

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Minutes of Non-Motorized Trails Committee Meeting
February 25, 2020

- 1) Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM by Anne Small
- 2) Roll call: Present were Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Bob Schell, Penny McCormick, and Anne Small. Absent was Brigette Ryan.
- 3) Open meeting verification: Anne Small stated that she posted the meeting agenda in accordance with the open meetings law before 5:30 PM on February 24, 2020.
- 4) Approval of agenda: Jim Swenson made motion to approve the agenda. Bob Schell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5) Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Bob Schell made motion to approve minutes. Jimmy Vogel seconded. Motion carried.
- 6) Citizen Concerns: none
- 7) Awassa Trail
 - a) Trail Report: Jimmy Vogel reported that he thought the grooming would be done for the year and that the fatbike trail would probably be done by next week, as well.
 - b) Candlelight Event wrap up: Anne Small reported that 240 people attended the event. She stated that she submitted an article to both the Lakeland Times and Vilas County News Review. Jimmy Vogel said that there was \$542 in the donation box. Bob Schell said he went through all of the 6 gallons of hot chocolate. He said that next year we should borrow the dispenser from the Chamber so that we can keep up. Jimmy Vogel said he could also bring a second burner. Anne Small said that next year she would order 1000 of the same brand votive candles, so we don't have issues like we did with the extras we purchased this year. Jimmy said that next year we should make a target of 600 luminaries. Anne Small thought that if we do get the planned Pink trail, we could possibly illuminate that ½ mile loop. Penny McCormick suggested not to do s'mores next year, just do cookies and marshmallows. It was suggested to use 3 tables instead of 2 for serving and donation box. Jimmy Vogel suggested that we should also check the metal donation box at the trailhead right after the event. Jim Swenson said that we should send a thank you note to The Hiker Box for coming to both of our events with the snowshoes for people to borrow.
 - c) Jimmy Vogel stated that he would like to make some kind of entrance sign/arch for Awassa entrance by the school. The committee members agreed to look up examples to share at our March meeting.
- 8) Fern Ridge Trail
 - a) Trail report - Anne Small stated that the trail looked like it was getting lots of use based on the tracks.
 - b) Fundraising/grant discussion for 2020 - Jim Swenson reported that the Town Board approved the grant match of \$25,000 in room tax for mountain bike trail construction. Jimmy Vogel would work on the RTP grant through the DNR. He said the deadline is May 1st. Jimmy Vogel suggested that we also contact bike companies and corporations for funding/grants. Bob Schell said that he would be taking a 1 day DNR grant writing workshop and could help with the grant writing.
- 9) Bike & Hike Trail
 - a) Trail report: Jimmy Vogel tried to get in touch with George Lurvey at Pitlick about the paving by the bridge that needs to be raised. Jimmy Vogel said he would like to get two different prices, one for both the blacktop and the grubbing, and one with just the blacktop cost. At our March meeting, we will set a date to work on building a higher deck surface and build temporary ramps with rails until the blacktopping can be done.
- 10) Other ideas/input from committee: Jim Swenson reported that the trail accounts had the following balances: Awassa: \$11,128, Fern Ridge: \$4,800, and Bike and Hike: \$59,350. Jim Swenson also stated that the DNR forester would be coming to a meeting with the Town Board on March 11, at 6:30 PM, to discuss her forest management plan for the town forest properties.
- 11) The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2020, at 5:30 PM
- 12) Anne Small adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM