

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Non Motorized Trails Committee Minutes
August 25, 2020

- 1) Anne Small called meeting to order at 5:38 PM
- 2) Roll call: Present were Bob Schell, Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel, Penny McCormick and Anne Small. Absent were Lynn Uthagrove and Brigette Ryan. Also present was Sherry Stecker.
- 3) Open meeting verification: Anne Small stated that she posted the meeting agenda before 5:30 PM on August 24.
- 4) Bob Schell made motion to approve minutes from the July meeting. Jim Swenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5) Citizen Concerns: none
- 6) Awassa Trail
 - a) Trail Report – downed trees along the red loop have been cleared.
 - b) Kiosk by school entrance to the trail – Anne Small suggested that instead of building a new kiosk for this location, we just move the kiosk that was built by the Eagle Scout a couple years ago by the Eaglewatch trailhead. Because that kiosk was not located right at the beginning of the trail, it doesn't get much attention in current location, stated Anne. Committee agreed that this would be a good idea. Committee would meet on October 3rd at the kiosk location by Eaglewatch trailhead at 8 am. Jimmy Vogel said he should be able to use his skidsteer to lift the kiosk and then it could be placed on a trailer to move it to its new location. Anne Small said that she would notify the Eagle Scout, Zach Bloom about the move after it has been relocated.
 - c) Bid description for new trail segment from Eaglewatch to school: Jimmy Vogel said he would like to see verbiage added to the bid description that mentions taking the marked trees at the Eaglewatch Ct end of the trail segment which will give a slightly wider opening where the new and old trails meet. Jimmy Vogel also said that the bid should include a statement that all equipment must enter and exit from the Eaglewatch Ct trailhead. Anne Small stated that she would make those additions and then send it out to Harmon, Steve Vogel and Advanced Site Solutions. Anne Small also noted that she would renew the Stormwater Permit for the trail work, as this trail was included in the original approved permit.
- 7) Fern Ridge Trail
 - a) Trail report – Jimmy Vogel smoothed out the wood chips that were at the trailhead. Anne Small stated that the trail was in good condition and looked like it was getting a good amount of use by hikers. No maintenance issues were needed.
 - b) Snowmobile/ATV trail relocation update – Jim Swenson said that he was contacted by Melissa Yarrington that someone informed them about the upcoming work to be done on this relocation. While the calculated acreage for the project comes out as less than 1 acre, Ms Yarrington recommended applying for a Stormwater permit just in case the contractor makes the trail a little wider in spots. Jim Swenson said that submitted the permit application the day before the meeting and approval should come within two weeks, at which point the work can commence.
- 8) Bike & Hike Trail
 - a) Trail Report – Anne Small noted that there are still areas of the trail that need to have brushing, especially along County C and Mood Rd. Jim Swenson said that we were still working on getting Jimmy Vogel set up to use the town's UTV for trail work purposes.
 - b) 50' Corridor bike trail segment update: Jimmy Vogel stated that it would work better to keep the bike trail route along the edge of the soccer field, instead of going through the wooded section between the school and field. He also suggesting leaving off the plan to pave a segment to the school. He would contact George Lurvey at Pitlick about pricing after the busy season.
- 9) Next meeting was scheduled for September 21, at 5:30 PM.
- 10) Anne Small adjourned at 6:29 PM