

TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - Tuesday, July 17, 2018, 8.15 am.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8.20 am.

Oral Communications: None

Roll Call: Present: J. Coleman, A. Doherty, E. Ferrari, S. Gold, G. Hanning, M. Rothrock, J. Shefren, T. Lee. K. Stromeyer: Ranch Liaison, J. Bourne: Conservation Committee, J. Hansen, H. Young: Public Works Director. Absent: B. Eckstein.

Approval of Minutes: J. Shefren made a motion to approve, seconded by E. Ferrari, all were in favor.

Old Business: a. Monthly Trail Conditions, Work and Budget update (Discussion): H. Young has started work on Golden Hills and Hillbrook. Bills are just coming in so are not shown on the finance sheet. Still need to work on Larry Lane. Finished Minoca, Golden Hills and Palmer. Members commented on the ongoing problem with the front of Palmer. The back section looks nice. J. Coleman says there is a tree branch hanging very low at the Cherokee end. M. Rothrock says that the sign post at the top of Palmer is very overgrown. H. Young will address and he will also put Palmer on his list to re-do. J. Coleman talked to a homeowner re. improving Possum. Members need to walk this road and see the problem with re-establishing the trail. H. Young will check to see if there is a town easement here as J. Hansen remembers there being one.

S. Gold mentioned the plantings that have grown over the Alpine trail in front of the club. G. Hanning will check with Cynthia, the town planner, as comments were submitted when the club applied for their permit. H. Young will check with Eric, the manager, re. restoring the town trail.

b. Trail Use, Signage, and Markings: (Discussion): A tree on Nick Targ's property fell on the picnic table on the Hayfields' trail. The town cleared the tree even though it was the homeowner's responsibility. N. Targ was concerned because comments were made on social media that people could step around it before it was removed. N. Targ wanted it known that if you step off the town trail, you are on his private property. The Committee did not think anything should be done as the tree has been removed from the town trail.

c. Trail Conditions Audit: (Discussion): H. Young has ordered new signs with dog usage detailed more clearly. S. Gold thought the signs should not be too large as they would be easy to vandalise. Signs will be replaced with the standardized ones when they are damaged. It was felt that perhaps there was a need to have a more defined trail usage, similar to the ones MROSD have at the entrances to the Windy Hill Preserve. S. Gold will take a picture and send to committee.

S. Gold brought to the committee's attention the gobs of flour on the trails, most likely to mark a trail run for a group. MROSD is quite specific in not allowing any flour to mark trails as it is harmful to wildlife. Suggestion to put temporary signs up prohibiting this usage and also ask Brandi to notice it on the forum. S. Gold will draft a notice to send to H. Young. She will also enquire from MROSD why flour is bad for wildlife.

M. Rothrock says all the trails have been covered and there is no need for more photos this year. H. Young says this trial period to reduce chemical usage on trails to control weeds will go for another year or two. H. Young has prepared a Capital Improvement Plan for 5 years. \$20,000 has been allocated which can be increased as needed, depending on trail conditions as shown by the committee's photographic input. This latter input is very important and helps Howard determine a future course of action.

New Business: a. **Site Development Plans:** (Discussion, as filed and applicable): None

H. Young mentioned that the homeowner(s) on Paseo de Arroyo had asked that the town re-do and beautify the trail and remove the asphalt. This trail is near Ramies' garage on Alpine.

Other Business: E. Ferrari brought to the committee's attention that she had seen a tractor operating on the Blue Oaks clearing bush and hoped due diligence was being applied to any use of machines which can spark a fire in this volatile fire season. H. Young was going to remind Fire Chief, Denise Enea, about fire mitigation. The Fire Department does have Fire reminder signs around town asking residents to be careful.

Adjournment: E. Ferrari made a motion, M. Rothrock seconded, all were in agreement and the meeting was adjourned at 9.40 am.