

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 07/09/2024

Time: 6:35 PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead - Present

Darlene Turner (treasurer) - Absent

Heidi Shatz (chair) - Present

Kelli Santilli (secretary) - Present

Lauri Shaw - Absent

Coty Sorby (vice chair) - Absent

Linda Ludwig - Present

1. Approval of Agenda. **MOTION** to approve agenda made by Sven/supported by Coty (5 aye; 0 nay).
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes made by Coty/supported by Kelli (5 aye; 0 nay). 50/50 tickets sold \$835.
3. Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Red – Read names from softball reunion.

PRESENTATIONS:

GRANTS:

1. SPARK – Go ahead with plan as is. Seek additional funding.

NEW BUSINESS

1. One wheel use on trails – Discussion as to whether to allow on trails. Sven will discuss with NTN and Marquette County. Table until further information.
2. Millage Education – Will discuss with concert goers and hand out stickers.
3. T-shirt sales and presentation at next concert – need \$50 check made out to Alita Miller. Need hangers.

4. Spark Grant – Need to raise \$185,000. Heidi preparing report to the board.
5. Sara Kelso to meet with Coty and I on July 25th a.m. at Draver Park. Recommendations for trees at Draver and grants for which we would qualify.
6. Discussion to have Fire on the Bay a separate committee overseen by Parks and Recreation Dept. Will be presented to township board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 5-year Rec Plan – Mike Springer. Will come to each meeting and ask for suggestions from Parks and Rec. Mike suggested donating the \$3000 fee to Draver park. **MOTION** to coordinate updating 5-year rec plan made by Kelli/supported by Heidi (5 aye; 0 nay).
2. July 4th Parade. Coty did wonderful job decorating side by side. Sven, Heidi, Rose, Darlene, Kelli, and Sophia handed out candy.
3. Softball Reunion - Gene Champagne thanked committee and Lauri Shaw. Jim Hay machine looked wonderful. He will be updating names and re-doing sign. Well attended. Red requesting thank you notes be sent to band and Jim Hay.
4. Millage education – As above.
5. Burns Landing Cabin – Lauri – New volunteer led committee. Need volunteer for July 13. July 12, 23, 14 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) 12-2 it will be open. Will need a cash box to sell T-shirts.
6. Park Conduct Ordinance Review – Table.
7. Community Garden – Coty. Planning to buy fencing. Researching materials. Planning to begin work end of the month.
8. Thomas Rock picnic table, bench repair – Not done yet.
9. Fireworks location and logistics – Renting Johnson property for 4 days, \$2500. Video of before and after for clean-up. Volunteers to be there at 10:00 a.m. Sunday July 14, 2024.
10. NTN MOU – No news.

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Maintenance on PTR. Lots of weeds. NTN rep helped repair Gobler Knob, Holy Moses. Mini excavator maintenance done. Extra trail at Burns done, thanks to Scott Demoulin for assisting. Pavers in at Burns cabin. Pavers available for \$100. Trees will need to be removed. Big Bay Pathway – concerns regarding grading.
2. BBSC Liaison (Sven) – Outreach meeting, approximately 12 attended. Working on Fall Fest. Heidi questions when survey results will be available.
3. Safe Routes to School (Heidi) – No announcement yet.
4. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Lauri) – Outreach coming soon.
5. Burns Landing (Darlene) – Garbage being dumped.

6. Draver Park –Concert Series (Sven) – Bathrooms open. Mike Springer suggests installing cameras.
7. Concert series
 - A. 7-Foot Drift – Budget. \$800 August 10th concert. **MOTION** to approve paying band \$800 made by Heidi/supported by Coty (5 aye/0 nay). **MOTION** for \$150 for posters and band meals at made by Heidi/supported by Sven (5 aye; 0 nay).
 - B. Need volunteers – Heidi will be putting up signs. Volunteers needed for 50/50 and kids games.
8. Native Garden – Work sessions at native garden work sessions July 11, 12:30-3; July 13, 10-12 pm. Benches mid August and a boot brush station. Superior Snapshot Wednesday 6-9 at Ore Dock (dept is invited and asked to RSVP). People walking on wildflowers – Heidi will discuss with Jane.
9. PTRN (Sven) – No news.
 - A. Road Crossing – No news.
10. Fundraising – Meat raffle for August. Give Butter Report. Try for Valentine’s Day for meat raffle. Flagpole for Draver park – to be researched.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mike Springer questioning what is GiveButter.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Heidi/supported by Sven (5 aye, 0 nay) at 7:45 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – August 13, 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)