

**TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF March 14, 2018 MEETING**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:38 PM
2. Roll Call: Present were Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Anne Small, Penny McCormick, Bob Schell, & Marion Janssen.
3. Anne Small verified that the meeting was properly posted as per the open meeting laws.
4. Agenda: Jim Swenson made motion to approve agenda, Marion Janssen seconded, motion carried
5. Approve Minutes: Motion by Bob Schell, 2nd by Anne Small to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the correction of the donation money to be \$257.00. Motion carried.
6. Citizens Concerns – None
7. Awassa Trail:
 - a. Review the “Proposed Changes” for the property that were approved by the DNR Stewardship Committee: After discussion the committee decided to go forward with developing the “Pink Trail” in 2018. Timeline will consist of the committee flagging & gps the trail in March or April as weather permits, bid requests will be done in April and work will be completed in the fall of 2018. This will allow for continued work to be done.
 - b. The sharp corner at the intersection of the orange & green intersection will be reviewed and if needed will be altered in 2018.
 - c. Anne will contact the DNR to see if a new storm water permit is needed for the pink trail or if we can work off the existing permit. She will also check on doing the interpretive signs on the “pink trail”.
8. Fat Bike: Jimmy Vogel gave an update on the fat bike trail. Further expansion will include a trail that will be 3 feet in width, using existing deer trails with minimal disturbance, primarily some brushing with no ground disturbance. Anne will submit to the DNR this proposal for a trail 4 to 6 miles long using part of the existing trails. The trail will have the same restrictions as was established in 2015. Jimmy felt that the trail needs to be extended to attract more bikers. This trail would be considered a multi-use trail, for winter use only.
8. Bike & Hike Trail: Work will be done this spring on the trail that runs along Sunrise Lane by US Bank. In order to allow for better sight distance, brushing will be done.

Discussion of development of 50’ wide corridor from Town Park to Half Mile Rd was discussed with projected work to be done in 2019. The committee would like to get input from the Town Board as to whether they want the committee to pursue obtaining a grant or not. The committee also discussed where the trail will go once it reaches the town park. Bringing the trail into the school property was discussed.

9. Fern Ridge Property: Work on the Fern Ridge property was discussed with the following plans for 2018.
 1. Reroute the existing trail that goes onto private property
 2. Develop a parking area on Forest Lane for the trail system.
 3. Move the existing gate or install a gate further north of Juve Road.
 4. Expand the existing hiking trail approximately one mile.

Future plans would include the development of a sledding hill.

10. Other ideas: Marion Janssen thought if the trail committee would consider doing a “Trails Day” event that it could be scheduled for same day as when the Chamber does their “Walk In the Woods” event in June.

11. Further dates for the committee are:

April 10, 2018 – Regular Meeting at 5:30PM

April 12, 2018 - Workday for Sunrise Lane Brush Trimming – 3:30 PM

April 15, 2018 – Meet at Forest Lane to review areas for parking area & trail development – 9:00 AM

12. Motion to adjourn by Bob Schell at 7:38PM