

**TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS COMMITTEE
MINUTES – APRIL 26, 2017**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM
2. Roll Call: Bob Schell, Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel, Anne Small, Becky Dunn, Marion Janssen & Mary Platner. Also present were Wally Geist & Sherry Stecker. Absent was Penny McCormick.
3. Anne Small verified that meeting was posted per the open meeting laws.
4. Motion to approve agenda by Mary Platner, 2nd by Marion Janssen. Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve minutes of the March 21, 2017, April 4, 2017 and April 10, 2017 committee meetings by Jim Swenson, 2nd by Jimmy Vogel. Motion carried.
6. Citizens' Concerns: Sherry Stecker asked when the bike trail repair on Hwy 70 east was done. It was done in fall of 2016. Jim Swenson said that public works will be putting mulch on the sides of the bike trail where work was done.
Becky Dunn asked about who would handle the maintenance on Shannon Lake trail. Multiple trees are down. Anne said that the DNR would be the one to contact or the Eagle River Fat Bike Trail Group.
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 - a. Anne reported that the Earth Day event at the trail went well with about a ½ mile of trail done by the group of volunteers. The idea of hiring the firm who works on the ATV trails to cut down the small stumps on the new portion was discussed. Anne thought the cost would be \$2,800. The consensus was to wait until the 50' corridor is done. Anne will contact the DNR to get a storm water drainage permit when we are ready to level trail surface.
Bob Schell informed the committee that he visited with Tom Christensen regarding the 50' corridor trail. He will be walking the trail on April 27th with the town board.
 - b. Discussion of the Fish & Wildlife Club donation of picnic bench in memory of Gary Shambo. The committee after much discussion regarding plaque costs, etc. decided to accept a bench donated in Gary's memory. Mary Platner volunteered to have the bench built and the town will pay for the materials. An extra bench will be done at the same time.
Bob Schell made a motion that the cost of this bench and future donation benches will be \$300.00, 2nd by Jim Swenson. Motion carried.
Marion Janssen asked about the private road sign leading to Weber Road residents, should the sign be removed or moved to the lot line. A discussion of this plus gates will be on next month's agenda.
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 - a. Signage for intersection of Parkway & Cty J: Jimmy Vogel felt that putting up a map on the sign post and a "bike trail continues" sign will help with the confusion. He recommends using the blue heart marker type. He also said that the stop sign is down by Thunderbird.
Boulder Junction has stencils that we can use to mark the trail. The committee will meet at Thunderbird prior to the May meeting to review the trails there and on Hwy J. Anne will contact Oneida County Highway Department regarding removing and/or repositioning the signs on Cty Hwy J.
 - b. Anne informed the committee that several safety sign need to be replaced. They are on the older portion of the trail. They include some "stop" signs and "stop ahead" signs.
 - c. Other ideas: Jim Swenson that we should consider where the bike trail will continue after the 50' corridor is done. The town is considering putting up a restroom either by the skateboard

park or by the 3rd base dugout. Suggestions include having a west route that will go through the school parking lot and the east route will go through the community center - pavilion parking area to cross on the Hwy 70.

9. Fern Ridge Trail: The committee will walk the trail on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 and will meet at the stump dump at 5:30 PM. Bob Schell thought a master plan should be developed for the lands. Other ideas was to eliminate the parking area on Hwy 155 and the possibility of a disc golf course on the lands.
10. Freedom 5K & Solstice Festival: Anne informed the committee that she is helping with the organization of the Freedom 5K event. Sally Reuling would like to retire from this event and Anne will be learning the event process. In mid-May, help will be needed to prepare a mailing and prior to the race in July, help will be needed to stuff race bags. Anne felt that race day will have enough volunteers.
The Solstice Festival is on June 17, 2017 and help will be needed to man a refreshment/food station by the tennis courts from 9:30 AM to Noon. Marion Janssen, Becky Dunn and Sherry Stecker volunteered to help. This is a bike event for Manitowish Waters.
11. Next meeting will be on May 23, 2017. The committee will meet at Thunderbird Pass at 5:30 PM and then continue to the crossing by Knitt's Hardware before meeting at the community center for the meeting.
12. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.