

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 12/12/2023

Time: 6:31PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead - Present

Darlene Turner (treasurer) - Excused

Heidi Shatz (chair) - Excused

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 Lauri/supported by Sven (4 aye; 0 nay). Addition – Charlie Drury letter of support.
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes made by Sven/supported by Lauri (4 aye; 0 nay) Correction – Under Grants #3 should be grant not grand.
3. Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kelsey Wermager

PRESENTATIONS:

GRANTS:

1. SPARK Grant – Pending prime professional bids. Survey underway.
2. MDARD 2021 – Need to send a couple more receipts and payable form. Check with Associated to see if we have any outstanding invoices (Lauri).

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Equipment back from NTN and Meyer. Tracks are on. Maintenance done on SxS and ASV. School garage being used for storage. Will work on grooming equipment this week. One response, Phil Bakkan, to request for groomers. Will put in newsletter again and post on FaceBook. Outhouse has mice.

2. BBSC Liaison (Sven) – Season of sharing fundraiser successful, around \$2000. Kiosk at Crams to be done, maps being finished. Data collection done, around 70 responses so far. Working on 2024 planning and budgeting. Considering how Spark grant will affect Fall Fest.
3. Spark Grant Liaison (Sven and Kelli)– As above.
4. Safe Routes to School (Heidi) – No news. Application due in February (Road Commission).
5. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Sven) – Outreach last month, compiling data. Choosing 3 priority projects at next meeting in January. Economic impact study underway, consultant hired by Eagle Mine.
6. Burns Landing (Darlene) – Bill will be calling Kelli tomorrow with a couple questions.
7. Draver Park – Update on grant – pending Spark planning.
8. Thomas Rock – Still having drug paraphernalia problem. Suggestion of putting up camera, sharps container, contacting sheriff. May need to replace picnic table next year.
9. Concert Series (Sven) – Pending Spark grant plans. Two bands have been booked (Organ Grinders July; June Ethan Bott). Consider having only 3 shows next year. Fall Fest to potentially take over September show.
 - A. New signs for concert series. Sven working on it, will bring budget to committee. Lauri/Linda to seek volunteer to make or order new signs.
 - B. Planning for 2024. As above.
10. Native Garden (Heidi) – Looking at grants.
11. PTRR (Sven) –
 - A. Road crossing progress/plans. Sven working on getting permit.
12. Work plan review –January 10, 2024, 6:30-7:30 PM. Kelli make sure it is on the calendar and clerk posts. Lauri/Linda to advertise in newsletter and Facebook. Each committee member to review 5-year plan ahead of meeting.
13. Fundraising – No news.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Big Bay Parks and Rec Newsletter – Tabled.
2. Give Butter – Print QR codes.
3. Microwave replacement – Pending Spark plans.
4. NMU Outdoor Rec Dept – How to move forward. Professor is looking for a grad student.
5. Softball Reunion – Reservation form filled out July 4, 2024. Pending Spark plans.

ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree Lighting – Went well, 25+ families.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Clean Parks and Recreation Shelves after meeting.
2. Please sign and send out Thank You post cards to the Gertz twins, Santa, Matt Anderson, Miss Kim.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS –

1. Charlie Drury letter of support – He is applying for a grant to fix up jailhouse. More information needed. Coty to talk to Charlie.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Kelsy – Requested more info on Give Butter.

Red – Is there open property for a community garden. Would like Plan B for softball reunion possibly far edge of ballfield.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Sven/supported by Lauri (4 aye, 0 nay) at 7:45 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – January 9, 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)