

Approved Minutes of
Port Ludlow Trails & Natural Resources Committee
2 July, 2024

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Committee Officers / Voting Members	Name	Attendance
Chairperson	Larry Scott	Present
Natural Resources	Mark Makarowski	Not Present
Secretary	Karen West	Present
Treasurer	Tim Rensema	Present
Stewardship	Jane Navone	Not Present
Maintenance	Larry Scott	Present
PLVC Liaison	Jason Wright	Not Present
Member at Large	Soozie Darrow	Present
Member at Large	Jim Mueller	Present

Other Attendees

Dan Darrow, Doug Huber, Jerry Keck, Jeff Sarantopulos, Neil Vroegop and Michael Stuber.

Opening Remarks –1. Larry informed the committee that the Aug. 6 meeting will be via zoom. 2. He reported that the SBCA June 7 pancake breakfast raised \$450 for the Trails Committee Cemetery Fund. The Committee will send a thank you letter to the SBCA.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda of 2 July, 2024 was approved with the addition of a proposed plan for two kiosks to be added to the Timberton Loop Trailhead and the Interpretive Loop Trailhead. This will be discussed under Old Business.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 7 May 2024 and 4 June 2024 were approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

Finance

1. Tim R. reported that the Trails Committee spent \$66.61 for sign supplies/materials. He is waiting for a bill for last month's Scot's broom pull barbecue. (Estimated at \$209.38).
2. Operating funds (checking account balance verified with bank) of PLVC Trails are \$2,518.92. Reserves (savings account) balance is \$2,694.10. We received .22 in interest.
3. Total Trails funds: \$5,213.02.
4. Cemetery: Total remaining in the Cemetery account: \$284.68. No current activity Paul Hinton transferred \$450 from the pancake breakfast into the Trails account but it was too late to show up in this month's statement.
5. Anticipated future costs: Scot's broom pull party: \$200; Fish and Wildlife permit for log bridge: \$125; Refreshments for Fun Days: \$120; Maintenance for Trails Committee equipment: \$300; Providing electrical support for storage shed: \$1,500; Kiosk materials: \$125.

Natural Resources

1. Larry reported that training material is available to get people qualified to spray for Scot's broom. Anyone interested should contact the Trails Committee. One person needs to be trained as a supervisor who can then train others to participate.

Stewards

1. Jane N. was not in attendance, but she reported 667.25 volunteer hours so far for 2024. Using independentsector.org, national average volunteer hours are now valued at \$31.80.

Trails Status

- **Around the Bay Trail**
 - 1-12 –
 - 12-20 –
 - 20-25 –
 - 25-28 –
- **Bay Club Gazebo**
- **Beach Loop**—Weathered signs need refreshing.
- **DNR Connectors** –
 - Mt. Wilder-
 - Niblicks-
 - Teal Lake Loop-
- **Drew Cut--**
- **Dunsmuir Cut**—Needs mowing and whacking. Tim volunteered to do the whacking.
- **Estuary Trail**—
- **Golf 9 Loop**—Mown for second time.
- **Interpretive Native Plant Garden entrance**—1. Rock will be added as soon as the weather improves. The area is still wet.
- **Interpretive Loop** – 1. Build the bridge. The Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the final hurdle to the Trails Committee plan to incorporate a foot bridge across Ludlow Creek to connect the Ludlow Falls Interpretive Loop with the McCormick Loop and Railroad trails. Works schedules are pending, and the permit for completion of the bridge extends to 2025. Other trail projects need to be completed before the bridge. The state approval was conditioned on Trails workers staying out of the creek until July 16, 2024, when water levels are expected to be safe for fish. In the meantime, preliminary work can still be done outside the creek. In February, an alder tree fell across Ludlow Creek that will be modified for a bridge.
- **McCormick Loop** – 1. Mown for second time (partially). 2. A maintenance route could be developed in the spring. Other additional leveling is needed.
- **McCormick R/R Trail**—1. Need to level site and install picnic table at the junction of Loop & Rail Trail. 2. Three benches have been installed and a fourth location has been identified for another seating area near the creek. 3. Need to build additional Phillips bridge access trail. A hemlock tree trunk is blocking access to the Phillips bridge, but Larry reported there is no need to clear it until the bridge is repaired.
- **Montgomery Loop**—
- **Niblicks Loop** – 1. Mown for second time. To Do—Extend corduroy near creek crossing. Priority.
- **Oak Bay Trail**- 1. The Trails Committee voted to pursue extending the Oak Bay Trail from Swansonville Road to Walker, pending concerns from nearby homeowners. Last month, the Greenbelt Committee sent a letter regarding the proposed trail extension to nearby homeowners and received no complaints. But Jim M. reported that some pushback has since come in from homeowners. They are concerned that the proposed trail will be too close to their properties. The Trails Committee would like to develop the trail but will continue to monitor the feedback and coordinate with the Greenbelt

Committee and LMC. 2. The county is monitoring a willow tree leaning toward Oak Bay Road. Will clear if needed.

- **Old Cart Path Loop** --Michael Stuber, a homeowner near the trail, reported that tall grass near golf holes #1 and #2 are fire hazards. The local HOA has reached agreement with the Golf Course for maintenance crews to mow a 30-40' wide buffer zone to deter fire. Michael also said thistle is a problem and wanted advice on how and when to dispose of it.
- **Olympic Terrace Loop**—Mown for second time. 1. Need to widen corduroy near junction with Teal Lake Loop. (Low priority). 2. Possible alternate connection to Niblicks/OT II connector. OK to pioneer route.
- **Osprey Trail**—Blocked drainage has been cleared. Need to review steps nearby. Possible additional drainpipe needed.
- **Picnic Point**—
- **Rainier**
 - **Lower** –
 - **Upper** –
- **Talbot Trail**- 1. LMC Greenbelt clearing some growth and underbrush as an experiment in fire control costs. DNR representatives observed and complemented the work.
- **Talbot/Rainier Connection**—
- **Teal Lake Loop**—1. Side growth partially weed whacked. More is needed and Doug H. requested additional mowing.
- **Timberton Loop** –1. Mown for second time. 2. One of two Beaver Dam Loop signs are missing.
- **Timberton Homes** –1. Mown for second time.
- **Timberton ABT Connection**— 1. Mown for second time. Need to find soggy source.
- **Ward's Walk**—Needs weed whacking. Tim volunteered to do this.
- **Wells Court** —
- **Old Business** – 1. Still investigating options for power to storage shed at golf course. Cost and security issues need to be considered. Possible solar solution. Power draw analyzed-lower cost unit should accommodate needs. 2. Maps for vacation houses promo. The committee agreed to provide 15 maps each month at a cost of 50 cents per map as opposed to \$1 that had been agreed upon previously. The maps will be included in the promotional packets. 3. The committee voted unanimously to approve a plan to add two kiosks near park entrances for Timberton Loop Trailhead and Interpretive Loop Trailhead with a budget of \$125. John F. plans to use his own wood to build the kiosks, keeping costs down. The Timberton kiosk is tentatively planned to replace the existing sign at the trail entrance. The Interpretive kiosk will tentatively be installed to the right of the path that leads up to Ludlow Falls.
- **New Business – Setting Goals & Priorities (open discussion)** –1. Community Opportunity Fair Aug. 27. The Trails Committee will have a representative there and will share a table with the Hiking Club.

Adjournment

Committee members agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting

0900 6 August, Zoom.

Karen West

Secretary



Fire Department Training Session for rescue over the Ludlow Falls Creek.

