

**TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN  
NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF Sept 25, 2017 MEETING**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM
2. Roll Call: Present were Bob Schell, Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Mary Platner, Anne Small & Becky Dunn. Absent were Marion Janssen & Penny McCormick
3. Anne Small verified that the meeting was properly posted as per the open meeting laws.
4. Agenda: Jimmy Vogel made motion to approve agenda, Jim Swenson seconded, motion carried
5. Approve Minutes of August 2017: Motion by Bob Schell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Platner to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.
6. Citizens Concerns – None
7. Awassa Trail
  - a. Anne Small gave an update of the 1.6 mile trail segment. Volunteers brushed the trail on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. The Stormwater permit has been granted and Anne said she will post in the kiosk at the Eaglewatch Court trailhead. Trail needs to be remarked one more time before Steve Vogel does the rest of the trail leveling work in mid October. Committee members agreed to meet on Oct 3 at 4 PM, at the trailhead behind the elementary school. Committee will also look at the trail sign needs for both the new loop and the winter trails during the walk on Oct 3.
  - b. Mary Platner asked if we were going to put up any educational signs on the trail. She had some examples she would share with the committee. Anne Small stated that the committee had agreed to put up interpretive signs on the shortest loop, but that they were limited in the number they could do because of the DNR stewardship rules.
  - c. Anne Small stated that she would like to schedule a daytime snowshoe hike/fat bike demo at the trails this winter, in addition to the candlelight ski/snowshoe. Jimmy Vogel said that he thought it would be good to advertise the events in Silent Sports magazine to get the word out.
8. Bike Trail
  - a. Trail Adoption Guidelines & Segments: Committee discussed a list of guidelines for volunteers who would like to “adopt a mile” on the bike trail to help with regular maintenance. Anne would type all of the suggestions and email out to the committee. Some of the committee members volunteered for particular segments on the 12 mile trail system. Anne would also email out a list of the trail miles and adoptees along with a map showing each segment. Jim Swenson suggested having Ted Ritter make note of the “adopt a mile” program in the town’s Constant Contact message. Anne will also write an article for the papers in the spring.

- b. Committee discussed clearing the brush from the small segment of bike trail in front of US Bank which really limits sight distance around the curves in the trail. Anne Small said she would send an email out to see if the Committee could meet for a work day in early Oct.
9. Fern Ridge Trail/Winter Use Area: Anne Small asked Jim Swenson if there were any updates on developing the winter use area by the town stump dump. Jim said he was still waiting to hear back from John Vojta on this issue.
10. Next meeting will be on Oct 24, 2017 @5:30 PM
11. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM