

Town of Glover
Trails Committee Minutes
June 12, 2023

Present: Peggy Day Gibson, Michelle & Dominic Dominijanni, David Olsen, Noel Ford, Heidi Ecker-Racz, and Ted Young; Heidi Cooperstein on zoom.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.
2. Cindy Epinette can no longer be the committee's secretary; Michelle will continue to take minutes but would like it if someone else could do it.
3. Minutes from last meeting – The minutes from the May 15, 2023 meeting were read and approved with a small correction.
4. Pioneer camp had nobody sign up for trail building, so they won't be making signs as we had hoped.
5. Notes from the special safety meeting on May 22, 2023 were read, which sparked some additional discussion:
 - a. take a phone with you but make sure it's charged
 - b. We should post instructions for how to use the "SOS" feature on phones when cell service is unavailable. Michelle will look that up.
 - c. Phil Brooks had said he would send us some recommendations for radios. Michelle will ask him again.
 - d. Noel is working on a letter that he will send to the Chronicle, the Caledonia Record, and the Newport Daily Express.
 - e. We'd like a topographic map of the Black Hills
 - f. The Black Hills land and the Paddock Hill trail connect to some Nature Conservancy land in Greensboro, leading to Tamarack Ranch Rd and a large parking lot. This is the Nature Conservancy Long Pond area; there is an online map of this at www.nature.org/content/dam/tnc/nature/en/documents/VTHiking_Topo_LongPond.pdf. Would also be good to show how trails connect between the two areas.
6. Kiosks
 - a. The lumber was delivered to Dominic, and he also has gotten fasteners.
 - b. Still need to get plywood for the face, drip edge, gravel, and concrete.
 - c. Also need to ask Carbo for the cedar shingles once we figure out how much is needed.
 - d. Dominic, Ted, and David O will work on the kiosks. Probably won't get done until mid-July because of vacation plans. Tentative date is around July 22.
7. Most people on the committee can do maintenance work on weekdays; Fridays seem to be the best.
8. Status of parking area at Halsey Lane: not started, to anyone's knowledge. Will check.
9. Invasive species: we would like to post photos and descriptions on kiosks and website, and ask people to take note of where they are to send to Carbo who will deal with them. People can drop a pin in their favorite mapping app, or just take a photo as long as location information is turned on.
10. Next Black Hills trail maintenance:
 - a. target is the Paddock Hill Trail

- b. Friday June 30 at 9:00 am, meet at Halsey Lane
 - c. Peggy will tell Carbo
 - d. bring same tools as before, but also bring lunch.
 - e. Peggy will borrow radios from Pioneer Camp.
11. The pump track is done. Discussion about ongoing maintenance and getting funding for that.
12. West Glover loop
- a. committee walk on Friday July 21 or 28 to plan for what needs to be done
 - b. bridge to Parker Rd. -- talk to Vicky Young. Part of the trail leading to that field has been improved
 - c. need planks on the snowmobile bridge to make it suitable for walking
13. Peggy met the new commissioner of forests, parks, and recreation and had a productive conversation. We will send them ideas that we have -- might be able to get more grant money. Ideas include:
- a. in Glover Park: pickle ball, volleyball, mountain bike trail, outdoor workout circuit, new sign
 - b. kayak storage at lake access points (might be problematic because of fishing access)
 - c. skating rink on the town green
14. The next Trails Committee meeting is scheduled for July 10.
15. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Dominijanni