a child, and it couldn't be more true in

this case, just to be able to work with the school, to be able to provide this opportunity for the kids to get out and explore nature and get a little exercise."

The trail has a cathedral-like feel to it, with tall hemlocks lining the walkway. It's also surrounded by a mixed forest with maples growing in the area, plus there's a small creek.

First-grader Emma De May was one of the students who walked the snowy trail on Monday as part of the short, mini-field trip. "I really like it here," she said, noting she had visited the trail before. "It's pretty."

Christie Bleck can be reached at 906-228-2500, ext. 250. Her email address is cbleck@miningjournal.net.

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