

# Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319  
Big Bay, MI 49808

**Date: 02/14/2023**

**Time: 6:36 PM**

## **Members:**

Sven Gonstead (chair) - Present

Darlene Turner - Present

Heidi Shatz (vice chair) – Absent

Kelli Santilli (secretary) - Present

Lauri Shaw - Present

Coty Sorby - Present

Linda Ludwig - Present

1. Approval of Agenda. MOTION to approve agenda made by Lauri/supported by Darlene (6 aye; 0 nay)
2. Approval of Minutes.  
MOTION to approve special meeting minutes made by Darlene/supported by Coty (6 aye; 0 nay)  
MOTION to approve regular meeting minutes made by Lauri/supported by Coty (6 aye; 0 nay)
3. Financial Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Marcia Gonstead.

Thanks Parks committee members for all they do.

Invite members and public to Honey Bear Classic 02/18/2023 Thunder Bay Inn 4:30 registration with 5:00-8:00 music.

Big Bay Relay – Profits go to Big Bay Pathway (NTN account), \$8177 in 2022. Needs 12 volunteers (4 registration).

Honey Bear – Requests Parks to consider having events committee to help with events benefiting Powell Township; potentially taking over organizing events in the future.

## **REPORTS**

1. **Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty)** – Lock for container purchased. Work with Pete to get it leveled. Grooming spotty due to weather. School XC race Thursday. Blue drag needs fixed but usable. Trail sign for MDARD entrance design discussion. Bike repair

station MADRAX, Coty to order (MDARD). Picnic tables (MDARD) 1 ADA/1 not, Coty to order. TRAFX trail counters (MDARD), Kelli to order.

**Big Bay Pathway/PTRA Trails** – As above.

2. **Burns Landing (Darlene)** – Merrie (DNR) has questions. Bill Sanders and Darlene working with DNR.
3. **Draver Park (Committee)** – SPARK grant denied 1<sup>st</sup> round, 2 more rounds, will update and resubmit application after scoring released. Sven commends Pete on plowing of parking lot for Big Bay Pathway.
4. **Thomas Rock (Committee)** – Sign for binoculars installed by Coty.
5. **Concert Series (Sven)** – Band (Cartwrights) from Canada booked, \$800. Sven to distribute sign-up sheet. First concert 06/10/2023.
6. **Native/Community Garden (Heidi)** – Coty advises fencing or animal deterrent will be needed.

#### **GRANTS –**

1. MSU/Safe Routes to Schools – MDOT: Final meeting 3/13/23.
2. Michigan State University – No news.
3. Powell Township Draver Park Advisory Committee – Denied. Will update and resubmit in round 2, and, if needed, round 3.
4. MDARD for Powell Trails – Parking lot to be made at PTRA sign. Move kiosk to that location. Gather quotes for heavy equipment.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Equipment Proposal** – MOTION to request 74,974 plus 10% for freight/incidentals (donated GL) for ASV Compact tractor and attachments made by Coty/supported by Lauri (6 aye/0 nay).
2. **Shipping Container** – MOTION to purchase and install steel rack in container for \$350 (equipment GL) made by Kelli/supported by Sven (6 aye; 0 nay).
3. **Paypipes** – No news.
4. **NMU Outdoor Rec Department Assistance** – In person or Zoom meeting to be scheduled with NMU.

#### **ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Name new trail** – MOTION to name new trail “Holy Moses” made by Darlene/supported by Coty (6 aye; 0 nay).
2. **Parking Lot for Powell trails** – Discussed previously.

3. **Shelving for shipping container** – Discussed previously.
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#### **ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2023** – Discussion & Proposed 2023 budget.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

1. Darlene – Connecting trails meeting very informative.
2. Sven – Big Bay had excellent turnout.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn made by Darlene/supported by Sven (6 aye, nay 0) at 7:55 pm.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** – March 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)

**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)