

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Non-Motorized Trail Committee
Committee Minutes
19.10.29

- 1) Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM
- 2) Roll call: Present were Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel, Anne Small, Penny McCormick & Bob Schell. Absent were Becky Dunn and Marion Janssen. Also present was Brian Cooper.
- 3) Anne Small posted the meeting agenda before 5:30 PM on October 28, 2019.
- 4) Approval of agenda: Jim Swenson made a motion to approve the agenda as written, Bob Schell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5) Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Jimmy Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Penny McCormick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 6) Citizen Concerns: none
- 7) Bike & Hike Trail: Jim Swenson noted that the town crew put covers of the trail signs and closed the gate by T-bird.

8) Fern Ridge Trail:

Update on Forest Lane parking lot, trail connector, etc: Jim Swenson said that the parking lot was pretty much complete. Anne Small and Becky Dunn need to finish repainting the old sign from the Hwy 155 parking lot, so that it can be used at the new lot. Jim Swenson and Jimmy Vogel may go out next week to brush the connector to the new lot. Jimmy might go out to smooth out some segments of the new connector the Bobcat if he has time before winter. If we need to do any other trail work as a committee, we will schedule something after Nov 17th. We will most likely need to use a mini-excavator for the short reroute on the segment by the old parking lot to keep the trail off of the snowmobile/atv trail. Anne Small will go out and GPS the new loop so that she can get new map signs printed before winter.

Brian Cooper asked if we could use any of the wood chips from the stump dump. Bob Schell suggested we keep some for areas that may get muddy after being smoothed out. Jim Swenson will ask the chipping crew to leave a pile for our use.

Jimmy Vogel stated that he went out to look at a location along Juve Ln for the "Fern Ridge Trails" sign across from the Forest Lane entrance. He said there is a spot to the west of the snowmobile trail that is almost directly across from the road that would work fine. Jim Swenson said he would contact Digger's Hotline to come out and mark the utilities so that Jimmy Vogel can install two 4x4 sign posts at that location. Anne Small said she would order the signs for that location, as well as "No Parking" sign for the old lot off of Hwy 155 that gives the location of the new parking area.

9) Awassa Trail:

Jimmy Vogel installed the gates at both ends of the property. Keys were given to the snowmobile club and they were asked to keep the gates locked until after the deer gun season.

Jimmy Vogel walked and brushed the fatbike loop and also moved the donation box and trailhead signs (previously located at the edge of the school parking lot) to the edge of the woods, so that they are more accessible during the winter season. He also stacked the wood used for the benches around the bonfire during the candlelight event. Jimmy also asked Jim Swenson if he could get the town crew to plow Eagle Watch lot in such a way that there isn't a big snow bank to climb over in order to access the trails. Jim Swenson said he would talk to Tim Ebert about it.

Anne Small said she would check the ski/snowshoe loops at Awassa to see if there were any downed trees or brushing that needed to be done before winter.

Anne Small noted that there is a change in the date of the Candlelight Ski/Snowshoe/Fatbike event date. It will now be held Feb 15, 2020 – 6-8 pm.

- 10) Freedom 5K check presentation: Anne Small presented a check to the town in the amount of \$6000 from the Freedom 5K races held this summer. \$3000 will go towards Awassa Trail and \$3000 will go towards Fern Ridge Trail.
- 11) Next Trails Committee meeting scheduled for November 19, 2020, at 5:30 pm
- 12) Anne Small adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.