

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Non-Motorized Trails Committee
Minutes from meeting on May 11, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM
2. Roll call: Present were committee members Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel, Bob Schell, Penny McCormick, and Anne Small. Also present were Terry Duke, and John Huppert
3. Open meeting verification: Anne Small said she posted meeting agendas before 5:30 pm on May 10, 2022.
4. Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Jim Swenson said that Penny Strom's last name needed to be changed from "Weismann" to "Strom" under item 2. Bob Schell made motion to approve minutes with the change, Jimmy Vogel seconded. Motion carried.
5. Citizen Concerns: Terry Duke mentioned that he was still concerned about the lack of highway signs for the bike trail crossing of Hwy 70 at the east end of downtown. Jim Swenson said he would talk to the county highway department to see who needs to take care of this.
6. Awassa Trail
 - a. Trail Report: Jimmy Vogel blew off the trail. Jimmy said that we should eventually schedule a work session to trim and chip branches along the orange loop.

Jim Swenson said that the elementary school will be holding their run club 5k/1 mile run on May 20, and will utilize both Awassa Trails and the paved bicycle trail.

Penny McCormick said she would like to get a photo after the bike rack has been installed at the Awassa Trailhead, as she needs to submit it for the Thrivent grant which paid for the rack.
7. Fern Ridge Trail
 - a. Jimmy Vogel blew off the hiking trails Sunday. Jimmy Vogel said that Travis Bellman came out on Monday and said ground is still wet, but he is starting work. He estimates 4-6 weeks. Jimmy Vogel said bike trails may be open by the weekend if it dries out. Jimmy said that DNR rep Jeff Pinucci contacted him to ask how we are doing and if we need an extension on the stewardship grant. Jimmy told him no.

Jimmy Vogel said that we need bike trail crossing signs for yard waste road. Jimmy Vogel will put up flags and Anne Small will order signs. Jimmy also said he would like to make the areas currently covered with wood chips into green space.

Committee members plan to meet on Sunday May 15, at 9 am, to assemble the new picnic tables and to place the two benches donated through the plastic recycling program by Sayner St Germain Fish and Wildlife Club.
 - b. Approve purchase of donor sign for Fern Ridge – Jimmy Vogel presented a sign mock up for the trailhead showing all the donors for the mountain bike trail project. Committee noted some spelling errors. Bob Schell made motion to approve the design with the corrections on ¼" aluminum. Jimmy Vogel seconded motion. Motion carried.
8. Bike & Hike Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Jim Swenson plowed the gravel off of the two sections along highway 70 W. Committee members and volunteer, Terry Duke, brushed the west end of the trail from town on April 29. Jimmy Vogel blew the east end of the trail and will blow the trail again after the wind this week and after all the snow piles melted.

Jimmy Vogel said that he will be moving the trail counters so that there will be two on the bike trail. Jimmy Vogel will have the new kiosk ready for South Bay trailhead soon.
9. Treasurer's report
 - a. Account balances – Awassa Trail: \$3457.21, Fern Ridge: \$29039.70, Hike & Bike: \$50756.01
10. Flea Market coverage – Jimmy Vogel said that he can cover most dates. The other dates (Jun 20, July 4, and July 18) will be covered by Anne Small, Penny McCormick, and Bob Schell.
11. Forest Management Plan for Fern Ridge and Awassa – tabled until special meeting scheduled for May

24th, at 5:30 PM.

12. Other ideas/input from committee – Bob Schell asked what happened with the room tax money that the St Germain Chamber received for the trails. Committee has not heard anything from the Chamber at this point.
13. Scheduled next regular Trails Committee meeting – June 6, at 5:30 PM.
14. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM by Anne Small