Powell Township
Parks & Recreation Plan
2015-2019
POWELL TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN
2015-2019

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Adopted by the Township Board on January 20, 2015.
Introduction

This Parks & Recreation Plan is a guide for the upkeep and future development of parks and recreational facilities for the community of Powell Township. The development of this plan was initiated by the Powell Township Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the Powell Township Recreation Committee.

The plan contains a description of the community, an overview of the parks and recreation administrative structure and budget, and an inventory of existing recreational facilities. This background information provides a basis for the goals and objectives developed by the Recreation Committee with input from the public. Finally, the plan contains an action program that identifies how Powell Township will work towards these goals and objectives over the next five years.

Throughout the development of this plan, the Recreation Committee actively solicited input from the public and neighboring communities. Included in this document is a description of the public input process.
For the purposes of this plan, the “community” is defined as the area encompassed by Powell Township’s political boundaries. Map 2.1 on the following page shows the location of Powell Township within Marquette County and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Powell Township was established in 1904. Like many communities in the Upper Peninsula, the Township’s development was closely related to the natural resources available in the area. Logging and wood product industries were mainstays of the local economy throughout the Township’s history.

According to the 2010 Census, the Township has a population of 816 with about 70% being year round residents. The Township has several lakes and rivers ideal for recreation and approximately 45 miles of Lake Superior shoreline.

Figure 2.1 below provides more information about Powell Township.

Figure 2.1: Comparative Census Data

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<th>Marquette County</th>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>2010</td>
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<tr>
<td>Population</td>
<td>724</td>
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<td>% of Population 65 &amp; older</td>
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<td>% of Population under 18</td>
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<td>Average household size</td>
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<td>Median housing value</td>
<td>$69,700</td>
<td>$103,500</td>
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 & 2010
MAP 2.1 - LOCATION OF POWELL TOWNSHIP

Location of Powell Township and Marquette County within the Central U.P.

Legend
- Powell Township
- Townships and Cities
- U.P. Counties

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ORGANIZATION

The Powell Township Board established an eight member recreation committee comprised of volunteers that meets monthly according to a published schedule. The Recreation Committee is responsible for recommendations relating to upkeep, operation, and expansion of the Township's recreation facilities and programs. The recommendations of the recreation committee are acted on by the Township Board and are also coordinated with the Planning Commission.

RECREATION BUDGET

Funding for the Township recreation facilities and programs is through the Township's General Fund. A projected budget for 2015 is included in Appendix B. The recreation budget is expected to remain the same through 2019. Special projects are appropriated as necessary and supplemented with donations and grants.

ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS

In addition to a volunteer-run recreation committee, the Township’s recreation projects rely on the time and generosity of many committed citizen volunteers.
Powell Township is largely forested with miles of very high quality trout streams and old growth forest. The majority of this property is privately owned as large parcels managed for timber production. Many of these parcels are enrolled in the Commercial Forest Act and are available to the public for recreation. A number of other large land holdings also contribute to the pristine nature of the Township’s land cover, including the Huron Mountain Club and the Yellow Dog Preserve. The Blue Ribbon trout waters of the Yellow Dog River and the Salmon-Trout River are located within the Township’s Boundary.

MAP 4.1 - POWELL TOWNSHIP LAND COVER
Powell Township’s Recreation Inventory includes a description of each facility along with its classification and accessibility rating. A list of nearby parks and recreation facilities is also included, as Township residents often travel to the City of Marquette and beyond for more options. See Map 5.1 in Appendix D for the locations of these facilities.

**PARK CLASSIFICATION**

**Mini-Park:** A park containing specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as tots or the elderly. They are usually between 2,500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.

**Neighborhood Park/Playground:** An active recreation site incorporating one or more open space areas designed for field sport and providing play apparatuses. The open space areas should be able to serve the needs of both youths and adults. A baseball field with adjoining playground and restrooms would be an example of a neighborhood park. They are generally 5 to 10 acres in size and serve a 1/4 to 1/2 mile distance.

**Community Park/Recreation Area:** Area of diverse environmental quality. It may include areas suited for intense recreational facilities such as athletic complexes and large swimming pools or an area of natural quality for outdoor recreation such as walking, viewing, sitting, and picnicking. They are usually between 30 and 50 acres in size and serve a radius of 1/2 to 3 mile distance.

**Regional Park/Recreation Area:** Area of natural or ornamental quality for outdoor recreation, such as picnicking, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, and trail uses. It may include play areas. These types of facilities are usually greater than 50 acres and tend to attract individuals from outside the community.

**ACCESSIBILITY RATINGS**

*Figure 5.1: Accessibility Ratings*

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<th>Accessibility Rating</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>The entire park meets accessibility guidelines.</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>The entire park was developed/renovated using universal design principles.</td>
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TOWNSHIP-OWNED FACILITIES

The following parks are owned and operated by Powell Township.

