

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Non-Motorized Trails Committee Minutes
June 16, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Anne Small
2. Roll call: Present were committee members Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel, Bob Schell, Penny McCormick, and Anne Small. Also present was Jeanna Vogel.
3. Open meeting verification: Anne Small posted meeting agendas before 5:30 pm on June 15, 2022.
4. Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Jimmy Vogel made motion to approve minutes from May meeting, Bob Schell seconded. Motion carried.
5. Citizen Concerns: none
6. Awassa Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Anne Small said she still needed to replace the broken sign post on the red loop. Jimmy Vogel said he would get the bike rack installed at the school trailhead sometime this week.
7. Fern Ridge Trail
 - a. Trail report – Jimmy Vogel said Travis Bellman was getting close to finishing the trail work if weather cooperates.
 - b. Trail Signage – Jimmy Vogel said he would like the committee to go out on the trails and figure out which signs we need so we can get them ordered. Jimmy Vogel said he would work on a simpler kiosk design and will also be cutting the signs for bike trail names out of metal and mounting to stained cedar. Jimmy Vogel also said that we needed additional red and blue trail markers for the hiking trails. Anne Small will order 50 of each.
 - c. Planning open house event – Committee set the date of an open house as August 13, from 10 am to 4 pm, with a rain date of Aug 14. Details to be finalized at the July meeting.
 - d. Schedule work session to work on the hiking trail reroute – Committee planned to meet on June 29th at 9 am to work on the reroute of the hiking trail near highway 155. The reroute will keep the hiking trail completely off of the atv/snowmobile trail, with fencing to keep the motorized users off of the hiking trail. Jim Swenson to reserve the ride on skidsteer with auger from Paul's Rent All for the fence posts.
8. Bike & Hike Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Jimmy Vogel said he planned to mow and blow the trail off next week.
 - b. Trail Signage – Diane Nasca contacted Jimmy Vogel to have us put trail crossing signs along the bike trail at the ATV crossings along the high line. Anne Small would order 8 of these ATV Trail Crossing signs.
9. Treasurer's report
 - a. Account balances: Awassa - \$3,457.21, Fern Ridge - \$29,039.70, Bike & Hike - \$50,756.01
10. Chamber grant – Jimmy Vogel priced out cost for shelters and outhouses. Due to high costs, he suggested purchasing a combined storage shed with shelter overhang, and waiting on the outhouse. He would include the shelter and storage shed ideas, along with the Snowdog grooming equipment as basis for the Chamber grant application.
11. Updating trail webpages – Jimmy Vogel said that he would like to see the town website trail descriptions updated, as well as the information on the silent trails website. He said that the Fern Ridge map could be linked to the town website eventually.
12. Freedom 5K planning – Anne Small said that plans are progressing for the race. She said that she was lining up volunteers but asked committee who would be available on race day. Anne Small reported that so far the registrations were slowly coming in. Jimmy Vogel said he could mow the race route prior to the race.
13. Other ideas/input from committee – Jim Swenson asked if the committee had decided on prices for memorial benches. Anne Small suggested the amounts of \$600 for Fern Ridge (Trex style bench), and \$800 for the Bike Trail benches (single leg bench style with composite slats).
14. Scheduled next Trails Committee meeting – July 12, 5:30 PM
15. Meeting adjourned by Anne Small at 8:15 PM