

Non-Motorized Trail Committee Minutes

May 23, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Anne Small at 5:34 PM
2. Roll call: present were Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Becky Dunn, Mary Planter and Anne Small. Absent were Bob Schell, Penny McCormic and Marion Janssen
3. Open meeting verification – Anne Small said she posted the minutes before noon on May 22, 2017
4. Mary Platner made motion to approval the agenda, seconded by Jim Swenson. Motion approved.
5. Mary Platner made motion to approve minutes of the April 26th meeting. Becky Dunn seconded motion. Motion approved.
6. Awassa Trail Items for discussion/action:
 - a. Bench donation update – Mary Platner asked how many benches her carpenter should make. Committee told her they agreed upon two benches at the last meeting.
 - b. Becky Dunn asked if we had refill bags for the dog waste station at the trailhead. Anne Small said she would check with Sherry Stecker who donated the station.
 - c. Jim Swenson asked where the old snowmobile trail gate was that the committee wanted moved to the snowmobile trail entrance off of the trailhead entrance road. Anne Small said there was one about ½ mile up the snowmobile trail at the location of the old “Private Road” and there was another one on a side trail near the entryway. Either one would work and if town crew was too busy, Anne S. said the committee could do that during one of our work meetings.
 - d. Committee members would have a look at the work done by the ATV Club’s contractor to see if that method of clearing used for the trails in the 50’ corridor would work for our new section of hiking trail in Awassa.
7. Bike Trail items for discussion/action:
 - a. Anne handed out some of the Heart of Vilas Trail mileage cards that were a collaborative effort between the four trail communities and the printing was paid for by Forever Young Bike & Ski and Coontail Sports.
 - b. Anne Small stated that since the Town Board had approved moving the ATV trail in the 50’ corridor to the west side, to accommodate the request of Larry Jankowski, both the bike trail and the ATV trail routes would need to be re-marked and changed according to the width requirements. It was agreed that committee members who wanted to help would meet on Saturday, May 27 at 1:30 PM at the Skate Park to do this task. Anne S. thought it would take about 4 hours. She would contact Dennis Dieter to let him know the date and time.
8. Fern Ridge Trail – Anne Small discussed the committee members’ walk of the Fern Ridge property and adjoining Stump Dump from May 10th. She stated that about 1/8 mi of the hiking trail was on private property, but that she thought it would be best for the town to survey the property boundary before any new trail construction would take place. The committee members did find a rough, but workable bypass of that 1/8 mi segment, but it would take a good day of volunteer work to clear the downed trees, etc. They also found the best location for a sledding hill would be on the old dump cap. It is a nice slope, there is a road to that location, parking and could be groomed by the snowmobile club if they were willing. Would need to check into the use of the Forest Ln during the winter since it is currently a snowmobile trail. Also would need some flagging to keep the snowmobiles off of the sledding hill. Anne said she confirmed with the DNR waste management

representative that this use of an old dump site would be acceptable as long as no ground is disturbed.

9. Freedom 5K update: Anne Small said that Forever Young Bike and Ski donated a bicycle. It was donated to the Sayner St Germain Fish and Wildlife Club (a gold sponsor for the Freedom 5K) which would then donate profits from raffle tickets to the non-motorized trails in town. All earlybird entrants into the Freedom 5K will receive one free entry for the bike raffle. Anne stated that the race would appreciate anyone who would be able to help sell raffle tickets in front of Camps or at some of the events around town. She would be getting the registration forms soon and would also need help labeling, taping and stamping those for mailing.
10. Solstice Festival updates: Anne Small said she would be meeting with Robert Polic next Tuesday, May 30 to discuss the specifics about the aid station we will be helping with in St Germain.
11. Next committee meeting work night was scheduled for June 14th at 5:30 PM with the focus to be discussed at later date. The next regular committee meeting was scheduled for June 26th at 5:30 PM.
12. Anne Small adjourned the meeting at 6:56 PM and the committee would reconvene at the intersection of Parkway and Cty J to discuss bike trail sign changes.
13. Committee decided that a sign with a "You are here" map and statement, "Bike trail follows Cty J for 0.15 mi" would be installed at the first intersection of the bike trail and Parkway Rd from the west and also at the intersection of the bike trail and Cty J from the east. Also, the "Bike Route" signs would be changed to "St Germain Bike & Hike Trail" to distinguish it from the bike route that runs along the shoulder of the entire distance of County J. One of the sign posts along the bike trail approach from the west would be moved to just before the "Welcome to St Germain Sign" so that it was more visible to bikers. Jimmy Vogel also suggested bike stencils on the pavement at the road crossings and "no parking" stencils on the bike trail behind Pub n Prime. Anne Small said she would check with Mary VanGrinsen from Boulder Junction if we could borrow theirs. Committee agreed to do this work along with some brushing and the moving of signs where the "pedestrian trail" starts/ends across from Mbank.
14. Jim Swenson made a motion to approve purchase of the signs needed to make these changes. Becky Dunn seconded the motion. Motion approved.
15. Anne Small adjourned the meeting at 7:26 PM