

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 01/09/2024

Time: 6:35PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead - Present
Darlene Turner (treasurer) - Excused
Heidi Shatz (chair) - Present
Kelli Santilli (secretary) - Present
Lauri Shaw - Present
Coty Sorby (vice chair) - Present
Linda Ludwig - Present

1. Approval of Agenda. **MOTION** to approve agenda with addition made by Kelli/supported by Linda (6 aye; 0 nay). Addition – Trail counters and reports added to additional new business.
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes made by Kelli/supported by Sven (6 aye; 0 nay)
3. Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Red – Noted construction at Burns Landing.
Mike Springer – Additions to rec plan

PRESENTATIONS:

GRANTS:

1. SPARK Grant – Survey done. Second RFP for PP sent.
2. MDARD 2021 – Completed.

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Big Bay Pathway ski trail due to logging may cause rerouting. Needs assistance with flagging. Outhouse cleaned out of rodents. Ski dreg repaired and ready. Wrote letter of support for Outfitters. Groomers meeting this week; 7 people so far. Tree at Thomas Rock needs to be taken down.

2. BBSC Liaison (Sven) – Finalizing 2024 activity plan and budget.
3. Spark Grant Liaison (Sven and Kelli)– As above.
4. Safe Routes to School (Heidi) – Mike Springer states on hold, pending road commission action.
5. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Lauri) – No news. Sven attended meeting today. Determined 3 priority projects (South trails Marquette, Ramba trails Ishpeming, trail maintenance costing tool kit). IMBA creating map of all trails in county. Discussed governance and funding. Economic impact study to be done to help show money coming into communities through trails.
6. Burns Landing (Darlene) – Contractor working. Donated their time and equipment to take down 2 trees and put in culvert.
7. Draver Park – No news.
8. Thomas Rock – No news.
9. Concert Series (Sven) – 2 bands booked. Decide by May whether we are going 3 or 4 concerts.
 - A. New signs for concert series. 2 volunteers to make signs. Coty to provide information to volunteers.
10. Native Garden (Heidi) – Meeting in the next month with Citizens for a Clean Lake Superior.
11. PTRA (Sven) –
 - A. Road crossing progress/plans. Pending road commission.
12. Work plan review –January 10, 2024, 6:30-7:30 PM. Discussed and viewed powerpoint. Mike Springer suggested adding historical trail to rec plan for grant writing; add pictures/maps of current projects.
13. Fundraising – Need help. Committee members to brainstorm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Give Butter – Print QR codes. Tabled.
2. Microwave replacement – Hold until Spark.
3. NMU Outdoor Rec Dept – How to move forward.
4. Softball Reunion – Reservation form filled out July 4, 2024. Pending Spark plans.
5. Clean Storage Shelves – Set date. February 13, 2024, 5 PM

ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS

- 1.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget – Discussed next year's budget.
2. Huron Mountain Outfitters Letter of Support – Coty completed.
3. Zoom Meetings – Discussed providing Zoom. MOTION made by Lauri to not provide Zoom/supported by Linda (6 aye; 0 nay).
4. Clean Parks and Recreation Shelves after meeting

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS –

1. Trail counters – Heidi requested numbers. Sven to provide.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Sven/supported by Coty (6 aye, 0 nay) at 8:05 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – February 13, 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)