

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 08/13/2024

Time: 6:33 PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead - Present

Darlene Turner (treasurer) – Present

Heidi Shatz (chair) - Present

Kelli Santilli (secretary) - Present

Lauri Shaw - Absent

Coty Sorby (vice chair) - Present

Linda Ludwig - Present

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Red – Wants the cook shack to be saved from demolition during Draver park upgrade. He has donations for the flag pole.

PRESENTATIONS:

GRANTS:

1. SPARK – Pending DNR approval.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Millage – Next steps and campaign rules to be looked at. Discussed putting on next ballot. Heidi to call county clerk to check dates. **MOTION** to wait until 2025 made by Heidi/supported by Coty (4 aye/2 nay).

2. Parks and Recreation Community Education. Heidi to chair this project. Coty to assist. **MOTION** to form new subcommittee for parks and recreation community education until November 2025 made by Heidi/supported by Kelli (6 aye/0 nay).
3. Sara Kelso from Conservation District. Apply for US Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). On site visit to Draver and Burns landing. \$50,000 grant. We would need letters of support. **MOTION** made by Kelli/supported by Sven (6 aye/0 nay).
4. Job Description for Fire on the Bay Committee Chair. This will be a subcommittee of parks and rec.
5. 5-year plan – Dottie response. Sven to work with Mike. Asks members to look at old plan and suggest updates.
6. Tabling Fall Fest. Parks to have a table to educate. **MOTION** to buy a sign \$150 made by Sven/supported by Coty (6 aye/0 nay).
7. Boot Brush Station – Offered for free with signage. Declined.
8. Self-serve Kiosk for SUP boards and kayaks. **MOTION** made by Kelli to decline/supported by Sven (6 aye/0 nay).
9. Changing timing for concerts in the park to 6-8 next year. Coordination with local businesses. Will discuss again later in the year.
10. Trail counters – update placement. Holy Moses, Old Lady Lucy/Sweet Pine, and Gobler’s Knob.
11. Cookbook sales – Money goes to Parks and Rec donated.
12. Closed ski trail – Bear Mountain and Ridge Line. Pending.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 5-year Rec Plan – As above.
2. One wheel use on trails – NTN has not made a decision. Tabled.
3. Burns Landing cabin – Tabled.
4. Park Conduct Ordinance Review – Tabled.
5. Thomas Rock picnic table, bench repair – One table destroyed and threw off top. Brought up table from the bottom up to the top. Two days later table arms irreparably damaged. Tables range from 500 to 1500. One bench closest to viewfinder needs replaced. Coty to bring examples at next meeting.
6. NTN MOU. Draft to be submitted to NTN.
7. Spark Grant \$185,000 needed. Sven to create proposal to send to various potential donors.

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Thomas Rock as above. Repairs after rain event. Aggregate will be needed in future. Big Bay Pathway grading underway and has been mowed. MOTION to put in culvert on Hidden Grin \$200 made by Sven/supported by Darlene (6 aye/0 nay). **MOTION** for picnic table and/or bench \$1000 made by Darlene/supported by Heidi (6 aye/0 nay). Trail clearing. Request for baby changing station at Burns Landing, hand sanitizer, hangers for clothes - **MOTION** for \$500 made by Heidi/supported by Kelli (6 aye/0 nay). Darlene suggests camera at Burns and Draver.
2. BBSC Liaison (Kelsey) – Fall Fest September 21. Survey is on website.
3. Safe Routes to School (Heidi) – Review and then decision in November.
4. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Lauri) – South trailhead tomorrow economic impact study. Trails bring over \$41 million to Marquette county per year.
5. Burns Landing (Darlene) – Damage to bathrooms. Amendment #7 – interpretative sign still needs to be done.
6. Thomas Rock – As above.
7. Concert series – As above.
8. Native Garden – Sunday was last workbee. End of August benches will be installed. Asking 1-20 hours maintenance from school.
9. PTR (Sven) – No news.
10. Fundraising – GiveButter \$305 in July. Lottery – Need license, \$50, need location and equipment. Takes 4-6 weeks for license. Raffle license – Details of item to be raffled, sample of ticket, \$500. Bingo is an option if we had a location.
11. Big Bay Newsletter – Draft will be sent out tomorrow morning. New events – Fall fest and jazz festival. Presbyterian church dinners start September 10. Newsletter has been going for 14 months.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Heidi shared Parks and Rec Grant database asked for proofreading.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Heidi/supported by Kelli (6 aye, 0 nay) at 8:33 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – September 10, 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)