

Powell Township Parks & Recreation

PO Box 319
Big Bay, MI 49808

Date: 07/08/2025

Time: 6:33 PM

Members:

Sven Gonstead - Present

Darlene Turner (treasurer) – Present

Heidi Shatz (chair) - Present

Kelli Santilli (secretary) – Present

Kelly Cain – Present

Coty Sorby (vice chair) – Excused

Linda Ludwig – Present

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PRESENTATIONS:

1. NTN MOU – Pending Township Board.
2. 5-year recreation plan CUPPAD – CUPPAD has Spark Grant excess funds and will be using it to supplement Powell Township Spark Grant. Committee will review plan and discuss again at August meeting.
3. CUPPAD funding and help applying for DNR grant. As above.
4. BBSC Signage Placement. Discussed relationship between BBSC and Parks and Rec. Requesting volunteers for FallFest.

GRANTS:

1. SPARK – Some cement is poured. Levi found electrical blinds. Sven adding speaker cable to pavilion before ceiling is installed. Heidi to look into whether trees and landscaping are included.

2. Safe Routes to School – School board not responsive. **MOTION** made to request Powell Township Board to formally support Safe Routes to School as community members made by Heidi/supported by Kelly (6 aye/0 nay).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Signage Placements from BBSC – Will reuse sign verbiage and NTN maps.
2. DNR grant – Darlene asks we consider which projects we would like to do next. Trees for Draver park suggested.
3. Burns Landing Cabin – Making it a historical site with the Regional Historic Society and NMU. **MOTION** made to request township board consider making Burns Landing cabin a local historical site and Regional Historic location made by Sven/supported by Kelly (6 aye/0 nay).
4. Pickleball courts at the school – Kim B to write grants and work with the school board. She is willing to be liaison. Heidi will get more information.
5. July 22nd 5:30-8 pm Trail Karma Tuesday – meet at PTRAs trailhead/sweet pine trails.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sharon Mattis needs all of us to stop in and take our oath of office again. Monday and Thursday 9-12.
2. Fourth of July parade update.
3. Burns Landing Cabin and Pavilion electricity is being worked on. Mostly complete, few details to finish.
4. NTN Buying CanyCom machine for Big Bay Trails – Purchased.
5. Sign for PTRAs pavilion – Heidi to get measurements. Darlene to send Kelli pictures of her vision.
6. NTN Maps for trails. No news.
7. Burns landing location for Fire on the Bay – Logistics. Band will load from cabin parking lot. Hoodies being made.
8. NTN MTB Town series – July 11th

REPORTS

1. Parks and Rec Trail Manager (Coty) – Gravel delivered, PTRAs trail. Electricity installed at Burns. PTRAs trails worked on. Parade successful. Fire on the Bay preparations underway. Burns landing sign to be installed tomorrow. Culverts purchased. Stain purchased. Candy Com purchased, delivered Friday. Draver going well, getting behind waiting for inspector. Washouts from rain. What aggregate for Thomas Rock – Trail mix or use original. Compacted trail mix is fine.
2. BBSC Liaison (Kelsey) – As above.

3. Trails Sustainability Coalition Representative (Sven) – No news.
4. Burns Landing (Darlene) – As above.
5. Draver Park (Committee) – Electrical blinds are being used.
6. Thomas Rock (Committee) – As above.
7. Concert series (Sven) – No news.
8. Native Garden – Work day Thursday June 10 at 6-8.
9. Fundraising – Ongoing.
10. Big Bay Newsletter – Linda clarifies some entries. Second year for newsletter.
11. Parks and Recreation Community Outreach – Heidi using Facebook.

ACTION LIST: Kelly Cain -

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patty – Expressed appreciation for all Parks and Recreation does.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Kelli/supported by Kelly (6 aye, 0 nay) at pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – August 12, 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)