

# Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319  
Big Bay, MI 49808

**Date: 05/09/2023**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

## **Members:**

Sven Gonstead (chair) - Present

Darlene Turner - Present

Heidi Shatz (vice chair) – Present

Kelli Santilli (secretary) - Present

Lauri Shaw - Present

Coty Sorby - Present

Linda Ludwig – Absent (excused)

1. Approval of Agenda. MOTION to approve agenda with additions made by Lauri/supported by Heidi (6 aye; 0 nay). Additions include Rural Readiness grant and fundraising.
2. Approval of Minutes. MOTION to approve minutes with correction of marking Heidi present made by Coty/supported by Darlene (6 aye; 0 nay)
3. Financial Report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. BBSC report – Sven Gonstead. Dash for Trash May 6, 2023, successful with 70 bags and 10 tires collected. Kelsey Warminger is the new coordinator.
2. Big Bay Relay –Marcia Gonstead. May 20, 2023. Volunteers needed for hot dogs, crossing guards. Runsignup.com.

## **GRANTS:**

1. Michigan DNR SPARK Grand Round 2 application: Michael Springer spoke regarding past scoring and plans to reapply. MOTION to approve support SPARK round #2, encourage consideration by Planning and Township Board made by Lauri/supported by Heidi (6 aye; 0 nay).
2. MDARD 2023 application: As above.
3. MDARD 2021 amendment: Filed per Darlene.

4. Rural Readiness Grant: Darlene attended class by Sarah Lucas; informs a \$50,000 grant to assist with planning; grant due in July 2023.

## REPORTS

1. **Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty)** – Track Steer and implements delivered. Ramps delivered. Welded trailer to accommodate works well. Lauri requested Eagle Mine to provide 390 yds aggregate for PTRA parking lot; request granted. Working on trail cleanup. MDARD purchases made. Signs Now to make sign designed by Borealis. Eagle Mine to send \$30,000 check for MDARD matching funds. Heidi questions progress on concert signs. Ethan working on it. Coty to provide to Lauri/Heidi for social media sharing when complete.
2. **Big Bay Pathway/PTRA Trails** – As above.
3. **Burns Landing (Darlene)** – Waiting on bids; delayed due to weather.
4. **Draver Park (Committee)** – Food shack to be used for Big Bay Relay.
  - a. **Softball Field Fence** – Open for Fall Fest? Darlene considering.
5. **Thomas Rock (Committee)** – Needs cleanup.
6. **Concert Series (Sven)** – First concert June 10, 2023; \$2000. Supplies will be needed for food shack. Search for fundraising.
  - a. **September 23<sup>rd</sup> show** – Combine with Fall Fest? Request Kelsey to come to next meeting.
7. **Native/Community Garden (Heidi)** – Heidi. Plants coming in. Rabbits an issue.
8. **PTRA (Sven)** – Collin McWebb to do accessible trail/parking lot.
9. **2023 Work Plan Review** – Sven to send link to members for review.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **ASV Compact Track Steer** – Delivered. Pictures to be taken by Coty, sent to Heidi/Lauri for social meeting sharing.
2. **Powell Trails Parking Lot** – Aggregate donated by Eagle Mine.
3. **Big Bay Relay** – Discussed in public comment.
  - a. **Food Shack** – As above in public comment.
  - b. **Volunteers** – As above in public comment.
4. **NMU Outdoor Rec Dept** – Pending.
5. **Stop the Rocket Donation** – 2 benches/4 planters. Locations to be decided.

## ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS

1. **Fundraisers** – Need subcommittee; consider selling cut-outs at local businesses.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Equestrian Trails letter** – MOTION made by Heidi/Kelli stating we do not have funds or infrastructure for horses. Darlene to reply.
2. **Food Shack Refrigerator replacement** – MOTION made by Darlene/supported by Coty for \$500 to replace refrigerator in food shack.
3. **Committee Member Terms Review** –
  - a. **Chairperson** - Sven to step down as chair. MOTION made by Darlene/supported by Kelli for Heidi to serve as chair, 3 yr term with Coty to serve as co-chair. (6 aye; 0 nay).
4. **Sign/Poster for Big Bay Pathway to sent people to Powell trails** – Sven to create. MOTION made by Lauri/supported by Coty (6 aye; 0 nay) for sign to direct bicyclists to PTR.A.
5. **Yoga Class at Burns Landing Pavilion** – 9-10 Saturdays June to September. MOTION made by Darlene/supported by Kelli to allow use free of charge (6 aye; 0 nay).
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#### **ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS**

1. **June 19/Embers** – Embers employees volunteer to do work at Draver Park to commemorate Juneteenth. MOTION made by Lauri/supported by Darlene to allow volunteers to complete, project to be determined, township to provide supplies.
2. **Food Shack** – Need new refrigerator and microwave before June 2023.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mike Springer commended parks and rec committee on their projects and efficiency. Posted a poster in the townhall.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** – June 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kelli Santilli

## **Powell Township Annual Programming/Events**

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**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)

**Memorial Day Softball Tournament** (Memorial Day weekend)

**First Summer Concert** (second or third Saturday in June)

**PTRN Volunteer Picnic** (second or third Saturday in June)

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade** (July 4)

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Softball Tournament** (weekend after July 4)

**Fire on the Bay** (Saturday after July 4)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Concert Series** (Saturday after July 4)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Summer Concert Series** (first Saturday in August)

**Fireman's Picnic** (third Sunday in August)

**Labor Day Softball Tournament** (Labor Day weekend)

**Harvest Festival** (third weekend in September)

**4<sup>th</sup> Summer Concert Series** (third weekend in September)

**Christmas Tree Lighting** (first Saturday in December)