

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 06/10/2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead - Present

Darlene Turner (treasurer) – Absent

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 made with additions #8 by Kelli/supported by Coty (6 aye; 0 nay).
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** made to approve minutes from May made by Sven/supported by Darlene (6 aye; 0 nay).
3. Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PRESENTATIONS:

1. NTN MOU – Sven. NTN sent final copy. **MOTION** made for accept MOU and send to township board made by Heidi/supported by Kelli (6 aye/0 nay).
2. 5-year recreation plan CUPPAD.

GRANTS:

1. SPARK – Construction began. Bird houses destroyed by trees taken down. Send Eagle Mine update. Linda Fleury offered up to \$3000 for a new sign at Draver Park. Sign should read Charlie Draver Park. Darlene suggests “partially funded by Eagle Mine” be part of the sign.

2. Safe Routes to School – Mike Springer and Sven had meeting. Opted to postpone to October (next grant cycle). June 24 will be next meeting at regular school board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Draver Park kiosk and trail maps – How many and where – and you are here. Tabled until July.
2. Fence and gates for native plant garden – Citizens for a Clean and Safe Lake Superior – Ray and Peg Hirvonen Foundation. **MOTION** made to apply for 100% grant made by Kelli/supported by Darlene (6 aye/0 nay).
3. Easter egg hunt – Update on how it went. Darlene says went well, 40 kids plus adults. Next year, may need more funding and possibly move egg hunt to Draver Park next year.
4. Fourth of July Parade – 10 am – who wants to walk in the parade – price for candy. **MOTION** for \$200 to buy parade items made by Heidi/supported by Kelli (6 aye/0 nay). Coty to drive side-by-side. Kelly, Kelli, Heidi(maybe) – 9:45 am.
5. NTN MTB Town Series – July 11th We would be race #2, Big Bay Shuffle. \$5 per day and donations, potluck after. **MOTION** made by to allow NTN to hold race made by Heidi/supported by Sven (6 aye/0 nay).
6. Gravel for parking lot PTRAs trails. Deleted.
7. Sharon Mattis needs all of us to stop in and take our oath of office again (excluding Coty and Darlene).
8. Redo bridge behind transfer station. Big Bay pathway large bridge on Hidden Grin needs either refurbished or rebuilt. Collaboration with NTN needed. Sven will assist Coty and NTN. Darlene suggests looking at grants for long-term maintenance.
9. Culverts – Several culverts needed, 12 inch double walled \$138 each (\$450 for 3 from trail services). **MOTION** made for \$450 from trail services for culverts made by Heidi/supported by Darlene (6 aye/0 nay).
10. Stain. Various items need stained. **MOTION** made for \$150 to buy stain from Thomas Rock operating budget made by Heidi/supported by Coty (6 aye/nay).

OLD BUSINESS

1. NTN Buying CanyCom machine for Big Bay Trails – NTN has reached out to supplier. Coty will have more answers tomorrow.
2. Sign for PTRAs pavilion. List made for multiple donating companies. Kelli to get design options.
3. NTN Maps for trails. Jeremiah from NTN has contacted map maker and Powell will be done first.

4. Burns landing location for Fire on the Bay – Logistics. Band needs reserved parking, carts and hand carts to help move equipment. Coty will discuss with Levi. Band arrives at 5:30.

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Will move counter to Lady Slipper from Thomas Rock. Salvaging all possible from Draver before demo. Burns Landing sign needs installed, requests opinions for location (Kelsey and Coty). Grill at Burns burning wood – Heidi suggests contacting SAIL for new location. Thomas Rock has new picnic tables, benches will be next, interpretative signs repaired.
2. BBSC Liaison (Kelsey) – Maps for trails and Draver Park. Will make presentation in July, would like to discuss timeline, aesthetics, and scope. Community gathering June 26 at 6:30 pm at Thunder Bay Inn on the patio (lobby rain location), tiki themed. Rummage sale this Saturday, location list at Crams and Phil's 550. Fall fest preparations underway.
3. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Sven) – No report.
4. Burns Landing (Darlene) – Informational sign is done, ready to be installed.
5. Draver Park (Committee) – Asked Levi to ask contractor to save wood chips for native flower garden.
6. Thomas Rock (Committee) – Coty working on benches, one step needs repaired.
7. Concert series (Sven) – Posters for band, 50/50 or donations. Contract being sent to band. **MOTION** made for \$100 for poster printing from concert series fund made by Sven/supported by Darlene (6 aye/0 nay). Sven planning to take care of band with refreshments. Donation bucket will be set up instead of doing a 50/50.
8. Native Garden – Workbee canceled due to smoke.
9. Fundraising – GiveButter report. \$100.
10. Big Bay Newsletter – Looks good.
11. Parks and Recreation Community Outreach – Doing Facebook posts.

ACTION LIST: Kelly Cain

PUBLIC COMMENT: Heidi – We made approximately \$7400 from Big Bay Relay.
Steve – Looking for someone to do wood carvings with taken down trees.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Heid/supported by Sven(6 aye, 0 nay) at 8:38 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – July 8, 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)