

Approved Minutes of
Port Ludlow Trails & Natural Resources Committee
6 August, 2024

Call to Order

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

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

Other Attendees

Dan Darrow, John Fillers, Jerry Keck, Denny Schuch.

Opening Remarks -1. The August meeting, originally planned for Zoom, was in person at the Beach Club chaired by Mark Makarowski.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda of 6 August, 2024 was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 2 July, 2024 were approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

Finance

1. Tim R. reported that the Trails Committee spent \$158.26 for supplies/mowing/refreshments. We received a bill for \$209 for June's Scot's broom pull barbecue. It will show up in the September finance report.
2. Operating funds (checking account balance verified with bank) of PLVC Trails are \$2,810.66. Reserves (savings account) balance is \$2,694.33. We received .23 in interest.
3. Total Trails funds: \$5,504.99.
4. Cemetery: Total remaining in the Cemetery account: \$734.68. Paul Hinton transferred \$450 from the pancake breakfast, which was dedicated to the Cemetery project, into the Trails account. Cost for the Cemetery GPR survey is \$4,000 so this project has been put off until 2025.
5. Anticipated future costs: Scot's broom pull party: \$209; Refreshments for Fun Days: \$120; Maintenance for Trails Committee equipment: \$300; Providing

electrical support for storage shed: \$1,500 (on hold); Kiosk materials: \$100; Materials for the Ludlow Creek Bridge: \$1,000. (Depending on design).

6. Tim will not be at the September Trails meeting so there will be no Treasurers report. He has paid all the bills to date and does not expect any major changes.

Natural Resources

1. Training material is available from WSU extension for people to get qualified to spray for Scot's broom. This is an on-line training course, and anyone interested should contact the Trails Committee. It was suggested that the committee consider organizing removal of Tansy Ragwort as well as Scot's broom.

Stewards

1. Jane N. reported 836.75 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**
 - o **1-12** -
 - o **12-20** -
 - o **20-25** -
 - o **25-28** -
- **Bay Club Gazebo**
- **Beach Loop**—Weathered signs need refreshing. John F. will work on that.
- **DNR Connectors** -
 - o **Mt. Wilder-**
 - o **Niblicks-**
 - o **Teal Lake Loop-**
- **Drew Cut--**
- **Dunsmuir Cut**—Needs mowing and whacking. This has been done.
- **Estuary Trail**—
- **Golf 9 Loop**—Mown for second time.
- **Interpretive Native Plant Garden entrance**—1. Weather has improved and rock can now be added pending availability of the tractor.
- **Interpretive Loop** - 1. Build the bridge. Jerry K. reported that work has begun on switchbacks for the connector trail from beyond the bridge at the Ludlow Falls Interpretive Loop to the McCormick Loop and Railroad trails. Work on the bridge is still under way. In February, a 60-foot-long alder tree fell across Ludlow Creek that will be modified for a bridge.
- **McCormick Loop** - 1. 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. Consider building an 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. To Do—Extend corduroy near creek crossing. Partially done. This was a major effort with many volunteers. Corduroy was placed using three

dangerously leaning alders. They were felled, split and placed. Awaiting equipment availability to spread soil on top to finish.

- **Oak Bay Trail-** 1. The Trails Committee is pursuing extending the Oak Bay Trail from Swansonville Road to Walker, pending concerns from nearby homeowners. Trails will not move ahead with the plan until it receives final approval from the Greenbelt Committee and the LMC board. In June, the Greenbelt Committee approved the trail extension after it received no complaints from its letter to homeowners regarding the plan. Since then, however, some residents have voiced concerns, so the Greenbelt Committee plans to send a second letter to homeowners to document those concerns. 2. A willow tree that was leaning toward Oak Bay Road has been cleared.
- **Old Cart Path Loop** -Growth projecting through bridges needs attention.
- **Olympic Terrace Loop**—1. Need to widen corduroy near junction with Teal Lake Loop. (Low priority). 2. Possible alternate connection to Niblicks/OT II connector. Route flagged and can be pioneered. Connects to Niblicks along maintenance road segment. Passes along many stumps from original logging. The tentative trail name is Springboard Trail. This Springboard Trail could also loop connect to the Mt. Wilder DNR Trail (already have approval). Future maintenance in this area should be minimal due to lack of undergrowth.
- **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. About 10 percent of the work has been done.
- **Talbot/Rainier Connection**—
- **Teal Lake Loop**—1. Side growth partially weed whacked. Continuing operation.
- **Timberton Loop** -1. The missing Beaver Dam Loop sign has been replaced.
- **Timberton Homes** -
- **Timberton ABT Connection**— 1. Need to find soggy source.
- **Ward's Walk**—Weed whacking has been done.
- **Wells Court** —
- **Old Business** - 1. Options for power to storage shed at golf course are still being considered. However, the possibility of using exterior solar panels is being reconsidered after an attempted break-in to the shed was discovered. The matter has been tabled until the question of security of exterior solar panels can be investigated further.
- **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 3 September, Bay Club.

Karen West

Secretary





