

**TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30, 2016 MEETING**

Meeting called to order by Anne Small at 5:35 PM

Present were: Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Anne Small & Marion Janssen. Absent were Mary Platner, Bob Schell and Becky Dunn.

Also present were Penny McCormick, Dennis Dieter, Jack Bougois and 2 other members from the St. Germain UTV/ATV Club.

Anne Small stated the meeting agenda was posted in compliance with the open meeting law before 5:30 pm on November 29, 2016.

Motion to approve agenda by Janssen, 2nd by Swenson, approved.

Motion to approve minutes of previous meeting by Swenson, 2nd by Janssen, approved.

Bike Trail:

- a. Discussion of expansion of 50' corridor with ATV/UTV members. Trail would be 10' wide in order to reduce speed on ATV trail. Thoughts are to access trail through the 30 acre parcel and follow some of the fat bike trail to meet with the corridor west of the first property on Weber Road Subdivision. The Club would stay on the east side of the corridor going north and the west side would be used for bike trail expansion. A natural buffer of trees would separate the two trails.

Anne also said that she contacted the DNR representative in charge of stewardship lands to see if it was possible to swap some of the 50' corridor along Half Mile Road to widen the portion of the trail abutting a property owned by Larry Jankowski. The DNR rep stated that she didn't know of a case where that had been done before. Committee members said that this would be difficult. If we do this for one property owner along the 50' corridor, we would have to do the same for all of the other property owners. Jim Swenson suggested a privacy fence or trees planted as a buffer may be a better option. To be discussed more at a future meeting.

There will be a walk through the fat bike loop on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 1:00 pm with the ATV club to review the lands. Interested people should meet by the skateboard park.

- b. Handicap vehicles on trails. Discussion of creation of ordinance allowing motorized scooters and wheel chairs to use trails. This ordinance would prohibit golf carts and other motorized vehicles. Jim Swenson to talk to Tom Christensen regarding placing on the agenda for next town board meeting.
- c. Fat Bike Loop - Jim Swenson has walked the trail. Need to pin flag some of the trail again, as critters have eaten some of the flags. Will go over signage on Monday's walk.
- d. Other ideas/input: Work on the bike trail was completed with roots being cut and new blacktopped installed on portions of the trail.

Awassa Trail Items.

- a. Winter signage for trails. Discussion of what posts need to be replaced and winter signs to be posted was discussed. Access road into trail from Eagle Watch Court should be called "Trailhead Way". Discussion of whether the old Awassa sign is salvageable. It was decided to see what the condition is, when it is removed.
- b. Anne gave report of new trail layout. Penny McCormick, Becky Dunn and Anne went out with GPS. Anne will continue to work on mapping trail.
- c. Memorial Bench Donation: A family would like to donate a bench for the trail system. As the trail has many benches, maybe a bench could be located by the new kiosk. Discussion of how to handle donations will be held at a future meeting.
- d. Other ideas: Marion Janssen to put the "adopt a mile" program into the tax newsletter.

Next regular meeting will be on December 20, 2016 at 5:30 PM

Anne adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.