

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Non-Motorized Trails Committee Minutes
October 20, 2020

- 1) Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM
- 2) Roll call: Present were Lynn Upthagrove, Bob Schell, Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Penny McCormick and Anne Small
- 3) Open meeting verification: Anne Small posted the agenda before noon on October 19, 2020.
- 4) Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Jim Swenson noted two corrections from the September minutes – He spoke with Melissa Yarrington about the Stormwater Permit, not Jillian Steffes. Also, the bike and hike trail by the creek along Cty C had not been fixed yet, but the maintenance crew looked at it to come up with a plan. Jimmy Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections, Jim Swenson seconded motion. Motion carried.
- 5) Citizen Concerns - none
- 6) Awassa Trail
 - a) Trail Report – Anne Small reported that trails were in good shape going into winter. Anne Small also noted that we need to figure out a way to block vehicular access to the trail off of Eaglewatch parking lot now that the log blocking entrance had been moved.
 - b) Schedule trail work session – Committee set Friday, October 23, at 1 pm, for a work session to rent chipper to clean up the stretch from Eaglewatch to School. Jim Swenson will reserve chipper from Paul's.
 - c) New trail signage – Committee will look at the trail when out for the work session to see what signage needs will be. Jimmy Vogel suggested using the same confidence markers that we used at Fern Ridge so that our trail markings are consistent. Jim Swenson said we need to mark the trails in both directions and also need "To Parking Lot" sign and "One Way" signs for winter users. Anne Small said she would get yellow confidence markers for the new loop once it is ready for use.
 - d) Bike rack for school entrance – Committee decided to wait until spring for purchasing and installing a bike rack.
- 7) Fern Ridge Trail
 - a) Trail report – Lynn Upthagrove asked about whether the leaves will get blown off the trail to make the route more obvious for walkers. Jimmy Vogel said that he would get out and blow the leaves off of the trail. Jim Swenson said that Jim Harmon planned to get out next week to do the snowmobile/atv trail reroute. Jimmy Vogel stated that he had the gates and posts to block off the old snowmobile trail once the reroute is complete.
 - b) Fundraising letter – Jimmy Vogel presented a fundraising letter to the committee for purposes of raising money for the mountain bike trail project at Fern Ridge. Lynn Upthagrove suggested that letter really needs to emphasize the trails benefits. She would do a little revision of letter and send out to committee. Anne Small suggested coming up with levels for donations. She would write something up and send it to the committee to review. Committee agreed that this letter should go out to the area businesses. Jimmy Vogel will take care of printing and mailing the letters.
 - c) Mountain bike trail update – Jimmy Vogel said he was in contact with Travis Bellman, who designed trails for LAMBO. Jimmy told Travis that the town did get a grant for the mountain bike trails at Fern Ridge. Travis was impressed that the town agreed to match the grant. Jimmy

said he and Travis would walk the property in early November to get an idea of cost to build the trails. Jimmy said he was still waiting for the contract from the DNR for signature and the go-ahead on the project. Lynn Uthagrove asked about how long the mountain bike trails would be. Jimmy Vogel stated that he would like to see at least five miles.

8) Bike & Hike Trail

- a) Trail Report – Jimmy Vogel blew the bike trail. Jim Swenson and Jimmy Vogel did some brushing by the bridges. Jimmy said that we are now in charge of closing the trails. He plans to leave them open until just before deer hunting season opener.

9) Other ideas/input from committee - none

10) Next committee meeting scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2020, at 5:30 PM

11) Anne Small adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM

PENDING APPROVAL