1. **Draver Park**: This park occupies approximately 3/4 of a city block in Big Bay and is adjacent to residential land use. It is on the western edge of the community and includes one softball field, a playground, picnic sites, a concession stand, as well as a storage building with restrooms. Draver Park is near the Powell Township Elementary School and is available for student use.

   - *Type*: Neighborhood Park
   - *Accessibility Rating*: 1
   - *MDNR Grant History*: N/A

2. **Burns Landing**: Powell Township owns 3.85 acres of land on the Lake Superior shoreline just west of the Big Bay Harbor. The historic Burns Cabin is located on this property; this small log structure was one of the first buildings built in the Township, and is well over 100 years old. Recent improvements at the site include a handicapped-accessible toilet placed at the edge of a gravel parking area, a boardwalk built between the cabin and the beach and installation of benches and grills. This site also includes a portion of the area known as Squaw Beach, a popular swimming area on Lake Superior. The beach is unguarded and undeveloped, but receives significant use.

   - *Type*: Community Park
   - *Accessibility Rating*: 2
   - *MDNR Grant History*: N/A

3. **Thomas Rock**: Ten acres of land along CR 510 about a mile south of CR 550 were donated to Powell Township for use as a recreational site. The Township acquired 379 acres of forest land around the original site in 2010 through a grant to protect wildlife habitat and extend the existing trail system. Locally known as “Gobbler’s Knob,” this high point offers panoramic views of Lake Superior and Lake Independence. The site has been developed as an overlook area with fence and guardrails installed, as well as restroom facilities, a picnic area, and non-motorized trails.

   - *Type*: Neighborhood Park
   - *Accessibility Rating*: 1
   - *MDNR Grant History*: N/A
• Type: Regional Park/Recreation Area
• Accessibility Rating: 5
• MDNR Grant History: 2009 grant to develop hiking trail, picnic area, and restrooms ($319,100); 2010 grant to purchase 419 additional acres of land surrounding Thomas Rock.

4. Halfway Ball Field: The Township owns 28 acres at the Halfway location at the intersection of Brown Deer Road and County Road 550. This natural resource area was once the site of a softball field. However, the fields have not been used for some time and they are no longer maintained.

• Type: Neighborhood Park
• Accessibility Rating: 1
• MDNR Grant History: N/A

5. Halfway Fire Hall Playground: This park is adjacent to the Township’s Fire Hall near the Halfway location on County Road 550. The park includes playground equipment and serves the youth at the residential cluster near the Township’s southern border.

• Type: Mini-Park
• Accessibility Rating: 3
• MDNR Grant History: N/A

OTHER FACILITIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

In addition to the parks listed above, Powell Township is home to the following recreation facilities:

Perkins Park: This 71-acre county park is located on the western shore of Lake Independence in the community of Big Bay. The park includes 76 campsites, 50 with electricity, and 37 of those sites with full hookups (water, electricity and sewer). The remaining 24 sites are primitive sites. Other facilities include a swimming beach, playground, restrooms, bathhouse with showers, pavilion, boat launch, boardwalk with observation decks, fishing pier and fish cleaning station.

Big Bay Harbor: Located just north of Big Bay on Lake Superior, the Big Bay Harbor offers transient dockage, gasoline, water, restrooms and showers, holding tank pump-out, a public telephone, launch ramp and parking. Since 1998, improvements have included shoreline stabilization, dredging, bulkhead extension, subsidence correction, and renovation of walkways and finger piers. Marquette County owns and operates the harbor.

Powell Township School: The Powell Township School is located at 101 Deutsch Avenue in Big Bay. Recreational facilities available at the school include a playground, two tennis courts, a basketball court, and the school gym. Powell Township School won a 2011 Educational Excellence award.
Huron Mountain Club (private): The Huron Mountain Club was formed in the early 1890s by a group of prominent Marquette residents. The families built cabins and a lodge at the mouth of the Pine River, and used the Club as a summer vacation retreat. In the early 1900s the Huron Mountain Club was reorganized and memberships were held primarily by wealthy families outside Marquette County. The Huron Mountain Club remains in existence today, and owns nearly 26,000 acres in Powell Township. All Club holdings are limited to access by members only; however, the Club does attract many visitors to the area and provides employment to area residents.

In addition to these sites, which have been developed to some extent, the Township contains vast amounts of land open to hunting and fishing. Lands designated as Commercial Forest Reserve, while remaining in private ownership, must be open to the public for hunting and fishing. These lands, together with the state land in the Township, provide further recreational opportunities to residents and visitors alike.

A local group, the Yellow Dog Preserve, is actively working to preserve the Yellow Dog River in its natural state. Along with a variety of educational programs, the group is seeking opportunities to purchase property and/or establish conservation easements along the river. Currently the group owns 160 acres in the Township at the mouth of the Yellow River. This tract, the Jean Farwell Wilderness, is a protected area and is open for public use.

Powell Township and surrounding areas are very popular with snowmobilers. The Lake Superior snowbelt tends to have more reliable snow cover than other parts of the U.P., and Powell Township offers large tracts of relatively undeveloped land. Many trails crisscross the area and connect with Baraga County to the west, Marquette to the southeast, and Ishpeming and Negaunee to the south. These trails utilize CFR lands as well as road rights of ways. The 550 Snowmobile Club, based in Big Bay, maintains 70-140 miles of snowmobile trails, which connect the trails maintained by other organizations.

The Hiawatha Water Trail, running 120 miles from Big Bay to Grand Marais, follows the south shoreline of Lake Superior. It offers views of shipwrecks and the rugged, beautiful shoreline to a growing number of kayakers and tourists. With Big Bay as the trail head, many opportunities are available for improving facilities and trail provisions which would bring more kayakers to Powell Township. In addition, another local group, the Noquemanon Trail Network (NTN), is working to establish the Big Bay Pathway, featuring approximately 18 kilometers of trails with destination points that include panoramic views of Lake Superior, the Huron Islands, Big Bay Point Lighthouse and the Yellow Dog Plains. In the winter months, the trail will offer narrow classic ski and snowshoe trails. In the summer months, trail will offer mountain biking, hiking, photography, birding and kayaking.

The Big Bay Sportsmen's Club has a clubhouse with electricity and bathroom facilities, on 80 acres of land on CR
550 near Big Bay. Each year the club sponsors a fishing derby on Lake Independence, with proceeds used to help re-stock fish in the lake. The club also teaches firearm safety and snowmobile safety classes, and maintains a rifle range for the use of club members.

Powell Township’s steep terrain and many rivers combine to form many waterfalls, some of which are relatively large. While some waterfalls are within Huron Mountain Club holdings and are not easily accessible to the public, others, such as Alder Falls near Big Bay are readily accessible. Some falls located on public or CFR lands require driving and/or hiking for several miles.

NEARBY RECREATION FACILITIES

Residents and tourists in Powell Township area also served by a wide variety of parks, beaches, lakes, rivers, and trails in Marquette County. Highlights include the Marquette Mountain downhill ski area, Sugarloaf Mountain scenic viewing area, Presque Isle Park on the shores of Lake Superior, and Tourist Park campground on the Dead River. In addition to these regional outdoor recreation facilities, many Powell Township residents use indoor facilities which are unavailable in the Township such as the YMCA and Lakeshore Arena ice rink. The Iron Ore Heritage Trail, North Country Trail, and Noquemanon Trail Network provide hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing opportunities throughout the County.

The 2014-2018 Marquette County Recreation Plan contains more detailed information about facilities outside the Township, and is available for viewing on the County’s website at http://www.co.marquette.mi.us.
The development of the goals and objectives in this plan were guided by standards created by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the input of community members and local officials. This chapter contains information about the planning and public input process.

**RECREATION NEEDS STANDARDS**

Standards developed by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) provide a scale against which an existing recreation system can be measured so that guidelines for future needs can be created. These standards compare available parks and recreation acreage to community population. However, it is important to keep in mind that many communities find that their need for recreational opportunities and open space can be met by facilities in nearby communities, while in some instances a community may be providing recreational opportunities and open space for neighboring communities. For example, regional parks containing large tracts of undeveloped land are usually found in rural areas, but fulfill a need extending far beyond the boundaries of a single rural community. Conversely, residents of small communities often access recreation facilities such as swimming pools or fitness centers in nearby urban areas. It should also be recognized that some sites represent unique environmental features or historical sites which in themselves are worthy of protection and designation, over and above any applicable standards.

![Figure 6.1: Local and Regional Recreation Open Space Standards](image)

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<th>Size (Acres)</th>
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<td>15+</td>
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<td>Community Park</td>
<td>Several neighborhoods; 1 to 2 mile radius</td>
<td>25+</td>
<td>5.0 to 8.0</td>
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<td>Regional Park</td>
<td>Several communities; within 1 hour driving time</td>
<td>200+</td>
<td>5.0 to 10.0</td>
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A community’s park system under NRPA standards should have a minimum of 6.25 to 10.50 total acres of developed open space per 1,000 residents of population. With a population of less than 1,000, the standards indicate that the Township should provide between 0.25 to 0.5 acres of mini parks, one to two acres of neighborhood parks, five to eight acres of community parks, and five to 10 acres of regional parks to meet this minimum standard (Figure 6.2).

