

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

Non-Motorized Trails Committee Minutes

March 22, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Anne Small

Roll call: Present were Bob Schell, Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Anne Small and Mary Platner

Open meeting verification: Anne Small stated that she posted the meeting agenda in the three designated locations before 5:00 PM on March 21, 2016

Bob Schell made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Jim Swenson. Motion approved.

Minutes from February meeting were read, three corrections were noted. Motion to approve corrected minutes by Bob Schell, seconded by Jim Swenson, approved.

No citizen concerns.

Bike Trail items:

Anne Small gave an update on fundraising for bike work station. Enough donations had been raised to purchase the work station. It was on order from Bike Fixation and would arrive in about three weeks. Jimmy Vogel suggested that the bike work station should be installed near the large Bike & Hike Trail sign by the Chamber so that it would be visible from highway. Anne Small would set up a time to look at the location with Tom Christensen.

Discussion of the need for official survey of 50' corridor for bike trail extension. Jimmy Vogel said he thought we should have both the 50' corridor and the adjoining 28 acres surveyed at the same time with property lines clearly flagged. Jim Swenson said he would talk with Tom Christensen to see if a survey of these parcels would need to go out to bids and also have him put it on the agenda for the regular Town Board meeting.

Anne Small will start the process of applying for the Recreational Trails Grant (RTA) for the bike trail extension to Half Mile Rd with the construction to possibly take place in 2017 or 2018

Anne Small noted that according to the ADA, handicapped assistance vehicles including electric wheel chairs, scooters, golf carts and ATVs cannot be prohibited from using trails unless it is for safety reasons that are set in writing by the municipality. Jimmy Vogel presented some information on handicapped vehicle use permit applications that the DNR uses. Anne Small said she would look up wording that other bike trails use for their rules regarding handicapped assistance vehicles

Other ideas and input from committee: Anne Small said that Forever Young Bike and Ski shop in Eagle River said they would like to bring fat bikes for a demo if we hold an event next winter. Jimmy Vogel suggested holding an event over the Christmas or New Years holiday.

Awassa Trail Items:

Trail work to clean up along the Aspen Loop was discussed. Anne Small would purchase grass seed after getting approval from Town Board. No date for trail clean-up was set due to recent snow.

Committee looked at the current Land Management Plan for Awassa Stewardship property and agreed that the dates for Timetable need to be adjusted. The trail map needed to be adjusted so that it reflects the correct location of trails. Also the approved new trail sections with proposed map should be added as an addendum. Anne Small will work on typing up the changes for approval at next meeting

Logos for Awassa Trail were not discussed because artist Becky Dunn was not present.

Other ideas and input from committee:

Mary Platner discussed float ideas for Independence Day parade and Christmas parade. She said that Clyde and Joyce Owens said they would help with this. Committee members liked the idea of doing this to promote Awassa and Bike Trail.

Jimmy Vogel said he would like to see the fat bike loop made into a mountain bike trail for use in the non-winter season. He said he would volunteer the time to get the trail ready if it was approved. Anne Small said she would ask Tom Christensen about this possibility.

Next committee meeting was scheduled for April 14, 2016 at 5:30 PM

Anne Small adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.