

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 10/10/2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead - Present

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 additions made by Darlene/supported by Sven (7 aye; 0 nay). Additions include presentation by Mike Springer; trail names and allocate for signs; maintenance of equipment; TV6 interview request.
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes made by Darlene/supported by Heidi (7 aye; 0 nay)
3. Financial Report. Auditor gave instruction on moving \$15,000 last week of August; money not moved as of today.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gene Champagne – Softball reunion for 4th of July, would like to be added to agenda/reservation. Described history of softball in Big Bay.

Gene Greason – Commented regarding softball reunion, would like names added to a wall at the park.

Patty Thoma – Former players would be happy to help with reunion. Would like children of Big Bay to get involved with baseball/softball.

Nancy Gaines – Congratulations on the Spark grant.

PRESENTATIONS: Mike Springer – Spark Grant and Safe Routes to School Grant. Requesting community input for Safe Routes to School Grant.

GRANTS:

1. SPARK Grant – Awarded \$886,800. Requested interview from TV6. Meet Thursday 10-12 at Draver.
2. MDARD 2023 application – Coty has reviewed but not much progress has been made, will make priority this week.
3. MDARD 2021 – Final report due November 2, need invoices. Sven making progress on narrative. NTN, Associated, Scott and Coty invoices.
4. Community Building – Removed from agenda.
5. Overdue Grant – Resolved. Remove from agenda.

REPORTS

1. **Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty)** – Parks and Trails Manager – Coty Successful ribbon cutting. Scott and Coty got driveway cleaned up, will spread wood chips at native garden. Trailhead good, will be trimming trees for better vision. Tables installed. Big Bay Pathway washouts, fixed 3. Bear mountain and ridgeline blocked by Longyear. Sven to communicate with Longyear to open it back up with revised plan. Clearing of debris along trails, beautification. Equipment maintenance planning.
2. BBSC Liaison – Fall fest wonderful success. BBSC member meeting 10/26/2023, at TBI, 6:30pm.
3. Burns Landing – Darlene. Waiting to sign contract with contractor. Asking Scott and Coty for volunteer hours. Grant has 25% match.
4. Draver Park – Portapotty not picked up by North Country. Lauri to contact.
5. Thomas Rock – Great article in Mining Journal.
6. Concert Series – No news. We need new signs (Sven). Sven's band did great job. BBSC and Parks and Rec coordination worked well.
7. Native Garden – Looking for a grant for outside classroom. Contacted Denny Ferraro. Heidi to meet 11/19 with Denny. Heidi talked to classes about volunteerism. Wood chipping to be done.
8. PTRR – Ribbon cutting was great.
9. Work plan review – Reschedule to January 10, 2024, public input requested regarding 5-year plan. 6:30-7:30 PM.
10. Fundraising – Did not meet. Committee includes Heidi, Sven, Darlene.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Big Bay Parks and Rec Newsletter. Tabled.
2. QR code – **MOTION** made by Heidi to use GiveButter for fundraising, seconded by Sven. 7 aye/0 nay
3. Trails sustainability Coalition – Lauri to be Parks and Rec representative. October 20 @ 12PM, Eagle Mine communication office downtown Marquette.

ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS

1. Microwave - Pending
2. Powell trails parking lot - Coty to send Heidi pictures for thank you
3. NMU Outdoor Rec – No news. Sven to contact.
4. Citizens for a Safe Lake Superior – Need to send thank you.
5. Road Crossing – Alex from road commission, gave informal approval, Sven to apply on behalf of township for right of way permit with map proposal, they may be able to include in their painting contract. No cost for permit. Will be a cost to township for signs.
6. Cigarette receptacles – Don't need more right now. Remove from agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dec 2 tree lighting 6PM. Kelli
2. Storage bins for concert series – **MOTION** to approve \$30 made by Kelli/Linda 7 aye/0 nay
3. Emails – Request invoices sent to Mitch and he respond with received.
4. Election day – No elections on 11/7. Eagle mine will be using the hall. Next meeting will be held in office if hall not available.
7. Trail names – Old Lady Lucy, Son of a Birch, Paper Route. **MOTION** to use aforementioned names made by Heidi/Kelli 7 aye/0 nay. **MOTION** for 30 signs at a cost of \$200 made by Kelli/Darlene 7 aye/0 nay
8. Maintenance – **MOTION** for maintenance/installation of tracks on Grizzley and side by side at unknown cost made by Darlene/Heidi. 7 aye/0 nay

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS – N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT – Gene Champagne – Thanks parks committee for work we do.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Sven/supported by Coty (7 aye, nay 0) at 8:04 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – November 14, 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)