Powell Township possesses nearly 500 acres of publicly-owned recreational land. The NRPA standards would appear to indicate that the Township has excessive park acreage. However, Powell Township is very dependent on the tourism industry, which in turn is attracted to the area because of its natural beauty. The area provides recreational opportunities to a population outside its boundaries, and has a legitimate interest in maintaining accessibility to natural features. The Township should work with Marquette Township and other surrounding townships in promoting the tourism attributes of the area.
### Figure 6.2: Existing Public Open Space

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<td><strong>Subtotal</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Neighborhood Parks</strong></td>
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<td>Draver Park</td>
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<td><strong>Subtotal</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Park Area</strong></td>
<td>495.95</td>
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### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Powell Township held a public workshop on December 9th, 2014 which was advertised around Big Bay and in the Mining Journal. Residents and stakeholders also had the opportunity to provide their thoughts and input through an online survey accessible through the Powell Township website throughout the public review process.
Improvements residents wanted to see at existing facilities include:

**Draver Park** - Upgrade playground equipment, handicap-accessible bathroom, exercise/fitness trail, connecting trail to Perkins Park and Burns Landing, upgrades to ball field - shelter/dugouts/shade.

**Burns Landing** - Swing set, restore cabin, upgrade walkway, new bathrooms, incorporate a Hiawatha Water Trail stop, gazebo at the end of walkway.

**Thomas Rock/Powell Township Recreation Area** - non-motorized hiking/biking trails, remote/wilderness camp, snowshoe trail, wildlife habitat, connect parks with bike trail.

**Halfway Ball Field** - Hold for expansion of fire facility, disc golf

**Halfway Fire Hall** - Signs, restroom, gazebo.

New recreational facilities residents would like to see include:

- Bike trails
- Stop on Hiawatha Water Trail
- Small music venue/bandshell
- Preservation of lake views
- Disc golf
- Historical interpretation
- Mini-golf

Public Input Session

Example of an accessible trail | morguefile.com

Powell Township has ample land for silent sports such as snowshoeing | morguefile.com
Powell Township used the guidelines and public input described in Chapter 6 to develop the following goals. Chapter 8, “Action Plan” contains the objectives/projects that will be implemented to achieve these goals.

**Goal: Continue to improve and develop recreation facilities to support tourism within the Township.**

Natural beauty and existing recreational facilities draw many tourists to the Township. Miles of Lake Superior shoreline, many inland lakes, waterfalls, steep slopes and the undeveloped character of the area, as well as the historic significance of some sites in the Township, serve to bring both transient visitors and summer residents to the Township. Approximately 50% of the Township's housing units are for seasonal or recreational use. The relative remoteness of the area and the lodging and dining facilities available in Powell Township results in the community of Big Bay playing host to tourists and nearby residents that also visit the Northern reaches of neighboring Michigamme, Champion, Ishpeming, and Marquette Townships. Tourism has the potential to become a significant engine of economic activity and growth and ensuring the availability of quality recreation facilities will continue to attract tourists to the area.

**Goal: Increase the quality and availability of recreational facilities for all-ages.**

Powell Township has experienced an increase in population that has continued for the last forty years. This is in part due to an influx of retirees, evidenced by the increase in retirement-age individuals from 17.3% of the population in 2000 to 22.3% of the population in 2010. Meeting the recreation needs of the Township’s older population may require following universal design principles to renovate existing facilities.

Children comprise 13.1% of the Township's 2010 population of 816. Providing recreation activities that interest youth is also important to help attract and retain families with children and reverse the national trend of increased childhood obesity and disconnect from the natural world.

**Goal: Ensure that future recreation developments align with the character of the Township.**

Quality of life is a key attribute that brings residents and visitors to Powell Township. The natural features are major part of the setting that makes the Township a superior place to live, work, and recreate. As the population continues to increase, more formal development of recreation facilities is important to maintaining the Township’s quality of life. These improvements need to match the character of the place and its people.
**Goal: Improve the quality, availability, and connectivity of trails within the Township and larger region.**

Trails have always been an important part of the landscape in Powell Township. In 1956, a flintlock rifle and trade items dating from the 1750s were discovered along what was believed to be an ancient trail connecting Big Bay and points South with the Village of L’Anse 50 miles to the west. Today, Powell Township’s interest in trail development and connectivity mirrors growing national trends that recognize the importance of trails as both alternative transportation routes and recreational facilities. Non-motorized trails link communities to areas of interest and are the modes of transportation most available to the young. Walking is the favored means of outdoor access among older members of the community, with a preference given to scenic trails.

The recent development of several regional trail networks in Marquette County provide the opportunity for connection to these trail systems, increasing the usefulness of the township’s local trails to residents as well as becoming magnets to tourists. Regional trails that offer the opportunity for connection are the North Country Trail, the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, and the Noquemanon Trail Network. The planned-for addition of bike racks to the county-wide public transit buses add the possibility of one-way trips originating or ending at the Township end of the Trail system.

