

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF May 16, 2018 MEETING

1. Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM
2. Roll Call: Present were Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Anne Small, Penny McCormick & Bob Schell. Absent were Marion Janssen, Becky Dunn and Mary Platner. Also present was Mike Connors.
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. Jimmy Vogel seconded, motion carried
5. Approve Minutes: Motion by Jimmy Vogel, 2nd by Jim Swenson to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.
6. Citizens Concerns – Mike Connors addressed the committee with concerns about the signage and confusion for hikers on the Fern Ridge Trail where timber harvest had been done last year and where the trail went onto private property. He stated that several people had wandered onto his property and were lost. One woman had been lost for 3 hours. He felt that something needed to be done to address this safety issue.
7. Fern Ridge Trail:
 - a. Anne Small stated that some of the committee members did meet to look at a possible spot for a parking lot off of Forest Ln as a new trailhead for the hiking/snowshoe trails and also for other user groups. Jim Swenson said he would get this idea on the agenda for Town Board meeting to see if town crew could put in a parking area, plow Forest Lane in the winter, and possibly move the gate for the stump dump. Anne stated that the committee also looked at the old dump site as a possible sledding hill. Jim Swenson would also talk to the Town Board to see if the town crew could work on getting that area usable for such a purpose.
 - b. Committee discussed the safety aspects of keeping the Fern Ridge Hiking Trail open to traffic until the reroute has been completed to keep the trail on town property and bypass the ¼ mi segment that currently goes onto private property. Bob Schell made a motion to temporarily close the trail until the committee and volunteers were able to get the reroute in place. Jimmy Vogel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Anne Small would contact Chamber to inform them of the closure and also post a sign at the trail entrance. She would also add private property signs where old trail crossed property line.
8. Bike & Hike Trail:
 - a. Jimmy Vogel suggested that it would be good to have the town mow the edges of the bike trail at least from Cty J to Piers de Norte. He also noted that the bridge closest to the east end of trail (near South Bay parking area) needed patch on both sides as there was a big lip.
 - b. Bob Schell made a motion to purchase 22 new stop signs to replace the faded/curled plastic stop signs on the Phase 1 portion of the bike trail, as well as two “Caution ATV crossing” signs for the intersection with ATV Trail behind the Chamber. Jimmy Vogel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. Awassa Trail/Fat Bike Trail:
 - a. Committee members will take down Fat Bike Trail signage and posts.
 - b. Committee would schedule date to go out and mark the prospective new trail segment from Eaglewatch Ct to Elementary School.

10. Freedom 5K – July 1

a. Anne Small discussed volunteer needs for the event.

11. Next trail committee meeting was scheduled for June 14th, at 5:30 PM with a trail work session scheduled for June 21st, at 5:30 PM.

12. Anne Small adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM