

**NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL COMMITTEE
MINUTES – April 24, 2019**

1. Anne Small called meeting to order at 5:34 PM
2. Roll Call: Present was Anne Small, Bob Schell, Becky Dunn, Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel and Marion Janssen. Absent was Penny McCormick & Mary Platner.
3. Anne Small verified that the meeting notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
4. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve by Marion Janssen, second by Becky Dunn. Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve minutes of March 25, 2019 meeting. Motion by Jimmy Vogel, second by Jim Swenson. Motion carried.
6. Citizens' Concerns: None
7. Bike & Hike Trail:
 - a. Trail Report: Anne reported that e-mails have been sent out to the adopt a mile volunteers. Some of the trails are still covered with snow.

Jimmy Vogel reported that he worked on the air pump by the chamber. Parts have been ordered to repair the station.

Anne reported that the bike racks that are going to be paid by the Freedom 5K account will be ordered. They will be single sided. Four racks will be ordered.

Anne reported that she received a letter from Wisconsin DOT informing her that work will be done on Hwy 70 West in 2020. They are looking for recommendations from the public.
 - b. Chamber Bike & Hike Trail Sign: Penny Strom from the chamber brought to the committee an idea for changing the Bike & Hike Trail sign by the chamber parking lot. The current sign looks old. She showed the committee a sign from the Glacial River Trail and thought that this type of sign would be a good replacement. Funds for the sign could be shared by the Chamber and the Town. Penny also showed the committee a copy of Midwest Living where the Heart of the Northwoods trail system was highlighted as a location choice for biking.
 - c. Repair of Flooded Bridge: The Bridge on the Highline trail is under water again this year. Jim Swenson showed the committee pictures of the bridge. Jimmy Vogel felt that the bridge should be raised 5 inches. Motion by Anne Small to approve deck rebuilding of the bridge with a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00, 2nd by Jim Swenson. Motion Carried
 - d. Other concerns: Jim Swenson reported that the Town Board approved the ordinance regarding e-bikes on the bike trail system. Signs will have to be ordered. There are other signs that are missing on the trail system. A sign by Thunderbird Bar and the green bike route sign on Hwy J are missing. Anne will order replacements once an inventory is taken.
8. Fern Ridge Trail:
 - a. Trail Report: Nothing to report.

- b. Installation of Bog Boardwalk: Jimmy Vogel reported that the boards have been cut and culvert is ready to go. Installation will have to wait until trail conditions are better.
- c. Parking Lot by Stump Dump: Jim Swenson reported that the snowmobile and UTV/ATV trail will have to be moved. This will move the trail system away from the proposed sledding hill. Anne and Jim Swenson will meet with Tom Christensen at the stump dump site.

9. Awassa Trail:

- a. Trail Report: Still snow covered, nothing to report.
- b. Removal of Trail Signage & Moving Trailhead Signs behind school: The winter signs will be removed and the fat bike trail signs at the trail entrances will be removed. Jimmy Vogel that the remainder of the fat bike signs could stay posted.
- c. Maintenance Expenses for Awassa Trails: Discussion of paying Jimmy Vogel for grooming and fuel expenses with the committee in agreement that he should be compensated for his work. Motion by Anne Small that Jimmy Vogel receive two checks, \$125.00 for reimbursement of fuel costs for grooming and \$575.00 for trail maintenance, 2nd by Jim Swenson Motion Carried. Marion Janssen will inform Tom Martens to prepare the checks plus a check for materials to repair the bike station.

10: Other ideas/input from committee: Jimmy Vogel reported that Avfco donated 20 feet of the 60 feet of culvert for Fern Ridge Trail. A thank you will be sent.

11. Next trail committee meeting will be held on May 22, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

12. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

PENDING APPROVAL