

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 02/13/2024

Time: 6:29 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 addition made by Kelli/supported by Sven (6 aye; 0 nay). Change 1 and 2 of presentations.
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes made by Darlene/supported by Coty (6 aye; 0 nay)
3. Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kelsey – Thanks Coty for assistance. Thanks Parks and Rec and township for assistance.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. NTN working relationship.
2. Grant Advisory Committee – Discussed Spark (prime professional); Safe Routes to School (focusing on sidewalks surrounding school); MNRTF grant to purchase Johnson property at beach. **MOTION** to request approval from township board to apply for MNRTF grant made by Kelli/supported by Coty (6 aye; 0 nay).

GRANTS:

1. SPARK Grant – Prime professional is Beckett&Raeder/Lisa Wrate.
2. MDARD 2021 – Completed.

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Made a bypass around blocked property. Monitoring and clearing trees, placed signs. Need picnic table and bench on top of Thomas Rock. Monitoring Burns project. Kiosk at Crams installed soon. Kiosk at Perkins and Thunder Bay later in the spring.
2. BBSC Liaison (Sven) – Kiosks being installed. February 22, outreach meeting at Lumberjack at 6:30 PM.
3. Spark Grant Liaison (Sven and Kelli) – As above.
4. Safe Routes to School (Heidi) – As above.
5. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Lauri) – No news.
6. Burns Landing (Darlene) – Will be finished this spring.
7. Draver Park – No news.
8. Thomas Rock – Needs 1 picnic table and 1 bench.
9. Concert Series (Sven) – New signs pending. Two bands booked, previously discussed.
10. Native Garden (Heidi) – Jane Fitkin working with Heidi to write grant. **MOTION** for approval to submit grant with CSCLS (Citizens for a Safe & Clean Lake Superior) made by Darlene/supported by Coty (6 aye; 0 nay). CSCLS will run the grant.
11. PTRR (Sven) – Pending.
 - A. Road crossing progress/plans. Pending road commission.
12. Work Plan Review – Heidi needs assistance with computer work.
13. Fundraising – Table.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Give Butter – Table.
2. Microwave replacement – Table.
3. NMU Outdoor Rec Dept – Table.
4. Softball Reunion – Table.
5. Zoom meeting – **MOTION** made by Heidi to further explore Zoom meeting/supported by Kelli (6 aye; 0 nay).
6. Updating 5-year plan – As above.
7. Trail Usage Numbers and Spread Sheet – Sven to provide to Heidi.

ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS

- 1.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Park Conduct Ordinance Review – Members to review in the next few months.
2. Easter egg hunt March 23. Volunteers needed.
3. Picking Company for 5-year plan 2024-25. Sven suggested CUPPAD or Jason McCarthy.

4. Burns Landing Use – Cabin underutilized, possibly staff, historical and informational, maybe sell refreshments and merchandise.
5. Community Garden – Coty would like to see community garden at township hall.
6. Thomas Rock aggregate, picnic table, bench repairs - As above.
7. Trail building 2024 PTRA – Coty would like to complete loop at Lady Slipper.
8. Jim Hay CNC sign creation/donation – Volunteered to donate his time and machine if we would provide wood.
9. Updating website Powell Township Parks and Recreation page – Heidi working with Sue Bevins (dep clerk) to update website.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS –

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PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Mike Springer – Le Claire cabin and Burns are the same? Yes.
- Found pizza maker and griddles – Will inquire with fire dept if they own. Will give away griddles if not and keep pizza maker.
- Reminder that “S” beach is not appropriate and requests board to lead community in refraining from using.
- Gene Champagne – Many friends of his are truly offended by that word. Very derogatory, sexist word to many native Americans.
- Marcia Gonstead – Honeybear is on Saturday, February 17, 2024, 1 PM. Music at Thunder Bay Inn at 2. Fishing Derby same day. Band at Lumberjack. Asks community support for businesses.
- A different day, considering a band and 50/50 raffle.
- Consider changing name of PTRA to Darlene Wilcox Trail Area or recognition of some sort.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Heidi/supported by Sven (6 aye, 0 nay) at 8:23pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – March 12, 2024, 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)