

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

Minutes of the Non-Motorized Trails Committee Meeting June 6, 2023

1. Meeting called to order by Anne Small at 6:31 PM
2. Roll call: Present were committee members Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Bob Schell, Penny McCormick, and Anne Small. Also present was Terry Duke.
3. Open meeting verification: Anne Small posted meeting agendas on June 4, 2023
4. Jim Swenson made motion to approve minutes from May meeting, Jimmy Vogel seconded. Motion carried.
5. Citizen Concerns – Terry Duke asked about if the town was sending anyone to support the GHT's efforts to build the River Trail. Jim Swenson said that he is on the River Trail Commission, but that they are waiting to hear definitive answers from Town of Lincoln and City of Eagle River before moving forward on project.
6. Awassa Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Anne Small reported that she had walked the orange and green loops and didn't see any trail issues. Jimmy Vogel said he would get out to clear some downed trees and debris from the return of the red/blue loop to the Eagle Watch Trailhead. Penny McCormick said she had walked the yellow loop and that it didn't need mowing yet.
7. Fern Ridge Trail
 - a. Trail report – Jimmy Vogel said that the trail is getting plenty of use and are in good shape. Anne Small said that there have been quite a few cars in the parking lot each time she has stopped out. Jimmy Vogel said that we received one more bench from the plastic recycling project and committee discussed possible locations along the hiking trail.
 - b. Opening bids for construction of pavilion at Fern Ridge Trail, choosing bid to recommend to Town Board
 - i. The bids for the site work for the pavilion at Fern Ridge Trail included the following two bids:
 1. Steve Vogel Services, Inc.: \$6,300 as per bid specs
 2. SD Ellenbecker, Inc.: \$7,550 as per bid specs
 - ii. The two bids for the pavilion construction included the following:
 1. SD Ellenbecker, Inc.: \$81,750 as per bid specs
 2. RA Pinno & Sons Construction, Inc.: \$56,900 as per bid specs with three additional options
 - a. Option 1: -\$3,900 ~ install steel on ceiling of pavilion instead of aluminum soffit
 - b. Option 2: \$4,900 ~ wrap columns with cedar
 - c. Option 3: \$1,500 ~ Install decorative treated 4x4 bracing if needed by state plan approval
 - iii. Jimmy Vogel made motion to recommend to the town board that we accept RA Pinno & Sons bid, for construction of pavilion with options 1 & 3 for a total of \$54,500. Motion seconded by Bob Schell. Motion carries.
 - iv. Bob Schell made motion to recommend to the town board that we accept Steve Vogel Services, Inc. bid of \$6,300, for the site work. Motion seconded by Jim Swenson. Motion carried, with Jimmy Vogel abstaining.
8. Bike & Hike Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Jimmy Vogel said that he plans to mow either this week or next week. He said that he and Terry Duke replaced some of the deck boards on the bridge along the high line. Jimmy Vogel said that he thought the entire bridge deck would need replacing perhaps in the next year. He counted 150 boards and said it would probably cost about \$3,300 for the lumber.

Jimmy Vogel reached out to Asplundh about the cleanup from the helicopter trimming along the high line. We are on the schedule but they are short handed so no timeline given.

Jim Swenson said that Mark Ratty at the DOT said that they wouldn't replace the missing patch of pavement at the connector across from South Bay Rd. Mr Ratty told him that the town would need to apply for a permit to have the work done.

9. Treasurer's report

- a. Account balances- Awassa Trail: \$4884.76, Fern Ridge: \$12,333.78, Hike and Bike: \$50,480.49, Other: \$26,536.34

10. Other ideas/input from committee – Jimmy Vogel said the he hasn't heard anything back about the Chamber grant application yet.

Bob Schell asked if we had heard anything from the DNR about being allowed to place info for our St Germain trail systems at the kiosk of Shannon Lake Trail. Anne Small said she would contact Rosie Richter again about it.

11. Schedule next committee meeting – July 12, 5:30 PM

12. Anne Small adjourned meeting at 8:09 PM