

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 11/14/2023

Time: 6:36 PM

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 additions made by Heidi/supported by Sven (6 aye; 0 nay). Additions include New Business Pickleball, talking to school; Parks and rec manager salary.
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes made by Linda/supported by Heidi (6 aye; 0 nay)
3. Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Red Greason - Softball reunion to be held at Perkins. Lauri to be liaison.

Spark recommendations – Flag pole, lighting, what will become of the playground equip., pavilion at the beach has damage (tree banging against building). Suggests pavilion at beach should be called Leo's after Leo Dusett.

Coty – Amy suggested auctioning off playground equip; concerned about nostalgia.

PRESENTATIONS:

GRANTS:

1. SPARK Grant – BBSC hold fall fest? Discussed timing and Prime Professional. Heidi suggested bottle filler on concession stand. Lauri and Coty offered to assist. Cameras to deter vandalism.
2. MDARD 2023 application – Did not apply due to need for more planning.
3. MDARD 2021 – Due in 6 days. Sven hopes to be done by Saturday.

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Worked on Big Bay Pathway. Bear Mountain and Ridgeline closed by Longyear. Tracks damaged from Wolverine – Meyer to give estimate. Grizzly ATV (owned by NTN) at Forestville has electrical issue. ASV needs first oil change (\$578.78 done by RMS). Snowblower ready to go. Summer stuff in for the winter. Pocket park at church to be covered or stained. Signs Now – ordered signs and will be put up tomorrow. Kiosk roof to be done. Mulching at Native Garden done. Grooming volunteers needed. **MOTION** made for \$650.00 for ASV oil change made by Heidi/supported by Sven (6 aye; 0 nay).
2. BBSC Liaison – End of this month will be data collection with meeting. Would like Parks and Rec to attend and give input. Fundraiser to supply JJ Pack meals for students during holiday breaks. Linda to discuss with Kelsey.
3. Spark Grand Liaison – Sven and Kelli to share. Discussed above.
4. Safe Routes to School – Heidi to be liaison. Mike Springer to assist.
5. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative – Lauri. Meeting mostly gathering information. Different stakeholders and coordination between. Formalization of partnerships needed. Discussed funding. Hope to have trails master plan by mid summer 2024.
6. Burns Landing – Contractor staging equipment and starting on toilet.
7. Draver Park – No news.
8. Thomas Rock – No news.
9. Concert Series – Pending Spark.
10. Native Garden – Citizens for Clean Lake Superior putting in outdoor classroom. Discussed with school regarding work parks and rec does for school and students.
11. PTRR – Road crossing pending, need to apply for permit.
12. Work plan review –January 10, 2024, 6:30-7:30 PM.
13. Fundraising – Did not meet.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Big Bay Parks and Rec Newsletter – Table.
2. Give Butter – Pending review.
3. Microwave replacement – Pending.
4. Powell Trails Parking Lot – Done.
5. Pocket Park – Heidi to send out thank you.
6. NMU Outdoor Rec Dept – Pending.
7. Softball Reunion – Discussed above.

ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree Lighting – Volunteers needed (3). December 2, 6PM. Coty to get tree.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Need FB post and newsletter post that Bear Mountain and Ridgeline are closed for the season. Lauri to do.
3. FB Event for tree lighting – Lauri to do.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS –

1. Pickleball – Kim Bourgois discussing grant to resurface tennis courts and add pickleball courts.
2. Parks and Rec Manager Salary – Approximately 166 hours remaining in budget year.
MOTION to raise trail manager maximum to \$14,000 per year made by Sven/supported by Heidi (6 aye; 0 nay).

PUBLIC COMMENT –

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – December 12, 2023, 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)