The proximity of trails to other natural resource recreation opportunities is also an important consideration when deciding where to place and connect facilities. For example, trails could improve the accessibility of remote fishing and kayaking sites.

Development of trails should not be limited to non-motorized access. Big Bay is already a popular destination for ATVs and snowmobiles, which provides a valuable asset to the local economy. Improved trail connections to Big Bay can improve the enthusiast’s experience by providing greater access to amenities such as fuel, lodging and dining.

**Goal: Seek out opportunities for private development and public/private partnerships near existing recreation facilities.**

Large tracts of undeveloped private land adjacent to trails creates the opportunity for public/private partnerships both in the development of recreation sites as well as projects that support recreation. For example, the construction of a remote yurt compound to support trail-based recreation is possible, as well as the development of recreation outfitters, convenience stores, and restaurants. Other, non-traditional trail-related activities are also possible - for example, Powell Township could be the first community to provide remote site snow theater productions.

**Goal: Explore the possibility of interpretive signage and facilities near recreation sites.**

The Township’s existing recreation facilities are located in close proximity to historic sites. This provides the potential for development of historical interpretation, such as signs and reenactments.
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<td><strong>Burns Landing:</strong> Develop improved beach access, improved parking and provide festival site for star gazing, black powder cannonading, and other community events. Restore LeClaire Cabin as museum site and provide interpretive signage.</td>
<td>$350,000</td>
<td>2015-2017</td>
<td>Grants, Local Funds, Donations</td>
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<td><strong>Thomas Rock/Powell Township Recreation Area (Phase II):</strong> Develop universally-accessible hiking trails. Also include interpretive signage and future connections to regional trail systems.</td>
<td>$250,000</td>
<td>2015-2017</td>
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<td><strong>Big Bay Pathway:</strong> Secure access for trail development beginning at the terminus of the old “dump” road. The trail would include a surface that is universally accessible and would include trail amenities such as toilets, warming shelters, changing rooms, and interpretive signage.</td>
<td>$670,000</td>
<td>2016-2019</td>
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<td><strong>Hiawatha Water Trail:</strong> Provide additional amenities for the Northern Terminus of the Hiawatha water Trail. These would include lockers for kayaks and equipment as well as a system for provided transportation between the landing site and downtown Big Bay.</td>
<td>$35,000</td>
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<td><strong>Lake Independence Non-Motorized Trail:</strong> Secure land access and construct a universally accessible non-motorized pathway around Lake Independence, linked to the elementary school, downtown Big Bay, Perkins Park, and Burns Landing.</td>
<td>$700,000</td>
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<td><strong>Non-Motorized Trail Connections:</strong> Development and acquisition necessary to construct hiking/biking trail connecting Powell Township trails to nearby regional trails such as the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, Noquemanon Trail Network, and the North Country Trail.</td>
<td>$700,000</td>
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<td><strong>ORV/Snowmobile Trail Connections:</strong> Acquire property or easements as necessary to provide access to Downtown Big Bay from surrounding motorized trail system. Construct new trail systems to improve access to downtown and to broader regional trail systems.</td>
<td>$250,000</td>
<td>2016-2019</td>
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<td><strong>Halfway Fire Hall Playground:</strong> Improve visibility and accessibility of facility with better signage on highway, accessible bathrooms, and a gazebo.</td>
<td>$200,000</td>
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<td><strong>Halfway Recreation Facility:</strong> Construct a community recreation facility on Township-owned property at the Halfway location. The facility should include a picnic area, playground, soccer field, BMX track, skateboard park, community pavilion, toilets, and a nature trail.</td>
<td>$750,000</td>
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Public Input
Powell Township Recreation Plan Workshop
December 9th, 2014 | 6:30 p.m. | Powell Township Hall

AGENDA

1. Introductions (10 minutes)

2. Activity (20 minutes)
   a. Station 1 - Existing Facilities
      i. Please use the post-it notes and markers to write comments, ideas etc. about existing parks and recreation facilities on the large map.
   b. Station 2 - New Facilities
      i. What kind of facilities would you like to see in Powell Township? Mark potential locations on the large map with post it notes.

3. Activity Review (20 minutes)

4. Wrap-Up (10 minutes)
1. **DRAVER PARK**

- Upgraded playground equipment
- Bathroom to accessible
- Exercise/Fitness
- Connecting trail to Perkins Park & Beach Landing
- Upgraded soccer field - Shelters / dressers / Shade
2. BURNS LANDING

Swing set.

Reserve Cabin

Upgrade Walkway

New Bathroom's

Incorporate Hawatha Water Trail with a stop

Gazebo end of walkway.
THOMAS ROCK Recreational Area

Hiking Biking Non-motorized!

