

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Meeting Minutes
Non-Motorized Trails Committee
Oct 23, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM by Anne Small
2. Roll call: Committee members present were Jim Swenson, Penny McCormick, Jimmy Vogel, and Anne Small. Absent was Bob Schell.
3. Open meeting verification: Agendas were posted by Jim Swenson on Saturday, Oct 21.
4. Jimmy Vogel made motion to approve the minutes from the Sept meeting. Jim Swenson seconded. Motion carried.
5. Citizen Concerns: none
6. Awassa Trail
 - a. Trail Report: Penny McCormick said she and her husband cleared a tree that was down across the trail. Otherwise trails look good.

Jim Swenson said that he contacted a couple of individuals who have decorated trees along the trail in the past over the holiday season, to let them know that the committee wanted to stop this practice in an attempt to prevent them from becoming litter along the trails. Committee will put up signs at the trailhead to let people know of this decision, as well.
 - b. Shed for Awassa: Jimmy Vogel said that the school would give permission for a shed for Awassa Trails equipment on the school property adjacent to the trail. In discussion with Tom Christensen, Jimmy Vogel said that this would still need to go to the electors and would most likely need a lawyer to draw up an agreement with the school. So this item was tabled at this time and committee will consider other options for shed locations.
7. Fern Ridge Trail
 - a. Trail report – Jim Swenson said there was progress on the pavilion construction and that the slab should be poured soon. Jimmy Vogel said that when we get the first invoice for the pavilion, of delivery and materials (\$26,130), it can be submitted to the St Germain Chamber to receive the \$20,000 grant reimbursement.
 - b. Discussion/Action: Purchase picnic tables – Jim Swenson asked if we should purchase 4 tables for the pavilion prior to winter. Jimmy Vogel suggested moving the current picnic tables underneath the pavilion instead for this year, so that maybe we can apply for funding for the purchase of tables and the pavilion changing room next year. Committee agreed to just use the current picnic tables under the pavilion.
8. Bike & Hike Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Jimmy Vogel said that he mowed and blew off the trails a couple of times and plans to close the trail in mid November.
9. Treasurer’s report
 - a. Account balances- Awassa Trails: \$5,253.21, Fern Ridge: -\$4,917.88, Bike & Hike: \$50,814.05, Other:\$27,939.75
10. Tree memorial and rock with plaque for Mark Hiller update – a rhododendron shrub has been planted with fence around it. Bob Schell not present to give update on plaque estimate.
11. Other ideas/input from committee – Jimmy Vogel asked Anne Small to update the fliers and FaceBook event page for the Awassa Candlelight event.
12. Schedule next committee meeting: Scheduled for November 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM
13. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM