

Approved Minutes of
Port Ludlow Trails & Natural Resources Committee
3 September 2024
Let's keep improving our trails.

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	Not Present
Stewardship	Jane Navone	Not Present
Maintenance	Larry Scott	Present
PLVC Liaison	Jason Wright	Present
Member at Large	Soozie Darrow	Present
Member at Large	Jim Mueller	Not Present

Other Attendees

Dan Darrow, Neil Vroegop

Opening Remarks -1. Larry reported that the August Community Opportunity Fair event generated 13 new sign-ups for the Trails Committee. The committee welcomes volunteers to help maintain Port Ludlow's network of walking/hiking/biking trails. 2. Larry also laid out plans for the opening of the Interpretive-McCormick trail extension. Work is progressing and the tentative plan is to open the new trail extension by Thanksgiving.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was discussed. No quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Lack of quorum delayed approval of the August minutes until the October meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports

Finance

1. Tim R. was not present but previously reported that there would be no change from the August Treasurer's report.

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.

Stewards

1. Jane N. was not at the meeting but reported in August that Trails has logged 922.75 volunteer hours so far for 2024. Using independentsector.org, national average volunteer hours are now valued at \$31.80. 2. There is a need for a new steward for the Springboard trail at the Mt. Wilder cul-de-sac.

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** -
 - **Olympic Terrace II Loop**—Needs clearing at junction of DNR where logging cleared area.
 - **Niblicks Loop**-
 - **Teal Lake Loop**-
- **Drew Cut**--
- **Dunsmuir Cut**—.
- **Estuary Trail**—
- **Golf 9 Loop**—
- **Interpretive Native Plant Garden entrance** - 1. Rock has been added to the garden area as well as an additional layer of chips on the corduroy path.
- **Interpretive Loop** - 1. The connector trail from beyond the bridge at the Ludlow Falls Interpretive Loop to the McCormick Rail Trail is done. Work on the future bridge will soon be under way. In February, a 60-foot-long alder tree fell across Ludlow Creek that will be modified for a bridge. (There is red tape marking the trail across each end of the log to discourage use).
- **McCormick Loop** - 1. A maintenance route needs to be finished. 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. Need to add soil.
- **Oak Bay Trail**- 1. Proceeding through the LMC process. The Trails Committee is still pursuing extending the Oak Bay Trail from Swansonville Road to Walker, pending concerns from nearby homeowners.
- **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. Niblicks/OT II connector, known as the Springboard Trail, is mostly done. The trail passes by several stumps with evidence of springboard use from original logging. It could also connect to the OT II-DNR Trail.

- **Osprey Trail**—Blocked drainage has been cleared. Need to review steps nearby. Possible additional drainpipe needed.
- **Picnic Point**—
- **Rainier**
 - o **Lower** -
 - o **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. 2. One downed tree has been cleared.
- **Talbot/Rainier Connection**—
- **Teal Lake Loop**—1. Side growth partially weed whacked. Continuing operation.
- **Timberton Loop** -
- **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.
- **New Business - Setting Goals & Priorities (open discussion)** -1. The 13 new signups will be added to future Trails Committee e-mail blasts.

Adjournment

Committee members agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting

0900 1 October, Beach Club.

Karen West

Secretary

Springboard Trail

