

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 01/14/2024

Time: PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead - Present
Darlene Turner (treasurer) – Absent
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 Heidi (4 aye; 0 nay).
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** to approve minutes made by Heidi/supported by Sven (4 aye; 0 nay).
3. Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Kelsy – BBSC – Film screening at Bay Cliff 01/24/2025 at 6PM (Cruise Boom). Wes Espinoza will be at community gathering 01/30/2025 location TBD, visitor behaviors to be discussed, pizza and prizes, local artists. Mural with school, “Grandpa’s camp” on Huron Mountain Outfitters wall.
2. Marcia – Big Bay Relay and Honeybear – 02/15/2025 36th annual Honeybear. Fun Ski and self-timed race. Travel Marquette gave \$500 grant. Registration 10AM at TBI, group start at trailhead 11AM. TBI live music 12-3, refreshments and coffee for participants. Encouraged to buy lunch at TBI. Hot dog roast at trailhead. Donations: Cookies and bars. 2 people from 9-12 for registration. Warming hut set up, warming hut workers, hot dot workers. Mike Springer donated silo stoves. Volunteer skiers needed. Big Bay Relay 47th annual 05/27/2025. Sponsorship packets created.

GRANTS:

1. SPARK – Waiting on bids.
2. Safe Routes to School – Alex and team to meet via Zoom, possibly Friday 10AM.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire on the Bay 2025 - 07/12/2025. Levi checking into location.
2. Typeform being used instead of Survey Monkey – Need to request \$116 for a total of 4 months. **MOTION** for \$116 for Typeform made by Coty/supported by Heidi (4 aye/0 nay).
3. Parks and Recreation credit card with \$600 limit. **MOTION** made by Heidi for Parks and Recreation/supported by Coty (4 aye/0 nay)
4. Budget - Heidi completed budget request to be submitted to township board. **MOTION** made to submit this budget to township board made by Heidi/supported by Sven (4 aye/0 nay).
5. Action Plan – Action plan to be implemented.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 5-year recreation plan –
 - A. Survey Questions – Reviewed and amended. Mike to update.
2. One wheel use on trails – NTN tabled.
3. Park Conduct Ordinance Review – Tabled until March.
4. NTN MOU – Supervisor is looking it over and sending to township lawyer.
5. NTN Buying CanyCom machine for Big Bay Trails – Meeting NTN tomorrow. They already have the quote.
6. Fire on the Bay, Easter Egg, Tree Lighting service volunteer coordinators – No responses. Supervisor discussing with someone regarding fire on the bay.
7. Big Bay Relay organization – As above.
8. Volunteer recruitment and organization clearinghouse – Linda organizing. Possibly send to BBSC.
9. Computer use for Parks and Recreation Department at the township – Front office computer available for our use.

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – BBPathway groomed 13 times. Trail conditions good. Trailheads being plowed and being used. Will be going to NTN meeting 01/15/2025. Heidi requests ski grooming be sent to Lauri for posting on Facebook.

2. BBSC Liaison (Kelsey) – As above.
3. Safe Routes to School – As above.
4. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Coty) – No news.
5. Burns Landing (Darlene) – No news
6. Draver Park (Committee) – No news
7. Thomas Rock (Committee) – No news
8. Concert series (Sven) – 3 concerts planned
9. Native Garden – No news
10. Community Garden – Supervisor does not like planned location.
11. Fundraising – GiveButter – Will get report from treasurer.
12. Big Bay Newsletter – Linda will send out draft.
13. Parks and Recreation Community Outreach – Facebook and website.

ACTION LIST:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lauri – Resign. February will be last meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Heidi/supported by Coty (4 aye, 0 nay) at 8:12 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – February 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)