

**TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN**  
**Non-Motorized Trail Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes - Feb 20, 2018**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM by Anne Small
2. Roll call. Committee members present were Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Bob Schell, Becky Dunn and Anne Small. Absent were Marion Janssen and Mary Platner. Also present was Joyce Owens.
3. Anne Small stated that she posted the agenda for this meeting prior to 5:00 PM on Feb 19 2018
4. Jim Swenson made motion to approve agenda, Bob Schell seconded. Motion carried.
5. Bob Schell made a motion to approve the minutes from the January committee meeting, Anne Small seconded, motion carried.
6. Citizen Concerns: none
7. Awassa Trail:
  - a. Candlelight ski/snowshoe event wrap up – Over 120 people came out for the event. Lots of good comments from participants. \$252 were collected in the donation jar at the event. For next year it was noted that we should put out larger “one way” signs with lights illuminating them. Possibly make a temporary “return” trail through the snow that ends up by the fire circle to avoid the 2-way traffic. Also should purchase new candles each year because last year’s LED lights were much dimmer. Bring something for the hot chocolate/s’mores people to stand on to keep their feet warmer (ie plywood). Jimmy Vogel said he would stack the lumber used for the benches for use at next year’s event.
  - b. Trail update – Jimmy Vogel said that grooming has been going pretty well. Just need to fix the sharp corner at the junction of the green and orange trail. Jimmy noted that Steve Vogel was planning to power rake the new segment this spring after the ground settles.
  - c. Trail work for spring – Anne Small stated that the group of volunteers from DaVita Dialysis Clinic were interested in doing another volunteer day on the trails. She would touch base with their coordinator to set a date. Jimmy Vogel said that he would like to see the fat bike routes through the Awassa property, since we had permission from the DNR to use fat bikes on the property during the winter season. He also said that it would be good to figure out the route for the new ½ mile segment that was proposed from Eaglewatch Trailhead to the School lot. Committee agreed that we would scout out the locations for the new trails in the coming weeks.
8. Fat Bike Loop update- Jimmy Vogel reported that the grooming has been going well. There is some issue with drifting along the segment of the trail between the school and the Community Park. May need snow fencing if we use that portion next year.
9. Bike & Hike Trail
  - a. Memorial Bench: Anne Small stated that she was contacted by Beverly Reuter about a donation for a memorial bench along the Bike Trail for Donna Mirek, who was an avid user of the bike trail and other

outdoor activities in our area. Beverly was going to send the \$500 donation to the Town and then Anne would order the bench and plaque. Mrs Reuter asked for a location close to the Chamber and when she looked at the preapproved bench location map, she chose the spot in the wooded area along the bike trail just east of the Bike and Hike parking area.

- b. At next meeting Committee will schedule date to do the brushing along the bike trail near US Bank. Possibly schedule when the Stump Dump is open.
- c. A stop sign needs to be replaced again where the bike trail hits Parkway Ave.
- d. Anne Small stated that she still needs to order the caution signs for the intersection with the ATV trail behind the Chamber.

10. Other ideas/input from committee: Bob Schell stated that he felt the Committee needed to make a long range plan for each of the non-motorized trails, so that we can report to the Town Board what we will be working on for the coming year(s). Bob said that we need to be sure to include plans for Fern Ridge Trail reroute and improvements. Committee agreed to do this planning at the March committee meeting.

11. Next trail committee meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2018, at 5:30 PM.

12 Anne Small adjourned the meeting at 6:31 PM