

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES – JULY 19, 2018 MEETING

- 1) Meeting called to order at 5:36 PM by Chair Anne Small
- 2) Roll Call: Anne Small, Bob Schell, Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson & Marion Janssen
Absent were Mary Platner, Becky Dunn & Penny McCormick.
- 3) Chair Small verified that the meeting notice was properly posted.
- 4) Motion to approve agenda by Schell, 2nd by Vogel. Motion passed
- 5) Motion to approve minutes of previous meeting, with the change on 10.b to change “benches” to “racks” by Vogel, second by Small. Motion passed.
- 6) Sherry Stecker was present with a citizens concern. Her question was regarding whether motor assisted bikes (e-bikes) are allowed on the bike trails. Vogel & Small both stated that these bikes are allowed on the trails. The motor assist is to help riders climb hills and that the bikers still actually need to use their own pedaling to power the bikes. Stecker was wondering if the use of these bikes would also permit the use of Segway-type transportation on the bike trail. Small said no, since Segways are completely run on their own battery.
- 7) Awassa Trail: There is a tree down on the orange trail. Janssen asked if the committee needs to assist with the 2 upcoming 5k events. Small said that they will be using the snowmobile trail that is in the Awassa lands.
- 8) Bike & Hike Trail:
 - a) The bridge on the high line trail is now above water, however the wood beams supporting the bridge are still under water. Vogel thought the committee should consider raising the bridge. The Jack Pine Harvest done by the DNR was a partial cause of the flooding. Maybe they would assist with getting the bridge raised.
 - b) Small reported she has stained the bench by the golf course.
 - c) Discussion of stop sign behind chamber. The committee feels that signs should be installed. Jim Swenson will contact Dennis Dieter.
 - d) The donation box @ South Bay Trail Head will be moved in the fall.
 - e) Small reported that the Freedom 5K had approximately the same amount of participants as in 2017. Projected earnings will be \$9,000. Discussion as to use part of the money to purchase bike racks for the community and where they should be placed. Further discussion on this topic at a future committee meeting.
- 9) Fern Ridge:
 - a) Small will contact DNR to see if a boardwalk can be built over the bog. The boardwalk will be approximately 50 feet.
 - b) Discussion as to presenting the committee's timeline for trail work at Fern Ridge to the Town Board.
- 10) Other items: None
- 11) Next meeting on August 14, 2018 at 5:30PM with a work session after.