

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 09/12/2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead - Present

Darlene Turner (treasurer) - Present

Heidi Shatz (chair) - Present

Kelli Santilli (secretary) - Present

Lauri Shaw - Excused

Coty Sorby (vice chair) - Present

Linda Ludwig - Present

1. Approval of Agenda. MOTION to approve agenda with additions made by Sven/supported by Kelli (6 aye; 0 nay).
2. Approval of Minutes. MOTION to approve minutes made by Coty/supported by Linda (6 aye; 0 nay)
3. Financial Report. Auditor gave instruction on moving \$15,000 last week of August; money not moved as of today.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

PRESENTATIONS: N/A

GRANTS:

1. MDARD 2023 application: Coty working on it.
2. MDARD 2021: Sven will have narrative done by Friday.
3. Community Building: None.
4. Overdue: Burns landing grant, Bill Sanders working on it.

REPORTS

1. **Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty)** – Sven and Coty to look at blocks placed by Longyear; look for alternative routes; meet with Longyear. New trailhead needs more

aggregate at some point. Finishing picnic tables and benches. Hand bike trail ½ done; cut-through done. Kiosk to be moved. Volunteer days Thursdays 5-8 and Sundays 9-12 until completed. Ready for maps to be printed. Letters of support requested from cross-country skiers by end of October.

2. **BBSC Liaison (Sven)** – Fall fest 09/23/2023. Pete to check water heater in concession stand. Pete/Scott to peel fence section by 09/21/2023. Need gate access for tent setup. Big Bay's Big Day to be shared throughout all media promoting BBSC, Parks and Rec, Perkins park activities.
3. **Burns Landing (Darlene)** – DNR okayed no parking lot; unloading zone for handicapped and then park at established parking lot. New bids to go out.
4. **Draver Park (Committee)** –
 - a. **Softball Field Fence** – As above.
 - b. **Mowed prior to Harvest Festival** – Coty stated it is done.
 - c. **Call to make sure portable potty is to be picked up** – Heidi to call.
5. **Thomas Rock (Committee)** – Mining Journal, Marquette Monthly, TV6 – Lauri/Linda to contact. Pending.
6. **Concert Series (Sven)**
 - a. **September 23rd show** – Need volunteers for 50/50 and clean-up.
 - b. **Need new signage for both sides of sandwich boards** – Pending.
 - c. **Food allowance for bands – (Sept) how many tickets** – 5 band members.
7. **Native/Community Garden (Heidi)** –

Spraying happened (paperwork to whom) – Kelli to give to clerk for filing.
Grant for outside classroom – Heidi to contact Citizens for a Clean and Safe Lake Superior.
Talking to kids tomorrow – Heidi to talk to grades 2-6 tomorrow.
8. **PTRA Ribbon Cutting** – October 1, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Linda and Lauri to write press release. Sven invited Eagle Mine and NTN. Refreshments (hot cider and doughnuts) MOTION to have Kelli purchase up to \$300 made by Sven/Heidi (6 aye; 0 nay). Thank you signs to thank sponsors and volunteers; MOTION made by Sven/supported by Heidi for \$150 for 3 signs to be completed by Sven. Music will be provided. Bicyclists – invite any interested. NTN aware of event and will be making video. Tents to be set up.
Agenda: Heidi to welcome then speakers in following order: Darlene, Coty, Eagle Mine, NTN. Sven to cut ribbon. Bike/hike to follow. Balloons to be placed by road at entrance.
9. **2023 Work Plan Review** – Plan a community meeting in November.
10. **Fundraising** – Did not have meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Big Bay Parks and Rec Newsletter** – Tabled for November meeting.

2. **QR Code** – PayPal contacted again, pending appeal.
3. **Lake Superior Partnership Trails Initiative** – Monthly meetings. Will be contact local governments, landowners, and corporations. Correct name is Trail Sustainability Coalition. IMBA doing master plan.

ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS

1. **Microwave replacement** – None.
2. **Sign/Poster for Big Bay Pathway to send people to Powell trails** – Completed
3. **Powell Trails Parking Lot** – Coty to get pictures to Heidi.
4. **NMU Outdoor Rec Dept** – No report.
5. **Stop the Rocket donation (thank you)** – Heidi.
6. **Road Crossing update** – 33ft right of way. Sven to meet with Alex.
7. **Cigarette receptacles** – Relocated already owned; have not ordered new.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Sharing events for building trails help with NTN** – Lauri/Heidi sharing Facebook info with NTN.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS – N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT – N/A

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Heidi/supported by Coty (6 aye, nay 0) at 8:01 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – October 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kelli Santilli

Powell Township Annual Programming/Events

last edited 05/11/2022

Thomas Rock Showshoe Event (third Saturday of January)

Fishing Derby (second weekend in February)

Honey Bear Classic (second weekend in February)

Easter Egg Hunt (first Saturday before Easter)

Thomas Rock Spring Clean-up and Potluck (first week of May)

Burns Landing Spring Clean-up (first week of May)

Big Bay Relay (third Saturday of May)

First Summer Concert (second or third Saturday in June)

PTRN Volunteer Picnic (second or third Saturday in June)

July 4th Parade (July 4)

July 4th Softball Tournament (weekend after July 4)

Fire on the Bay (Saturday after July 4)

2nd Summer Concert Series (Saturday after July 4)

3rd Summer Concert Series (first Saturday in August)

Labor Day Softball Tournament (Labor Day weekend)

Harvest Festival (third weekend in September)

4th Summer Concert Series (third weekend in September)

Christmas Tree Lighting (first Saturday in December)