Remote/Wilderness camp
Snowshoe trail - silent sports -
Wildlife habitat

Connect Parks with Bike Trail
4. HALFWAY BALL FIELD

Hold for Expansion of Fire Facility

Frisby golf
5. HALFWAY FIRE HALL PLAYGROUND

Signs & Rest Room

Gazebo
NEW FACILITIES – ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Game Room/Arcade/Building used also for Library internet access for adults
- Building for skating, for skating rink, walking trail, preserve (used for all RVs as well as skiing)
- Map off Big (the city streets) put into 5yr plan

- Bike Trail
- Stop on water trail
- Small music venue/bands/hell
- Preserve Lake views
- ½ way Frisby Gift

- Historically
- Putt Putt Golf
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PO Box 733, City, County, Zip
Powell Township, IL
4004
Powell Township, IL
2nd Tuesdays, 6:30 PM

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Appendix C

Meeting Minutes
Resolution
Checklist
Powell Township
Recreation Plan
Resolution of Adoption
Recreation Committee of the Township of Powell

WHEREAS, the Township of Powell has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which described the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2015 and 2020, and

Whereas, a public comment session was held December 8, 2014 at the Powell Township Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

Whereas, the Township of Powell has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to that the Township Board of Trustees adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

Whereas, after a public meeting, the Powell Township Recreation Committee voted to recommend to the Powell Township Board of Trustees that they adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Powell Township Recreation Committee hereby recommends the adoption of the Powell Township Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Township of Powell.

Yeas: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2

I, Linda Gamble, Powell Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of resolution adopted by the Powell Township Recreation Committee at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 8th day of December, 2014.

[Signature]
Deanna Tendrup
Secretary Township Recreation Committee
Powell Township Parks & Recreation
PO Box 319
Big Bay MI 49808
Draft Minutes
December 9, 2014

Call to Order: Meeting called to order 6:30 PM by Chair - Jim Gratz.

Attendance: Members present- Arlene Erickson, Jim Gratz, Deanna Tendrup, Pete Ten Eyck, Darlene Turner, and recording Secretary Mary Ellen Krieg. Absent - Linda Gamble and Becky Anderson.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with addition of Fire On The Bay added under New Business item B (Ten Eyck/Tendrup). All yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:
Minutes of November 18, 2014. Motion to approve (Turner/Tendrup). All yes, motion carried.

Financial Report:
Darlene reported fund balances are same as last month no changes.

Old Business:
A. 5-year Parks & Recreation Plan-
   CUPAD presentation with public comment and discussion, presented by Rhiannon Haller.

Public portion of the meeting opened.

Public members (2) were invited to sit at the table with the committee. Public participants were Paul Pfaffle and Emily Whittaker. Draft copies of the plan distributed to members and guests. Rhiannon indicated that with low public turn out a follow up survey could be conducted. Members reviewed draft copies. Copies are available at the township upon request. Maps were provided (2) for comments and collection of ideas for 1) Existing Facilities, and 2) New Facilities.

Purpose of community input to develop an action plan and set goals and objectives.

- Public comments were collected by Rhiannon and she will revise the draft copy to include some of the ideas and prioritized goals, and make minor corrections.
- Emily Whittaker as a representative of the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve indicated a willingness to develop community partnerships, beach clean up, trail work etc. Additionally she mentioned the Gene Farwell Natural Preserve owned by the YDWP as an additional recreational asset to Powell Township.
- Darlene Turner indicated that a high priority currently was Burns Landing with Cabin restoration, beach erosion corrected, and handy-cap access board walk.
- Additional comments made re:
  - Further development through grants for Thomas Rock Phase II.
  - No park sign at half way location.
  - 28 acres available at half way location- park/building expansion.
  - Connection/development of path-ways, trail-ways, with existing facilities in Powell.
  - Hiawatha Water Trail stop off and connection
- Public Hearing on plan scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2015.
- Open meeting closed and regular business meeting continued.

**B. Parks & Recreation by-laws**
Revised copy of 2008 by-laws reviewed for changes and corrections to draft copy.
Changes/corrections will be made and resubmitted for review, correction, and approval.
Revised copy included with minutes.

**C. Christmas Party recap**
Overall consensus was the tree lighting and party was a big success. Hot dogs and chips
were a big hit. Food quantities seemed right for the attendance. More adults attended this
time.
- Thank you notes to be sent out by Arline to-
  Kathy Howay -
  Caren Kiskis -
  Tim Leahy -
  Steve Nason -
  Fire Department c/o Mike Thoma -
  Jean & Jane Gertz -
- The extra gift bags will go to the Women’s Center.

**New Business:**
**A. Meeting Schedule for 2015**
- By consensus it was agreed to keep meeting dates at 2nd Tuesday of the month at
  6:30 pm. Next meeting is January 13, 2015.

