

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 12/12/2024

Time: PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead - Present

Darlene Turner (treasurer) – Present

Heidi Shatz (chair) - Present

Kelli Santilli (secretary) – Present

Lauri Shaw – Excused

Coty Sorby (vice chair) – Present

Linda Ludwig – Present

1. Approval of Agenda. **MOTION** to approve agenda with additions made Darlene/supported by Linda (7 aye; 0 nay).
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes made by Heidi/supported by Linda (7 aye; 0 nay).
3. Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PRESENTATIONS:

GRANTS:

1. SPARK – Questions regarding billing to Beckett & Raeder. Levi will be contacting Tim. Eagle mine sent \$200,000 to offset cost.
2. Safe Routes to School – Mike Springer – Look at priority #2, reduced route on priority #1 and drop-off sites. More discussion needed with Max and Alex. Levi will be meeting with Alex next week.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Demonstration Day – Lauri – NTN suggested having demo day as fundraising. Coty will be attending liaison meetings with NTN.

2. Volunteer Recruitment - Sven discussed reorganization and need and sharing volunteers. Lauri discussing division of volunteer categories. Discussed ways to create a volunteer database. Sven states need one person to be in charge of volunteers.
3. Computer Use at Township – Parks and Rec needs access to computer in township office. Darlene wants log-in for parks and rec to use and access to BS&A to get financial report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 5-year recreation plan – Mike Springer/Darlene – Survey Monkey for 1 month passed at township board. Provided draft survey. Add expanding acquisition of waterfront properties for public access.
 - A. Survey Questions – Add question regarding interest in volunteering. P&R board to fill out and add suggestions – send to Mike.
2. One wheel use on trails – No news.
3. Park Conduct Ordinance Review – Tabled.
4. NTN MOU – Agreed between P&R and NTN. Will be sent to attorney and township board.
5. NTN Buying CanyCom machine for Big Bay Trails – Coty to attending NTN liaison meeting and request using Big Bay funds to purchase.
6. Fire on the Bay, Easter Egg, Tree Lighting service volunteer coordinators – Will be sent out again on Facebook/newsletter. Heidi requests board to personally ask community.
7. Info boards – Parks and Rec will be responsible for boards.
8. Tree Lighting – Went well. 15 bags leftover. 26 kids. **MOTION** to donate leftover bags to Women’s Center made by Heidi/supported by Coty (7 aye/0 nay).
9. Big Bay Relay organization – Marcia requests Parks and Rec to put together sponsorship package and help raise volunteers, and also help promote Honey Bear event. Sven asks that Parks and Rec become more involved in organizing Big Bay Relay.

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Tracks on equipment. Grooming equipment staged at tennis courts. Grooming has begun. Trails in fair to good condition. Draver parking lot plowed. Picnic tables built but not at Thomas Rock. Dog waste stations installed. Kelly Cain volunteers to help groom and Coty will begin training.
2. BBSC Liaison (Kelsey) – Friday Season of Sharing 6-8 at TBI, funds go to food boxes for school kids. 2025 – Film screening 1/24/24 at Bay Cliff, Cruise Boom. Code of Conduct charter week after screening. Asks P&R to attend.
3. Safe Routes to School – No news

4. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Lauri) – Sven attended meeting. Lauri will continue to attend also if possible. Strategic trails plan has been released.
5. Burns Landing (Darlene) – No news
6. Draver Park (Committee) – No news
7. Thomas Rock (Committee) – No news
8. Concert series (Sven) – Heidi asks for suggestions regarding budget.
9. Native Garden – No news
10. Community Garden – Location in question with new township board.
11. PTRAs (Sven) – No news. **MOTION** to not plow PTRAs made by Lauri/supported by Darlene (2 aye/3 nay/2 abstain).
12. Fundraising – GiveButter – New treasurer took over account.
13. Big Bay Newsletter – No news
14. Parks and Recreation Community Outreach – Heidi working with Marti on website.

ACTION LIST:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sven – Questions if Kelly Cain is interested in joining P&R committee.

Kelly Cain – Interested in becoming involved and helping.

Mike Springer – Dash for Trash added to list on survey. (Informed that is a BBSC event.)

Kelsey – Would like to work with Linda to share information. Asks Darlene if she will be working on Burns Landing project or if it will be passed to Levi. She states she would like to finish grant (informational signage).

Darlene – Asks when public hearing for 5-year parks and rec plan. Sven states it is February 11, 2025. He talked to SAIL who stated they can't get to new assessment until they can access trails, so that date will need to be updated. He has talked to Doty at CUPPAD about helping us with meeting and engagement. He hopes to have new date in the next week.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Heidi/supported by Sven (7 aye, 0 nay) at 8:28 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – January 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kelli Santilli

Powell Township Annual Programming/Events

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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 TBD
3rd Summer Concert Series TBD
Labor Day Softball Tournament (Labor Day weekend)
Harvest Festival (third weekend in September)
4th Summer Concert Series TBD
Christmas Tree Lighting (first Saturday in December)