

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 05/11/2024

Time: 6:31 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 made by Darlene/supported by Coty (6 aye; 0 nay).
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes made by Heidi/supported by Coty (6 aye; 0 nay).
3. Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike – Minutes are not on the website since last year.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Jessica Laxo – Powell School Pre-K and K teacher, new outdoor classroom on trail. Would like to use connector area of trail, no hardscapes, exploring and connect with nature. Will clean. Moving deadfalls to give visual barrier for safety.

GRANTS:

1. SPARK – Planning complete. \$140,000 over budget. Seeking funds.

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Pocket parks out. Thomas driveway done and cleaned up around sign. Halfway done cleaning up trees by view. Picnic tables in poor

condition – possibly swap one from parking area to top of Thomas. Coty looking for quotes on new tables. **MOTION** – Move table from below to top of Thomas Rock made by Darlene/supported by Heidi (6 aye; 0 nay). Burns landing grant almost done. Coty and Scott to make connector trail through woods to make loop ADA accessible. Dash for trash, 607 tires collected, townhall cleanup. Draver, water ball valve needs replaced, bathrooms open, will be ready for Big Bay Relay. Native garden plans ongoing. Trail counters in progress, finishing boxes they are mounted in. Discussed priorities with Sven, signs for PTRA, intersection signs, trailhead map, safety signs. Big Bay Pathway grading to be done this summer, flagging new trails. Gobler’s knob work and new trail off Lady Slipper meeting with Lauri and Jeremiah.

2. BBSC Liaison (Sven) – Kelsey had her baby. Holly Dewitt admin assistant for summer. Public outreach meeting 4th Thursday of June at Perkins Park pavilion at 6:30. Fall Fest planning underway.
3. Spark Grant Liaison (Sven and Kelli) – As above.
4. Safe Routes to School (Heidi) – Mike gave update on SPARK and SRTS.
5. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Lauri) – None.
6. Burns Landing (Darlene) – As above.
7. Draver Park – As above.
8. Thomas Rock – As above.
9. Concert Series (Sven) – Volunteer sheet being circulated. Ethan Bott June 15. August and September bands not booked, pending Draver construction, will be local bands. Discussed concert and Fall Fest collaboration with BBSC. **MOTION** that Parks and Rec does not do concert on same day as Fall Fest made by Heidi/supported by Coty (5 aye; 1 nay). Darlene to talk to Patty about food shack for concerts.
--Signs for concert series – **MOTION** to print June and July concert posters made, \$80, made by Sven/supported by Darlene (6 aye; 0 nay). Sven to get the posters printed. Sandwich board signs needed, Coty and Lauri, pending. **MOTION** for \$350 for sandwich board printing made by Kelli/supported by Heidi (6 aye; 0 nay). **MOTION** made for decorations/plants/misc, \$310, made by Heidi/supported by Kelli (6 aye; 0 nay). **MOTION** made for \$250 for food shack made by Heidi/supported by Coty (6 aye; 0 nay).
--2024 food shack – As above.
10. Native Garden – Native Plant Work sessions, May 23, 6-8 pm, June 23, 4-6 pm, July 13, 10-12 pm, watering – Received \$7000 grant, Jane been working on planting trees. Darlene to provide name and number of neighbor providing water.
11. PTRA (Sven) – No update.
Road Crossing progress/plans
12. Fundraising – T-shirt write up and volunteer to get a meat raffle going. GiveButter report. Committee decided on design for T-shirt winner. Darlene working on licensing.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Julia Cogger – 5-year master plan vote. MOTION to have CUPPAD do our 5-year recreation plan, \$3500, fall 2024 made by Sven/supported by Kelli (6 aye; 0 nay).
2. Softball Reunion – Lauri not present. Met last night and plans in progress.
3. Trail Usage Numbers and Spread Sheet – Coty to do.
4. Burns Landing Cabin (Lauri) – New volunteer lead committee. Tabled.
5. Park Conduct Ordinance Review – Tabled.
6. Community Garden – Coty. Pending board approval. Seeking funding. **MOTION** for \$1000 from donated funds for community garden made by Darlene/supported by Heidi (6 aye; 0 nay)
7. Thomas Rock aggregate, picnic table, bench repair – Stain needs to be purchased. **MOTION** for \$100 for repair of bench made by Darlene/supported by Heidi (6 aye; 0 nay).
8. Fireworks location and logistics – July 13, on township property. Beach will be closed off.
9. NTN MOU – Sven requesting so that Parks and Rec would be governing body for all trails, including Big Bay Pathway and collaborate better with NTN. **MOTION** made by Darlene to allow Sven to discuss with Lauri from NTN regarding MOU/supported by Linda (6 aye; 0 nay).
10. Spring cleanup – Thomas Rock, Draver Park, and Burns Landing

ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Johnson's Landing – Mike. Asking price too high.
2. Outdoor classroom – Jessica Laxo **MOTION** by Heidi to allow Jessica to use property for her outdoor classroom/supported by Sven (6 aye; 0 nay).

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS –

1. Marquette County 5-year plan closes on June 30 – Heidi requesting added to our Facebook page and website.
2. July 4th – Parade, food shack – No food shack. Parade starts at 10:00. Coty will drive something in the parade. **MOTION** for candy, \$100, made by Heidi/supported by Kelli (6 aye; 0 nay)
3. Big Bay Relay – 250 people registered; 6 youth teams, need 1 hot dog person and 1 at halfway. Sign up on website.
4. Millage education – Consider PowerPoint, go to various township groups, newsletter. Meet next week, Wednesday May 22, at 5pm to discuss millage.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Heidi/supported by Kelli (6 aye, 0 nay) at 8:16 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – June 11, 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)