

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Non-Motorized Trails Committee Minutes
November 24, 2020

- 1) Meeting called to order by Anne Small at 4:34 PM
- 2) Roll call: Present were Penny McCormick, Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Anne Small, and Lynn Upthagrove. Absent was Bob Schell. Also present was Terry Duke
- 3) Open meeting verification: Anne Small stated that she posted the meeting agenda before noon on November 23, 2020.
- 4) Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Jimmy Vogel made motion to approve minutes without changes, Jim Swenson seconded, motion carried.
- 5) Citizen Concerns: none
- 6) Awassa Trail
 - a) Trail Report – Anne Small said that she had walked the orange and green loops and things looked ready for winter. Jimmy Vogel said the fat bike loop fences are up and the that trail is ready for winter.
 - b) Plum Lake Library book walk along trail: Emilie Braunel at the Plum Lake Library asked if they could set up a “Book Walk” for a month on one of the loops at Awassa. They did a book walk around the library grounds this summer and people enjoyed it. Emilie said that a book walk involves making signs showing each of the facing pages of a book and placing them along the loop so that walkers stop and read each one as they walk. The book they will be using is “Fox in the Forest”, a children’s picture book. The signs will be temporary signs like the rummage sale type signs that just push into the ground. Emilie and Ida Nemec will check on the signs regularly to make sure they are not fallen over or snow covered, etc. Emilie said that they would like to have them in place before the elementary school has their Winterfest prior to the holiday vacation. Anne Small said that she felt this would be a nice way of showcasing the trail and the library. Anne Small made a motion to approve the book walk. Jim Swenson seconded. Motion carried.
 - c) Signage needs – Committee will meet at 10 am on December 1st, at school trailhead to look at signage needs for trail intersections and the new loop. Jimmy Vogel said that we need to take the snowmobile trail crossing signs down at Fern Ridge and can use them to replace the plastic ones at Awassa. Anne Small said she would go and take them down.
- 7) Fern Ridge Trail
 - a) Trail report – Jimmy Vogel said that he and Jim Swenson installed the gates blocking the old ATV/Snowmobile trail route and the ATV club pulled out signs from the old trail. Jimmy Vogel blew off both loops. Jimmy Vogel an Jim Swenson met with Travis Bellman from LAMBO to walk through the Fern Ridge property to help get an idea of the trail development. Jimmy Vogel said that he still hasn’t received the grant paperwork for the project.
 - b) Mountain bike trail/fundraising update – Jimmy Vogel reported that there were \$1325 generated from the donation letter so far. He also mentioned that there was an anonymous donation of \$500 for the Fern Ridge Bike Trail project.
- 8) Bike & Hike Trail
 - a) Trail Report – Jimmy Vogel and Jim Swenson went out to close the trail, covered signs and roped off the bridges. Anne Small stated that there were several complaints about deer hunters driving vehicles across the bike trail bridges.
- 9) Anne Small stated that she felt committee should consider cancelling the candlelight event at Awassa (February 13, 2021) and Fern Ridge snowshoe event (January 16, 2021) for this winter due to coronavirus. Committee agreed. Anne said she would make posts on Facebook to let people know that these events had been cancelled.
- 10) Next committee meeting scheduled for December 15, 2020, at 5:30 PM
- 11) Meeting adjourned by Anne Small at 5:19 PM