

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 03/12/2024

Time: 6:32 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 - Present

1. Approval of Agenda. **MOTION** to approve agenda with addition made by Kelli/supported by Coty (6 aye; 0 nay). More details regarding Easter egg hunt requested by Linda for newsletter.
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes made by Heidi/supported by Darlene (6 aye; 0 nay). Correct next regular meeting to March 12, 2024.
3. Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gene Champagne – While working election, heard several people comment that Burns updates are being paid by tax dollars. Advises to let public know this is being paid by grant. Maybe write out which grants Parks received and what they are being used for.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. NTN working relationship – Error - None
2. Grant Advisory Committee – Error - None

GRANTS:

1. SPARK Grant – Design for building in progress. Heidi contacted MTA regarding selling playground equipment. We can sell but must sell for minimum bid of value. Ebay lists spring toys as \$300 to \$1200 each. Heidi talked to other parks depts. They stated they regretted not keeping some of their old equip. Heidi requests keeping what equip we can and just update/remove what needs

to be addressed. People are upset the cottonwood trees are coming down. Use woodchips from tops. Slabs could be milled and used for benches.

2. MDARD 2021 – Completed.

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Went to NTN meeting, discussed their projects. Water drainage Gobler’s Knob to Holy Moses, needs to be repaired. Jeremiah will assist and flag trail off Lady Slipper with Coty. Ski trails done, signage done, trees cleared. Thomas Rock needs gravel. **MOTION** to order gravel, price to be determined made by Kelli/supported by Lauri (6 aye; 0 nay). Coty to change tracks. Trees to be trimmed.
2. BBSC Liaison (Sven) – Kelsey – Dash for Trash May 4, 2024, 9 am to 2 pm at Draver. Requests Powell Township team. Potluck at Draver following.
3. Spark Grant Liaison (Sven and Kelli) – As above.
4. Safe Routes to School (Heidi) – No news.
5. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Lauri) – No news.
6. Burns Landing (Darlene) – Work is in progress. Should be done in April or May. Jerry Mattis is working on information for historical signs. Coty notices someone driving 4-wheeler on beach, requests placing rocks to prevent access. Trees need to be removed, Ash trees in center space at circle. Darlene advised to discuss with MCRC.
7. Draver Park – No news.
8. Thomas Rock – Oak trees that had been cut down, Coty and Scott to remove.
9. Concert Series (Sven) – Dates are on the website. Plan A will be at Draver; plan B will be at township.
10. Native Garden (Heidi) – No news.
11. PTR A (Sven) – No news.
A. Road crossing progress/plans. Pending road commission.
12. Work Plan Review – Heidi trying to get in contact with CUPPAD, not getting a response.
How to update on website
13. Fundraising – Need help. Heidi wants new fire on the bay T-shirts. Community competition for design. Limited amount to be sold at township or online. Redesign each year. Loyaltees does temporary online store. **MOTION** to allow Heidi to go ahead with Fire on the Bay T-shirt competition made by Darlene/supported by Kelli (6 aye; 0 nay).

OLD BUSINESS

1. Give Butter – Fire on the Bay donations open.
2. Microwave replacement – No news.
3. NMU Outdoor Rec Dept – No news.
4. Softball Reunion – Lauri met with Gene and Red. Will be on 4th of July at 1pm after the parade (10am). Draver if available, otherwise at Perkins. Memorial board pending. Refreshments supplied via Lauri and potluck. Gene will get in contact with school. Pickup game adults/kids.

Red said Phil Moran will do music. Heidi advises permit must be obtained from health department if supplying food – Darlene will take care of this.

5. Zoom meeting – Heidi to do.
6. Updating 5-year plan – No news.
7. Trail Usage Numbers and Spread Sheet – No news.
8. Burns Landing Cabin – Request volunteers. Lauri volunteers to head committee to come up with a plan.
9. Park Conduct Ordinance Review – Table
10. Easter Egg Hunt March 23 – 11 am at township hall. Darlene ordered. Darlene to plan. Hot chocolate and cookies.
11. Community Garden – Coty would like to put in a community garden at the townhall, 65 x 35, fenced, raised beds. Approximately \$3000. Discussion of how it would work, cost, volunteer hours.
12. Thomas Rock aggregate, picnic table, bench repairs – Table.
13. Jim Hay CNC sign creation/donation – If we provide wood, he will make signs 3x3 or less, for free.
14. Updating Powell Township Parks and Recreation page – Heidi requests committee to look at it and give suggestions.

ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Fireworks Location – need point person. Darlene will be point person.
2. Draver Park events for 2024 summer – Pending.
3. Grant Advisory Committee – Making Mike Springer a member of the committee.
MOTION made to make Mike Springer Parks and Rec grant advisor made by Heidi/supported by Darlene (6 aye; 0 nay).
4. North Country Trails discussion for further clarification of our relationship. Table.
5. Community Garden – As above.
6. Thomas Rock aggregate, picnic table, bench repairs – As above.
7. Trail building 2024 PTRAs – Table.
8. Jim Hay CNC Sign creation/donation – As above.
9. Updating website Powell Township Parks and Recreation page – As above.
10. Johnson's Landing – Darlene is discussing with Johnsons.
11. Bay Cliff 4th of July Parade at 10 am – Parks and rec not involved.
12. Parks and Recreation Millage by April 29th – Sven working on it.
13. Should there be a connector trail between Thomas Rock and Powell Trails – **MOTION** to approve connector trail made by Kelli/supported by Heidi (6 aye; 0 nay).

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS –

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PUBLIC COMMENT – Transfer station passes to be discussed between Darlene and Kelsey. Include JR in the discussion. Superior watershed grant will cover tire disposal, timing may be an issue with grant approval.

Darlene – Refuses changing of name from PTRN to Darlene Wilcox Trail System.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Heidi/supported by Kelli (6 aye, 0 nay) at 8:25 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – April 9, 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)