

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 04/09/2024

Time: 6:33 PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead - Excused

Darlene Turner (treasurer) - Present

Heidi Shatz (chair) - Present

Kelli Santilli (secretary) - Present

Lauri Shaw - Present

Coty Sorby (vice chair) - Present

Linda Ludwig - Excused

1. Approval of Agenda. **MOTION** to approve agenda with addition made by Kelli/supported by Lauri (5 aye; 0 nay).
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes made by Darlene/supported by Lauri (5 aye; 0 nay).
3. Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Red – Flag pole for park – dedicate to National Guard members who helped build the ballfield.

Darlene suggests veterans fund be contacted to see if they would like to use their remaining funds for flagpole and flag. Lauri will contact.

April Schluender - Substitute teacher at Powell. Attending to learn about native garden.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Julia Cogger – 5-year Master Plan Presentation. CUPPAD landscape architect. Rec plans due February 1 each year. Quote is \$3600 to do project.

GRANTS:

1. SPARK Grant – Costs have risen considerably. Reducing scope discussed. Julie Cogger suggested looking at prefab building.

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – PTRA trail work, tree removal, leaf removal. Goblars knob drainage needs work, Jeremiah will assist. SxS tracks taken off. Rear shock damaged. Meyer quote \$290 for new shock part only. **MOTION** to spend \$290 rear shock on wolverine made by Darlene/supported by Heidi (5 aye; 0 nay). Pocket park to be placed back in place. Heidi questions trail counter placement. Daryl and Coty working to get all in place. Heidi would like placed on Lady Slipper, Holy Moses. Connector trail done. Roy Johnson will be bringing gravel. Coty will spread.
2. BBSC Liaison (Sven) – No news
3. Spark Grant Liaison (Sven and Kelli) – As above.
4. Safe Routes to School (Heidi) – Submitted by Monday deadline.
5. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Lauri) – Final plan is done but not yet released. Next meeting on May 10 at 1:00 at information center.
6. Burns Landing (Darlene) – Work continues. Last phase ongoing. J Gertz will volunteer at LeClair Building.
7. Draver Park – No news.
8. Thomas Rock (Sven) – No news
 - A. New Signs for Concert Series -
 - B. Planning for 2024 -
9. Concert Series (Sven) – Two bands,
10. Native Garden (Heidi) – Meeting 3:45 on 04/18/2024 at school. Jane Fitkin organizing and applying for grants.
11. PTRA (Sven) – No news.
 - A. Road crossing progress/plans. Pending road commission.
12. Work Plan Review – Table.
13. Fundraising –
 - A. T-Shirt Write-up – Discussion regarding prize. **MOTION** for \$250 for prize money and Loyalties made Kelli/supported by Lauri (5 aye; 0 nay)
 - B. Volunteer to get a meat raffle going – Darlene will look at lottery, considering.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Give Butter – \$310 Fire on the Bay. Kelli to update QR code for trails.
2. NMU Outdoor Rec Dept – How to move forward. Table.
3. Softball Reunion – Lauri did meet with Red. Will meet again regarding timing of events. Pickup game with adults and kids. Jim Hay to make sign.
4. Updating 5-year plan – Heidi likes CUPPAD. Table until next meeting.
5. Trail Usage Numbers and Spread Sheet – Discussed above. Heidi and Coty to meet.
6. Burns Landing Cabin (Lauri) – As above.
7. Park Conduct Ordinance Review – Table
8. Easter Egg Hunt March 23 – Great attendance. Everyone had a good time.
9. Community Garden (Coty) – Will be agenda at township board meeting.

10. Thomas Rock aggregate, picnic table, bench repairs – Aggregate within next week. Coty to get quotes and remove the damaged tables/bench.
11. Firework Location and Logistics – Our beach property is the only location available. Parks will have to assist getting shells onto the beach. Heidi looking into a barge. Cost is \$13,000. County paperwork needs to be done.
12. Millage wording (Due April 29) – Township board will need to approve. Heidi requests Linda to put together a PowerPoint presentation.
13. North Country Trails MOU – Table.

ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS

- 1.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Johnson's Landing – Table.
2. Spring Clean-ups – Burns Landing after construction. Thomas Rock 10 am -12 pm April 27.

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PUBLIC COMMENT –

Red – Wonders whether cook shack would be demolished.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Heidi/supported by Kelli (5 aye, 0 nay) 8:20 at pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – May 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kelli Santilli

Powell Township Annual Programming/Events

last edited 03/12/2024

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 (2nd Saturday in July)
2nd Summer Concert Series (2nd Saturday in July)
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)