

# Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319  
Big Bay, MI 49808

**Date: 04/08/2025**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

## **Members:**

Sven Gonstead - Present

Darlene Turner (treasurer) – Present

Heidi Shatz (chair) - Present

Kelli Santilli (secretary) – Present

Kelly Cain – Present

Coty Sorby (vice chair) – Present

Linda Ludwig – Excused

1. Approval of Agenda. **MOTION** to approve agenda with additions (#3 and #4 new business) made Kelli/supported by Sven (6 aye; 0 nay).
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** made to approve March minutes at May meeting made by Kelli/supported by Heidi (6 aye; 0 nay).
3. Financial Report. No report available.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

## **GRANTS:**

1. SPARK – Kelly update about billing from Dawn from B&R. Billing is correct according to Dawn. Heidi will talk with contractor with Levi on Friday Zoom at 3:30. Darlene – Need to clean out buildings and keep what is salvable. Store in old pump house, barn at Thomas Rock, or Heidi house. Need to decide on design of sign. Sven suggests Signs Now offers design services. Kelli will call Signs Now. Darlene to discuss donation with Linda Flurry.
2. Safe Routes to School – Mike met with school board. He will present again to the school board to refresh their memory. School is responsible to move this forward.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. All budget proposals were passed at last Powell Township Board Meeting.
2. Volunteers for Big Bay Relay – May 17. Heidi requests volunteers for event and cheering for runners. Sponsorships \$2800. Marcia gives kudos to Heidi for getting all the sponsors. Costumes welcome.
3. Trailhead sign and map for Powell Trails – Kelsey working on map; add to kiosk. Third Coast would like their logo on the kiosk. NTN also working on new maps/signage. Sven to look into cost of sign.
4. Map trails – Coty to talk to Jeremiah from NTN and work with Kelsey.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. 5-year recreation plan – CUPPAD. Signed agreement.
2. NTN MOU – Sven had meeting, they have some edits, would like to come here and discuss then attorneys discuss. Possibly at May meeting or Doodle poll to decide date.
3. NTN Buying CanyCom machine for Big Bay Trails – Was supposed to be ordered. Coty will confirm tomorrow.
4. Big Bay Relay – Sponsorships and organizational support. Discussed above.
5. Action plan – Kelly Cain will create spreadsheet.

## **REPORTS**

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Skid steer in for maintenance. Associated prepaid for aggregate. Ordered 5 picnic tables. Pathway not in good condition. Attended NTN meeting. Snowmobile on Thomas Rock. Burns signage will be installed when weather permits.
2. BBSC Liaison (Kelsey) – Dash for Trash May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8-12 followed by potluck, online signup on BBSC website, large item passes available at township. No tires this year. Travel Marquette doing Bark Ranger program for dog etiquette on trails.
3. Safe Routes to School – As above.
4. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Sven) – No news.
5. Burns Landing (Darlene) – Waiting on proof.
6. Draver Park (Committee) – No news.
7. Thomas Rock (Committee) – As above.
8. Native Garden – No news.
9. Concert series (Sven) – Band booked for Fire on the Bay – RambleTamble. July 12, 7-9.
10. Fundraising – GiveButter – No donations.
11. Big Bay Newsletter – None.

12. Parks and Recreation Community Outreach – Guidelines for Facebook posting.  
BBSC/other happenings in Big Bay.

**ACTION LIST:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Heidi** – Questions if Darlene needs help for Easter.

**Heidi** – Cleanups – Coty will be doing.

**Heidi** – December will be stepping down as president.

**Caden** – Kanva probably will not be editable. Friend with photoshop may be willing to help. Will volunteer at the dump at Dash for Trash. Was surprised to see disc golf come up on survey, would like to see it here, willing to help steer project in Big Bay.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn made by /supported by Heidi, supported by Sven (6 aye, 0 nay) at pm.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** – May 13, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Parade** (July 4)

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Softball Tournament** (weekend after July 4)

**Fire on the Bay** (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in July)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Concert Series** TBD

**3<sup>rd</sup> Summer Concert Series** TBD

**Labor Day Softball Tournament** (Labor Day weekend)

**Harvest Festival** (third weekend in September)

**4<sup>th</sup> Summer Concert Series** TBD

**Christmas Tree Lighting** (first Saturday in December)