

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 02/11/2024

Time: 6:36 PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead - Present

Darlene Turner (treasurer) – Present

Heidi Shatz (chair) - Present

Kelli Santilli (secretary) – Present

Lauri Shaw – Present

Coty Sorby (vice chair) – Present

Linda Ludwig – Present

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PRESENTATIONS:

GRANTS:

1. SPARK – Mike Springer gave update. Hall Contracting was lowest bid. Discussed with Tim payment schedule.
2. Safe Routes to School – School board hesitant to apply. Suggested routes do not qualify.

NEW BUSINESS

1. How to get more survey responses. 36 responses thus far. Linda to send out email to newsletter list.

2. Work on list of sponsors for Big Bay Relay. Lauri will discuss with Marcia. Wood laser medallion – need woodworker. Darlene will ask Katie Wilcox.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 5-year recreation plan – CUPPAD 03/11/2025. Doty offered 10 hours free. Sven suggesting having CUPPAD writing (\$3200). **MOTION** made to have CUPPAD write 5-year Rec Plan made by Kelli/supported by Heidi (6 aye/1 nay).
2. NTN MOU – Received back from lawyer. Sven to review and discuss with NTN. Sven will send out digital version.
3. NTN Buying CanyCom machine for Big Bay Trails – Coty went to NTN meeting. NTN wants us to buy their used. Committee prefers to buy new.
4. Fire on the Bay, Easter Egg, Tree Lighting service volunteer coordinators – No volunteers. Levi is checking with one person. Levi also will be meeting with Johnson brothers. Levi contacting fireworks company. Heidi talked to school about running Easter egg hunt April 12– they have not responded. Darlene will take charge of Easter egg hunt. **MOTION** made to request \$300 for Easter Egg hunt made by Kelli/supported by Lauri (7 aye/0 nay). Lauri considering taking charge of tree lighting December 6.
5. Big Bay Relay organization – Heidi writing cover letter and will disburse at March meeting.
6. Typeform used for survey – Request \$116 for 4 months passed.
7. Fire on the Bay 2025 – As above.
8. Action plan to be implemented. Will address at March meeting.

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Big Bay pathway looks good. Honeybear this weekend. Sven requests pictures of trails and new groomers.
2. BBSC Liaison (Kelsey) – Film screening and visit with director very productive. Workshopped visitor guidelines, will come out on brochure form and online. May 3 Dash for Trash.
3. Safe Routes to School – As above.
4. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Coty) – No news. Meetings are quarterly.
5. Burns Landing (Darlene) – Waiting for signage from Genesis Graphix.
6. Draver Park (Committee) – No news.
7. Thomas Rock (Committee) – Plowing going well, being used frequently.
8. Concert series (Sven) – Sven talking to bands. Trying to plan around construction. Sven will discuss with Mqt county regarding possibly having concert at Perkins Park.
9. Native Garden – No news
10. Community Garden – No news.
11. Fundraising – GiveButter – None.

12. Big Bay Newsletter – School reached out to include their events. List keeps growing.
13. Parks and Recreation Community Outreach – Facebook posting (Heidi) and NTN posting (Coty) going well. Marti keeping website updated. Heidi will talk to Lumberjack about having survey table on 02/18/2025.

ACTION LIST:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda – Requests Levi to attend a Parks and Rec meeting for introduction.
Heidi – Honeybear this Saturday. Contact Marcia to volunteer.
Lauri – Fix up LeClaire cabin so it can be safe for visitors.
Heidi –Lauri last meeting. Thank you Lauri.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – March 11, 2025, 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 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)