

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Non-Motorized Trails Committee Minutes
June 17, 2020

- 1) Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM by Anne Small
- 2) Roll call: Present were Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel, Bob Schell, Penny McCormick, Lynn Upthagrove, and Anne Small. Missing was Brigitte Ryan
- 3) Open meeting verification: Anne Small stated that she posted the agenda by noon on June 16th in accordance with the open meeting law.
- 4) Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Jimmy Vogel made motion to approve minutes, Bob Schell seconded, motion carried, with Lynn Upthagrove abstaining because we was not at the May meeting.
- 5) Citizen Concerns: none
- 6) Awassa Trail
 - a) Trail Report –Jimmy Vogel cut and removed downed trees between Eaglewatch parking lot and school. Penny McCormick and her husband cut downed tree on return trail of red loop. Penny asked if we could do something different to block the old entrance to the trail (the direct entrance from Hwy 70) other than the trees across the road. She suggested the town place a few boulders there instead. Anne Small said that she had contacted both the DOT and Wausau Homes about the removal of that entrance, which was required in order for Eaglewatch Rd to be put in place. The removal was never done and she had not heard back from either organization. Jim Swenson said he would talk with Ted Ritter about our options and to see if Ted could contact Wausau Homes and/or the DOT.
 - b) Kiosk by school entrance – Jimmy Vogel talked with Dave Bohnen about placement of a trailhead kiosk on the school property at the Awassa trail entrance. Mr Bohnen said that it would be ok. They would like to see a plan of the proposed kiosk. Anne Small asked committee members to come up with plan ideas/examples for the July meeting so that the committee could decide on a design. Jimmy Vogel suggested that we wouldn't need to have a plexiglass front on the kiosk, which would make the design simpler.
 - c) New trail segment Eaglewatch to School: Jimmy Vogel said that he would like the committee to get this trail done and in place this year. The committee agreed. Committee will meet on July 1st at 5:30 pm at the school trailhead to walk and reflag the route they set last year so that the project could go forward.
- 7) Fern Ridge Trail
 - a) Trail report – Anne Small said trail seems to be getting a lot of use. She does need to get out and put out more trail blazes so that trail is easier to follow in both directions.
 - b) Opening of bids for snowmobile/atv trail reroute: Jim Swenson opened the bid for the project. The bids were as follows: Harmon Excavating - \$5,000; Advanced Site Solutions - \$14,990; Steve Vogel Services - \$5,100. Bob Schell makes motion to recommend to the town board that they accept the lowest bid of \$5,000 by Harmon Excavating, Jim Swenson seconds motion. Motion carried, with Jimmy Vogel abstaining.
- 8) Bike & Hike Trail
 - a) Trail Report - Jim Swenson said that the town put patch on a small sink hole that developed on the Hwy 70 W section of bike trail. Penny McCormick asked with the town would patch the section of pavement that had been peeled up by the plow this winter. Jim Swenson said he would get the town crew to do that. He also said that the town crew would be out to mow the trail edges in the next couple weeks. Anne Small said that she had a lot of positive comments from people about the bridge repair work that was done on the eastern-most bridge along the trail.
 - b) Review amendments to the town's e-bike resolution: Jimmy Vogel presented the revised E-bike resolution to the committee (Resolution SG20-01-1), which contains the same wording used by the state bike trail resolution as far as the definition of e-bikes. Lynn Upthagrove asked about the safety aspect of the speeds of 28 mph which can be reached by Class 3 e-bikes as stated in the resolution. Jimmy Vogel said that the Class 3 e-bikes are not very common due to the costs of those bicycles, and that we are just using the wording to follow the state resolution. Bob Schell made motion to approve the revised e-bike resolution, Jimmy Vogel seconded motion. Motion carried.

- c) 50' corridor bike trail segment: Jimmy Vogel said that he would like to see us move ahead with this project. Jimmy Vogel suggested that we figure out how the trail should enter the town park area, with thoughts about traffic flow during the flea markets, then once we have the final layout for trail, we could go ahead and get figures on the cost to present to the town board. Trail committee will look at how trail would enter town park area at their July 1st trail work session.
 - d) Mark Hiller Memorial: Jim Swenson stated that the town board voted not to rename the Bike and Hike Park in honor of Mark Hiller due to the fact that the park area was originally named in honor of a member of the Weber family. Jimmy Vogel suggested that we should go ahead with moving our bike trail kiosk over by the work station and then install a bronze plaque to recognize the contributions that Mark Hiller made in the creation of the bike trail system in St Germain. Bob Schell said that he would talk to Ozzy Ausloos about how many words you could fit on a plaque. Anne Small said that she would talk with Clyde and Joyce Owens about wording to put on the plaque. Jimmy Vogel said that we should also run the wording by Leslie Hiller before we go ahead with the project.
- 9) Next Trails Committee meeting scheduled for July 22, 2020, at the pavilion behind Chamber.
- 10) Anne Small adjourned meeting at 6:54 PM