

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 06/19/2024

Time: PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead - Present

Darlene Turner (treasurer) - Present

Heidi Shatz (chair) - Present

Kelli Santilli (secretary) - Present

Lauri Shaw - Present

Coty Sorby (vice chair) - Absent

Linda Ludwig - Present

1. Approval of Agenda. **MOTION** to approve agenda made by Kelli/supported by Linda(6 aye; 0 nay).
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes made by Linda/supported by Sven (6 aye; 0 nay).
3. Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gene Champagne – Town is looking spiffy; Burns Landing, Native Garden.

PRESENTATIONS:

GRANTS:

1. SPARK – Over budget. Suggested cuts. Discussed cutting project vs seeking other funding. **MOTION** made to ask Powell Township Board to cover \$185,000 made by Heidi/supported by Sven (6 aye; 0 nay).

NEW BUSINESS

1. July 4th – Parade, food shack. Darlene, Kelli, Heidi (maybe Sven) to walk/campaign for millage. Coty drive a piece of equipment. **MOTION** to approve \$250 posters, \$350 T-

shirts, \$175 concert posters, \$800 band, \$145 stickers, \$400 campaign items, \$200 paper and printing, \$750 aggregate, \$500 kids games made by Heidi/supported by Lauri (6 aye; 0 nay).

2. Millage education – Darlene to have banner made; Kelli to do stickers. National Recreation and Parks Association website recommended by Sven for members to read.
3. T-shirt sales and presentation at next concert – T-shirts for 605.37 – so 12.11 a shirt (sell for \$25 we make \$630; sell for \$30 we make \$876 for Fire on the Bay. **MOTION** made to sell T-shirts for \$25 made by Darlene/supported by Lauri (6 aye; 0 nay).
4. TRAFx Data Net – a 3-year / 5 user DataNet extension cost \$500.
5. Logistics for Fire on the Bay – Road will be blocked at harbor. Two police officers will be present beginning at 7:00 pm. **MOTION** made to pay Marquette County \$80 use permit by Lauri/supported by Heidi (6 aye; 0 nay).

OLD BUSINESS

1. Julia Cogger – Left CUPPAD position. Dottie suggested we wait until December.
2. Softball Reunion – Lauri met with Gene and Red. TV6 will be doing interview next week. Jim Hay volunteered to make plaque for free. 1:00-2:00 potluck BBQ picnic and music, 2:00 sing American the Beautiful, then reading of names, all-ages pickup game begins approximately 2:30
3. Trail Usage Numbers and Spread Sheet – Heidi working with Coty.
4. Burns Landing Cabin (Lauri) – Jane Gertz and Lauri met. Hope to open over Fire on the Bay weekend; Jill Bevins offered to work, Jamie Schweimen volunteered to do childrens art; Jean Gertz will help cleanup.
5. Park Conduct Ordinance Review – Tabled.
6. Community Garden – Coty. Tabled.
7. Thomas Rock aggregate, picnic table, bench repair – Tabled.
8. Fireworks location and logistics – As above
9. NTN MOU – Nothing to report.

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Getting aggregate to finish Burns Landing new path along beach; Goblers knob and wet spot on Holy Moses is fixed. Coty has trail counter access. Been doing weed wacking and leaf blowing of PTRAs, taking down problem trees and Burns. Working at Native garden and cleaning up behind township.
2. BBSC Liaison (Sven) – June 27 quarterly meeting, Draver Park, Dessert potluck @ 6:30pm. Progress made on welcome to Big Bay sign. Kiosks installed at Crams, Thunder Bay Inn, and Perkins Park (history and map of Big Bay). Hoping to do trailheads also.

3. Safe Routes to School (Heidi) – Tabled.
4. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Lauri) – Finishing up economic impact study for trails and trails strategic plan for county. Meetings to be planned after studies completed.
5. Burns Landing (Darlene) – Final invoice received. Construction completed. Opening event to be planned. Darlene to write paragraph/pictures for website – give to Deputy Clerk.
6. Draver Park – As above. Lauri to price 30 foot flag pole and flag and solar light.
7. Thomas Rock – Coty. No information.
 - A. Concert Series (Sven) – New signs for sandwich boards completed. Kelli to buy 50/50 tickets. Food shack to be done by Patty Thoma.
 - B. Games – Foam machine, human ring toss, duck match, saw dust pile, tug of war.
 - C. Ethan Bott - \$935 in 50/50 tickets; winner donated entirety of his share back. Attendance 250 people.
8. Native Garden – Work sessions at native garden June 23, 4-6 pm; July 13, 10-12 pm; watering. Garden looks wonderful. Jane wrote sign to describe garden and sources of funding. Paul (neighbor) generously donates water from his hose for watering.
9. PTRN (Sven) –
 - A. Road Crossing – No news.
10. Fundraising – Meat raffle possibly in fall. Give Butter Report (\$100 this month).

PUBLIC COMMENT –

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Heidi/supported by Kelli (6 aye, 0 nay) at 7:40 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – July 8, 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)