

Powell Township Park & Recreation

March 14, 2023 - Minutes

P.O. Box 319

Big Bay MI, 49808

Date: 3/14/23

Time: 6:30 PM

Members: Present Absent Excused

Sven Gonstead -Chair

Kelli Santilli -Secretary

Darlene Turner

Heidi Shatz

Lauri Shaw

Coty Sorby

Linda Ludwig

1. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve agenda made by Coty, 2nd by Heidi, all approved.
2. Additions & Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve agenda made by Darlene, 2nd by Coty, all approved.
3. Financial Report: Incorrect report and budget season so should be resolved soon.

Public Comment: None

Reports-

1. Parks and Trails Manager (Coty) – Big Bay Pathway grooming continues - meditation, hidden grin, and bear mountain trails are open and being groomed 5 days a week, weather depending. PTRA parking lot has been flagged and met with Colin McWebb to discuss construction of lot and waiting to hear back from him on estimates. I have benches, picnic tables, and bike repair workstation picked out and waiting on funding freeze. Borealis Collective is working on sign design for PTRA trailhead. Met with Callie New to discuss future PTRA management plan in conjunction with NMU students that we are working with.
2. Burns Landing (Darlene) - Nothing
3. Draver Park (Committee) – No date on Spark grant.
4. Thomas Rock (Committee) – clean up May 2 at 5:30 PM with Picnic after.
5. Concert Series (Sven report)
 - a. Bands are lined up.
 - b. \$300 for design services. Need a poster, banner 3' X 6', & little magnets Need a volunteer. Coty to reach out to find a person to make the design.
 - c. Plants, food, water, tickets on spend list with total of \$5138.
 - d. Volunteer Sign Up – Sven has a sign-up sheet. Would be good to have same people do a job each concert.
 - e. 4th concert with Fall Fest – Parks & Recs do a 50/50 raffle in evening. Possibly start the concert earlier? Move music to park to be more part of Fall Fest?
 - f. Need to form a committee – Heidi/Sven are co-leaders for 2023. Someone to

Manage each work area - 50/50 (4 volunteers), Set Up, Clean Up, & Marketing. Heidi will post on FB that we are looking for volunteers to create the committee and develop an action for 2023. Food shack?

6. Native/Community Garden – Nothing. Need a fence. Heidi to re-evaluate.
7. PTR (Sven) – MDARD grant trail plan for 2023. Jer to assist with trail work & plan/flag trails. Desmond from Munising may be a good candidate. Need to finish up hand bike trail on Thomas Rock Side (1-2 miles that is wider). 1-2 miles to be added on South side. Would fulfill grant requirements. 2 picnic areas, 2 benches, move kiosk, add connector trail. Finish trail that has been started (already flagged).

Grants-

1. Michigan DNR SPARK Grant, Round 2 application – waiting date & score.
2. [MDARD 2023 application](#) - \$130K max with possible Eagle Mine match. Do a heated Pole Barn near ski trail. Needs to be done by Nov. 2023. Sven to check on an estimate from Superior Shed.
3. MDARD 2021 amendment – Darlene to work with Lucy. Cody to get bench revision #'s to Darlene.
4. Community Foundation of Marquette County -\$5K grant due April 1, 2023.

Old Business-

1. Cody to order 2 ramps. \$235.75 X 2 ea.
2. Pay Pipes – Lauri to follow up on quote from UP Fab.
3. NMU Outdoors Rec – had meeting. Waiting their response.
4. Holy Moses trail name stands.

New Business-

1. Easter Egg Hunt – Sat, April 8th. Sven made motion for \$300, Cody 2nd. All in favor. Heidi to put on FB page. Darlene to make a poster and post around town.
2. Parking Lot for Powell Trails – need to mark the property boundary. It was surveyed but need confirm markers are in place and flag the boundary.
3. Committee Member Terms Review – 3 years. Sven is up 3/23. Darlene 5/25. Heidi 12/22. Sven step down as chairman in June of 2023. Will have an election in May 2023.

Additional New Business-

1. Volunteer Committee – need to establish committees to take bigger jobs
2. 2023 work plan review – not reviewed due to time.
3. Minutes prepared by – Lauri Shaw
4. Dennis Farrow from Stop the Rockets group have some funds available to donate and they have volunteer labor. Need to find them opportunity. Pocket park?

Public Comment:

Time meeting adjourned:

Next Regular Meeting:

Minutes Prepared by:

Powell Township Annual Programing/Events

Last Edited: 6/14/22

Thomas Rock Snowshoe Event (Third Saturday of January)

Fishing Derby (Second Weekend in February)

Honey Bear Classic (Second Weekend in February)

Easter Egg Hunt (1st Saturday before Easter)

Thomas Rock Spring Clean-up (1st week of May)

Burn's Landing Spring Clean-up (1st week of May)

Draver Park Spring Clean-up (1st week of May)

Big Bay Relay (3rd Saturday of May)

Softball Tournament (June 24-26, 2022)

1st Summer Concert (2nd or 3rd Saturday in June)

PTRN Volunteer Picnic (2nd or 3rd Saturday in June)

July 4th Parade (July 4th)

July 4th Softball Tournament (Weekend After July 4th)

Fire On The Bay (Saturday after July 4th)

2nd Summer Concert (Saturday After July 4th)

3rd Summer Concert (1st Saturday in August)

BBSC Membership Picnic (3rd Sunday in August)

Labor Day Softball Tournament (Labor Day weekend)

Harvest Festival (3rd weekend in September)

4rth Summer Concert (3rd weekend in September)

Christmas Tree Lighting (1st Saturday in December)