

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Non-Motorized Trails Committee Minutes
March 10, 2021

- 1) Meeting called to order by Anne Small at 5:30 PM
- 2) Roll call: Present were committee members Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Penny McCormick, Lynn Upthagrove, Bob Schell, and Anne Small. Also present was Terry Duke and Karen Anderson.
- 3) Open meeting verification: Anne Small stated she posted the meeting agenda before 5:30 pm on March 9.
- 1) Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Jim Swenson said actual trail grant award was \$21,185, with matching amount from the town. Anne Small to correct minutes. Bob Schell made motion to approved amended minutes from February. Anne Small seconded. Motion carried.
- 2) Citizen Concerns: none
- 3) Awassa Trail
 - a) Trail Report –The Plum Lake Library changed the bookwalk book to “Snowy Day”. Christmas decorations were taken down and note put on Facebook about picking up the ornaments if wanted.
 - b) Posting of political signs on Stewardship property at Awassa – Anne Small stated that there had been a political sign posted at the Eaglewatch Trailhead trail entrance, which had been removed prior to the meeting. She reiterated that according to the stewardship rules, political signs would not fit into approved signage.
 - c) Thrivent grant for book walk signs – Penny McCormick applied for and received money for making sturdier book walk sign holder for the trails. It was in the form of a credit card, which she gave to Jimmy Vogel who will be working on the sign. Anne Small to contact Emilie Braunel at the library about a time to discuss sizing for the signs.
- 4) Fern Ridge Trail
 - a) Trail report
 - b) Review mountain bike trail construction bids- Committee agrees to recommend that the town board go with Travis Bellman Home and Trail for the trail work. This bid comes with the understanding that the trail committee/volunteers will clear brush from trail corridor.
 - c) Mountain bike trail fundraising update – Jimmy Vogel gave a rundown of the fundraising efforts thus far, including \$7125 from the fundraising letter, \$500 from Lynn Upthagrove, \$500 anonymous donation in the Silent Trails fund. Committee discussed various fundraising ideas including doing a raffle through the St Germain Silent Trails organization, with drawing to be held Labor Day with a soft opening at Fern Ridge. Jimmy Vogel said he would work on getting raffle prizes. Committee also discussed doing a month-long scavenger hunt as a fundraising event with a t-shirt or neck gaiter for entrants. Other suggestions include a group bike ride, a bike rodeo, and having parade float promoting the raffle/trails.
- 5) Bike & Hike Trail
 - a) Trail Report – Jimmy Vogel mentioned that the work stand pump behind the chamber needs repairing or replacing. He said a new one might be best with a concrete pad or under the bike trail kiosk once we move it over to that area. Anne Small said she would contact Saris about the bike pump.
 - b) Delineators with “no-motorized vehicles” signs – Committee discussion about the need for trail delineators with “no-motorized” signs at points where trail crosses side roads or ATV trail. Bob Schell made motion for up to \$900 to purchase 28 “no-motorized vehicles” signs. Jimmy Vogel seconds motion. Motion carried.

Anne Small made motion for up to \$800 to be spent to purchase 32 delineators for trail intersections. Bob Schell seconded motion. Motion carried.
 - c) Applying for grant for trail along 50’ corridor – Town board voted not to support this project at this time.
- 6) Review/update Non-Motorized Trail Committee portion of the Town Website – Jim Swenson said that the committee needs to review the material on our committee’s page of the town website. Jim Swenson updated the committee description. Lynn Upthagrove said that the three trail Facebook pages should be

linked. Jimmy Vogel said that the photos should be updated. Terry Duke said it should mention bike trails are e-bike friendly.

- 7) Other ideas/input from committee - none
- 8) Next trail meeting scheduled for April 13, 2021, at 5:30 PM
- 9) Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM by Anne Small