**B. Fire On The Bay**
- Donation letter to go out in January. Letter and last year donors reviewed by
  members of the committee. No changes. Arline will run copies for mailing, get clerk
to purchase pre-stamped envelopes from Post Office, purchase return envelopes, and
  call work session for stuffing. Motion made to request $750.00 from township board
  for cost of mailing (Erickson/Turner). All yes, motion carried. Trying to raise
  $8,000.00 for cost of event. Same as last year.

**Public Comment/Final Comments:** none

**Meeting adjourned** - by Jim Gratz at 8:20 PM.

**Next regular scheduled meeting:**
**Tuesday January 13, 2015**
**Time 6:30 PM – Powell Township Hall**

Draft Minutes for review and approval.
Mary Ellen Krieg
Recording Secretary
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF POWELL

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Yea:  5  Nays:  0  Absent:  0

I, Linda Gamble, Powell Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of resolution adopted by the Powell Township Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 20th day of January, 2015.

Linda Gamble
Township Clerk
Powell Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
PO Box 319, County Rd 550, Big Bay 49890  
Tuesday January 20, 2015 7:00 PM  
Draft Minutes

1. Call to order at 7:00 PM, by Supervisor Darlene Turner, at Powell Township Hall.  
2. Pledge of allegiance.  
3. Roll Call: Joe Stanley, Arline Erickson, Denise Hudson, Linda Gamble, Darlene Turner. All present.  
4. Agenda – Motion made to approve agenda with 2 additions: 1) Revenue/Expenditure item 8, and New Business item 6. Robert Dagenais, (Gamble/Erickson). All yes, motion carried.  
5. Approval of Minutes-  
   Motion made to approve December 16, 2014 minutes with correction to N.B. - # 7. Parks & Recreation held a hearing Dec 8th on five year plan, and Township will hold a hearing January 20, 2015 (Hudson/Stanley). All yes, motion carried.  
   Motion made to approve minutes of Meeting of Whole January 16, 2015, (Stanley/Gamble). All yes, motion carried.  
6. Expenditure & Revenue Report (#8 on agenda) – Motion to approve report (Erickson/Stanley). All yes, motion carried.  
8. Approval of Bills- Add one bill to list presented: Swick for $1,218 circulating pump, maintenance fund, Fire Hall. Motion made to approve bills (Stanley/Hudson). All yes, motion carried.  

Committee and Department Reports  
a. Ambulance – Kip Bourgeois reported (6) runs. Four out of the six new members passed their test. The remain two will be finished by the 2nd week of February.  
b. Fire Department – Mike Thoma reported: Fire dept. had one call out. Cold hinders work. Attended meeting with Marquette Fire Dept. where all agencies form the area that responded to mine truck rollover accident met to review the incident. It was helpful. Another meeting is scheduled with the mine invited. Darlene reported that she and Mike Thoma met with Lundin, and they reported no one was in command. Hopefully a plan will be developed.  
   Approved 5 year Parks & Recreation Plan.  
d. Water Department – Pete TenEyck reported. All good. Engineer looked at pipe.  
e. Sewer Department – Pete Teneyck reported. All good.  
f. Planning and Zoning – Denise Hudson reported next regular meeting is January 21, 2015-6:30 pm.  
g. Correspondence – None.  
h. Presentation – DeLynn Klein from Marqtran.  
   • Outlined Marqtran service available to Big Bay area residents.  
   • Senior service available to anyone over 60. Door to door service requires 3 day prior request, and ADA services requires one week prior request.  
   • Group (6 persons) $1.00 per person. Pre-scheduling required.  
   • Can set up a regular service or “deviated fix route” as used in Palmer.  
   • Call Barb at Marqtran for availability/scheduling 906-225-1283. Joe Stanley will follow up with a committee to look at community needs. Would req. Marqtran board approval for a fixed route. Informational pamphlets/schedules left by Marqtran.  

Public Comment-  
Joyce Johnson Iwinski - Pumping/Dumping and green stuff on roads by LH of Aura, WI. Company is doing directional boring. Pete TenEyck and Joyce checked site together. Second site found on Squaw Beach Road. Follow up by Township Supervisor. Mary Krieg expressed caution for dog/animal contact with chemicals.  

Township Meeting declared in recess, by Supervisor Turner at 7:35 pm.  
Public Hearing declared open by Supervisor Turner at 7:35 pm.
Public Hearing-
- Purpose to approve Parks & Recreation 5 year plan.
- Plan available on the website. Plan needed for Parks & Recreation to have direction, time frame, and information for: grant application purposes. Required every 5 years. 

Public comment on hearing - none.

Public Hearing closed by Supervisor Turner at 7:37 pm.

Township Board Meeting re-opened by Supervisor Turner 7:37 pm
Parks & Recreation 5 Year Plan-
Motion made to accept the 5 year plan for Parks & Recreation (Stanley/Hudson). All yes. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business
A. Anderson & Tackman –
   Request to hire Anderson & Tackman to provide accounting services to Powell Township. Estimated use (6) times per year, keeping Mary L. for audit prep. Discussion on person vs. cost per hour, and cost savings at audit. Motion made to approve request (Erickson/Turner). All yes. Motion carried.

