

**TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN  
NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2017 MEETING**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM
2. Roll Call: Present were Bob Schell, Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Mary Platner, Anne Small, Becky Dunn & Marion Janssen. Also present was Walter Geist & one other.
3. Anne Small verified that the meeting was properly posted as per the open meeting laws.
4. Agenda: Marion Janssen made motion to approve agenda, Bob Schell seconded, motion carried
5. Approve Minutes: Motion by Jim Swenson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy Vogel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.
6. Citizens Concerns – None
7. Awassa Trail:
  - a. Trail brushing will be on September 10, 2017 @ 9:00 AM. Meet at Eagle Watch trailhead. Anne Small will be working on the stormwater runoff permits needed.
  - b. Gate & signage – Weber Road. Jimmy Vogel explained the gate he would build, approximate cost would be \$350.00. After discussion, Anne Small made a motion to approve gate as presented for the Weber Road access in the amount of \$350.00 to paid out of the Awassa Trail Funds, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marion Janssen. Motion carried.
  - c. Discussion of signage needed for the Awassa Trails, fat bike loop and bike trail: Bob Schell made a motion to approve the purchase of the signs that were discussed and have Anne order them, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marion Janssen, motion carried.
  - d. Bench donation: Mary informed the committee that the bench is completed and that she would have the bench delivered. Anne is going to place a marker by the kiosk to indicate where it should be placed. Anne will order the inscription plate.
8. Bike & Hike
  - a. Trail Adoption Guidelines: Anne asked the committee to come up with a list of suggestions as to what would be asked of people who would like to adopt a segment of the bike trail.

b. Discussion of repairs need for the bike trail: Committee was unsure whether crack sealing was necessary and cost effective. Also questioned whether the resulting bumps would be better than the existing cracks for the riding surface. Committee also thought that, if crack sealing were done, it would be best to first blow out the cracks before sealing. Anne will contact Farhner and Pitlik & Wick to get a cost for crack sealing the trail from the Chamber to Mood Road.

9. Fern Ridge Trail:

a. Hiking trail reroute: part of the trail will need to be rerouted due to the new survey. Probably put this off until next spring.

b. Winter Use Area: Discussion of development of stump dump area. This would include opening Forest Road to vehicles & snowmobiles usage. Jim Swenson will talk to John Vojta regarding fencing off some areas and also find out who John would like to head up this effort.

10. Other ideas:

a. An email was sent by a concerned citizen to the ATV/UTV club asking to put up stop signs behind the chamber where the bike trail and ATV trail intersect. The committee thought that it was a dangerous spot. Jim Swenson would talk with ATV club about this concern.

b. Awassa brochures: It was decided to print some more maps, but to wait until the new trail segment was done and then update the map. Marion Janssen to order paper.

11. Next meeting will be on September 25, 2017 @5:30 PM

12. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM