

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 08/12/2025

Time: 6:33 PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead - Present

Darlene Turner (treasurer) – Present

Heidi Shatz (chair) - Excused

Kelli Santilli (secretary) – Present

Kelly Cain – Present

Coty Sorby (vice chair) – Present

Linda Ludwig – Present

1. Approval of Agenda. **MOTION** to approve agenda made by Kelly/supported by Sven (6 aye; 0 nay).
2. Approval of Minutes. **MOTION** made to approve minutes made by Darlene /supported by Kelly (6 aye; 0 nay).
3. Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PRESENTATIONS:

1. 5-year Recreation Plan- CUPPAD – Discussed draft and changes/suggestions.
2. CUPPAD Funding and help applying for DNR grant. CUPPAD received approval from their surplus SPARK grant to help pay for grant writing and planning of other SPARK grant recipients.

GRANTS:

1. SPARK – Mike shared pictures or progress. Removal of light pole suggested. Sven updated progress of pavilion upgrade. Questions regarding shades location and limited number. Paint picnic tables? Ribbon cutting during Fall Fest?
2. Safe Routes to School – School board meeting 08/27/2025. Requests parks and rec members to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Safe Routes to School August 27, 6:30 pm board meeting. As above
2. Recreation Plan 2026-2030 Draft edits
3. Draver Park Progress Update
4. Jessica Walters/CUPPAD June 25th correspondence
5. Fall Fest – Will P&R be doing a booth this year? Yes, will be answering questions, Coty and Darlene. **MOTION** made by Coty to have Draver park ribbon cutting in conjunction with Fall Fest. Roll call vote Coty aye; Kelli no, Darlene no, Sven no, Kelly no, Linda abstain.
6. September 17th 5:00 pm volunteer/work bee at the native garden/BBP trailhead. Plants establishing well.
7. Operating fund for BBP Bridge replacement – Request \$4000. **MOTION** to request \$4000 from NTN account made by Coty/supported by Sven (6 aye; 0 nay)
8. “Thomas Rock This Way → “ sign for private drive at Thomas Rock – Request \$75 **MOTION** to order sign made by Sven/supported by Linda (6 aye;0 nay).
9. 18 ton/14 yard quad load of trailmix aggregate delivered - \$530 (Request \$550) **MOTION** made by Sven to order trailmix from Smith/supported by Darlene (6 aye/0 nay).
10. Galvanized steel bench frames for Thomas Rock Replacements (x2) \$456 + \$173.28 shipping = \$629.28 total (request \$650) **MOTION** to order benches made by Coty/supported by Kelli (6 aye; 0 nay).
11. Dog waste station – Draver/Burns Replacement - \$327.97/ea x2 = \$655.94 (request \$675) **MOTION** for \$675 for dog waste stations made by Coty/supported by Kelli (6 aye;0nay)
12. Replacement Swing set for Halfway fire station swingset - %52,35 (request \$60) **MOTION** for \$60 for swing made by Sven/supported by Darlene (6 aye/0 nay).

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sharon Mattis needs all of us to stop in and take our oath of office again.
2. Sign for PTRAs pavilion. Kelli working on getting logos from partners.
3. Draver Park sign. Darlene suggests 2 ½ or 3 x 6 ft. CHARLES DRAVER PARK without any logos. Green and white.
4. Draver park flag pole. Coty to price flag poles, flags, and concrete footing.
5. NTN maps for trail. Waiting on NTN.

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Thomas had washouts from rain repaired. Widened driveway. Coty states Hall construction great to work with. Burns continues to have issues with people leaving garbage. BBP mowing and bridge plan ongoing.
2. BBSC Liaison (Kelsey) – Fall fest plans ongoing. Cemetery tours to focus on WWII. Needs volunteers for Fall fest (bouncy house or kids crafts).
3. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Sven) – No news.
4. Burns Landing (Darlene) – As above.
5. Draver Park (Committee) – As above.
6. Thomas Rock (Committee) – As above.
7. Concert series (Sven) – No news.
8. Native Garden – As above.
9. Fundraising – Ongoing.
10. Big Bay Newsletter – Linda sent draft, requests corrections/suggestions.
11. Parks and Recreation Community Outreach – No report.

ACTION LIST: Kelly Cain -

PUBLIC COMMENT: Darlene states Brown property for sale and thinks township should consider. Sven states already sold. CUPPAD extra funding could be used to hire grant writer for beach property.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Coty/supported by Sven (6 aye, 0 nay) at 8:35 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – September 9, 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)