B. Water Operator-
   Motion made to approve/hire Water Operators #1 Daryl Wilcox, and #2 Pat DeWitt (Gamble/Hudson). Darlene indicated many applied and difficult to make a decision. All yes. Motion carried.

New Business
A. Approve 2015 Meeting Dates and Times-
   a. Parks & Recreation 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month Time: 7:00 pm
   b. Township Board 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month Time: 7:00 pm
   c. Planning Commission 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month Time: 6:30 pm
   d. Fire Department Last Wednesday of month Time: 7:00 pm
   e. Ambulance Department 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of odd numbered months.
   Motion made to approve the listed dates and times (Hudson/Gamble). All yes. Motion carried.

B. Fire Department-
   1. Approve Jennifer Park Burns to join Powell Township Fire Dept. (Hudson/Stanley). All yes. Motion carried.
   2. Approve Lena Park Burns to join Powell Township Fire Dept. (Gamble/Erickson). All yes. Motion carried.

C. EMS-
   Request for $500.00 for ambulance supplies and Halogen Bar (for extrication) from equipment fund (Gamble/Hudson). All yes. Motion carried.

D. Parks and Recreation-
   1. Request for $8,000.00 for fireworks scheduled for Saturday July 11, 2015 (Erickson/Stanley). All yes. Motion carried.
      a) Motion made to specify allocation of funds $6,000.00 from donated funds (Hudson/Stanley). All yes. Motion carried.
      b) Motion made to specify allocation of funds $2,000.00 from general fund (Gamble/Stanley). All yes. Motion carried.

E. Resolution to approve Garbage Collection Millage Renewal-
   Motion made to approve resolution for Garbage Collection Millage Renewal (Gamble/Hudson). Resolution read by Clerk Gamble. Copy of resolution on file at township offices for review. One (1) mill required for 3 years. Roll call vote- Stanley-yes, Erickson-yes, Gamble-yes, Turner-yes, Hudson-yes. No nays. Supervisor Turner declares the resolution passed.
   FYI- requested 3 yrs. instead of customary 4 to save the township expense of a special election. Garbage Renewal on May 5, 2015 ballot.

F. Robert Dagenais-
   Request by Zoning Administrator/Trustee Joe Stanley to approve legal follow up on complaint against Robert Dagenais property number 52-11-124-013-80 located on Wilson Truck Trail, Powell Township (building addition without permit). Motion made to approve request at standard legal fee (Gamble/Turner). All yes. Motion carried.
Public Comment:
- Garbage- Collection for out of township residents i.e. Ishpeming, Negaunee. Process to get a card and they pay same as township residents.
- EMT – grade and training.

Next regular meeting: February 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm – Township Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 PM by Supervisor Turner.

Appropriations and allocations passed at meeting:
1) $500.00 EMS- Halogen Bar-from equipment fund.
2) $8,000.00 Parks & Recreation- see minutes for break down.

Mary Ellen Krieg
Recording Secretary
Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline with a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

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☑ 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

☐ 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE
   ☑ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
   ☑ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
   ☑ Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation
   ☑ Programming
   ☑ Current Funding Sources
   ☑ Role of Volunteers
   ☑ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations
     Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only
     Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
     Articles of Incorporation

☑ 3. RECREATION INVENTORY
   ☐ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
   ☑ Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
   ☑ Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
   ☑ Accessibility Assessment
   ☑ Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

☐ 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)

☐ 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS
6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

- Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received
- Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment
  
  Date of Notice: 12/2/14
  
  Type of Notice: *Newspaper* - Mining Journal
  
  Plan Location: Township Hall, ext(asd.org/current_projects
  
  Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days): 30 days

- Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan’s Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)
  
  Date of Notice: 12/2/14
  
  Name of Newspaper: *Newspaper* - Mining Journal
  
  Date of Meeting: 1/20/15

- Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT

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**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

Plans must be adopted by the highest level governing body (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other Local Board or Commission, the plan should also include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are required and must be included in the plan.

**APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

- 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: 1/20/2015
- 2. Official resolution of the Recreation Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: 12/4/2014
- 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 2/1/2015
- 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 2/18/2015

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**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

**NOTE:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

Powell Township

((Local Unit of Government))

includes the required content, as indicated above and as set forth by the DNR.

Signed: ____________________________

Date: 2-12-15

Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

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**DNR USE ONLY - APPROVAL**

The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community (ies) covered by the plan, as listed on page 1 of this checklist (are) eligible to apply for recreation grants through

By: ____________________________

Date: ____________________________

Grants Management

Date: ____________________________
Appendix D

Map 5.1 - Recreation Facilities in Powell Township