

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2015 MEETING

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

Present at meeting were: Jim Swenson, Jim Vogel, Anne Small, Bob Schell, Wally Geist & Marion Janssen. Also present was Dick Kloefer, Clyde & Joyce Owens.

Anne informed the committee that this meeting was posted in compliance with the open meeting law.

Marion Janssen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Jim Swenson. Motion carried.

Minutes of meeting were discussed with one change. Marion will make change and forward to town board & Interpace for posting on web. Motion to approve by Bob Schell, 2nd by Jim Swenson.

Citizens concern: Dick Kloefer suggested that the committee contact Will Maines to see if any of the equipment at Razorback Ridges may be of use to this committee.

Discussion Items:

Mary Platner has offered to donate the materials to build the new benches for the Awassa Trail, her son-in law will build the benches. Marion Janssen made a motion to accept the Platner donation, 2nd by Jim Vogel. Motion carried. Clyde Owens suggested that we could still accept bench dedications, maybe charge \$50.00 per bench.

Signs: Trail head signs are going to be posted at the following locations, Hwy 70 entrance, Half Mile Road entrance, Elementary School Entrance & Skateboard Park Entrance. You are Here Maps will be at trail intersections and square trail markers every ¼ mile.

Discussion of donation of trail maps, putting a QR code on the trail head maps and cost of the donation boxes was held.

The new principal at the elementary school has allocated six parking for trail use by the pond. Jim Swenson suggested ordering trail sign arrows. Joyce Owens suggested marking the exits on the trail, for example: "To Hwy 70", "To School Parking ", etc..

Bob Schell suggested mounting the markers on 4 x 4 posts,, Anne will need to count how many are needed. Jim Vogel suggested the possible use of a town truck.

WPS Grant – Leah Van Ziel from WPS told Anne that they are running short of grant money for 2015. It was agreed to go ahead and ask for funding for equipment for trail development. Volunteer hours would be used in kind for Stewardship Grant.

Trail Work:

Jim Vogel to contact Robert for cost of grooming ski trails.

Anne Small to contact Will Maines regarding used equipment, also Erick at ABR in the UP and maybe the Three Lakes Center.

Discussion of bike trail boxes, right now, they are at the Hwy 70 wayside, golf course, south bay trail head and at the Chamber. Who has keys and procedure for emptying was discussed.

Trail work to be done on the Awassa Trail: remove trees that have fallen across trails, entrance from school parking lot needs to be leveled. Two points on trail system need work at intersections, to move jogs and have straight trail crossings.

Jim Vogel suggested putting in a fat bike route on 50' corridor. In September, the committee will walk the 50' strip.

Trail connector to Community Park: Need to apply to DOT, trail will cross Hwy 70 by the pavilion entrance.

The committee and any other volunteers will brush the bike trails on Hwy C on August 11, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

Anne Small & Jim Swenson updated the committee on the Greater Headwaters Trail Committee, they are hoping to connect to St. Germain and are asking for the support of the St. Germain Town Board. Jim Swenson to bring to board.

Anne mentioned the root problems on bike trails, Jim Swensen informed the committee that public works is working on it.

Next meeting on September 9th @ 5:30 P.M.