

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

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9 a.m.

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

| Other Attendees |
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| Dan Darrow, Neil Vroegop, John Fillers, Jerry Keck, Tom Lindow, Sally and John Nuerenberg and Pete Porter. |

Opening Remarks –1. Larry reported that the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) needs support with personnel and funding. He said the PLVC is a viable and important all-volunteer, nonprofit entity and urged committee members to support it. He urged anyone interested in learning more about PLVC to attend Town Hall meetings that will be held Nov. 11 at the Beach Club and Nov. 12 at the Bay Club. The Trails Committee receives \$1,000 annually from PLVC, in addition to being able to use the organization’s nonprofit status to apply for grants. The PLVC is the representative body for all Port Ludlow residents, including in discussions with Jefferson County and the State of Washington.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

The October Trails minutes were approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

Finance

1. Tim R. reported that the only two actions the Committee had were in August: \$8.99 to Tim R. for refreshments and receipt of \$50 from Karen West as a donation.
2. Operating funds (checking account balance verified with bank) of PLVC Trails are \$1,294.45. But Tim explained that after subtracting the \$784.68 that remains in the Cemetery Account, the actual remaining operating funds are \$509.77. Reserves (savings account) balance is \$2,695.01 (interest in Oct. .23)
3. Total Trails funds: \$3,989.46. (\$2,695.01 is reserve and \$784.68 is cemetery, leaving \$509.77 for operating funds for the rest of 2024).

4. Total remaining in the Cemetery Account: \$784.68. Tim reiterated that he plans to submit another grant proposal for a ground penetrating radar survey to locate graves in the old cemetery along Oak Bay Road. The survey would cost at least \$4,000.
5. Tim reported that the total cost of the Ludlow Creek Bridge was \$1,074.09.
6. Anticipated future costs: 1. Providing electrical support for storage shed. Cost still to be determined. 2. Approximately \$100 for bridge at the new Phillips Loop trail. 3. Tim warned that there could be a reduced donation from PLVC.
7. Tim also submitted – and the Trails Committee approved – a 2025 Proposed Trails Budget of \$4,000.

Natural Resources

1. Mark M. reported that the annual Trails Bird House Cleaning near the Golf Course will be organized for early Spring.
2. Tom Lindow indicated he plans to become certified to spray for Scot's broom. An online training course and other material is available from WSU extension. Anyone else interested in becoming qualified to spray for Scot's broom should contact the Trails Committee.

Stewards

1. Jane N. reported that Trails stewards have logged 1,218.75 volunteer hours so far for 2024. Using independentsector.org, national average volunteer hours are now valued at \$31.80. 2. Three new stewards: Gerry Allen for Picnic Point; Laura and Bard Smith, backups for Olympic Terrace Loop; Tom Lindow for the Springboard Trail.

Trails Status

- **Around the Bay Trail**
 - 1-12 –
 - 12-20 –
 - 20-25 –
 - 25-28 –
- **Bay Club Gazebo**
- **Beach Loop**—Weathered signs need refreshing. Various other signs appear to have refreshed paint.
- **DNR Connectors** –
 - **Olympic Terrace Loop**—
 - **Niblicks Loop**-
 - **Teal Lake Loop**-
- **Drew Cut**--
- **Dunsmuir Cut**—.
- **Estuary Trail**—
- **Golf 9 Loop**—Cleared three small blown-down trees.
- **Interpretive Native Plant Garden entrance** – 1. Mark M. reported that $\frac{3}{4}$ clean basalt rock has been spread and that an additional layer of chips has been added to the garden area.
- **Interpretive Loop** – 1. The bridge connecting the Ludlow Falls Interpretive Loop to the McCormick Rail Trail has been built. Still need to install steps along the connector trail. Two more benches will eventually be installed. (A 60-foot-long alder tree that fell across Ludlow Creek in February was modified for the bridge).
- **McCormick Loop** – 1. A maintenance route needs to be finished. Other additional leveling is needed.
- **McCormick R/R Trail**—1. A hemlock tree is blocking access to the Phillips bridge, but Larry reported there is no need to clear it until the bridge is repaired and the new Phillips Loop trail is completed. 2. A picnic table and bench have been installed at the far end of the trail.
- **Montgomery Loop**—
- **Niblicks Loop** – 1. Larry reported that the area is staying dry at the notorious wet section.
- **Oak Bay Trail**- 1. Still proceeding through the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) process. The Trails Committee would like to extend the Oak Bay Trail from Swansonville Road to Walker

but is awaiting final approval. Some nearby homeowners have raised concerns that still need to be reviewed.

- **Old Cart Path Loop** –Cleared a large, downed tree.
- **Olympic Terrace Loop**—1. Cleared two small blown-down trees. Laura and Bard Smith have volunteered to be backup stewards.
- **Osprey Trail**—Blocked drainage has been cleared. Need to review steps nearby. Possible additional drainpipe needed.
- **Phillips Loop** –Work is continuing on a new trail from the Interpretive Loop to McCormick Rail Trail along Oak Bay Road. There are opportunities for more benches and overlook sites.
- **Picnic Point**—New steward: Gerry Allen.
- **Rainier**
 - **Lower** –
 - **Upper** –
- **Springboard Trail** – 1. Need to flag/pioneer leg two (Springboard to OT II-DNR Trail). 2. Cleared two large and one small blown-down trees. 3. Tom Lindow is a new steward.
- **Talbot Trail**- 1. LMC Greenbelt clearing some growth and underbrush (now at Walker) as an experiment in fire control costs.
- **Talbot/Rainier Connection**—
- **Teal Lake Loop**—1. Side growth partially weed whacked. Continuing operation. Doug H. will do this. 2. Rayonier has alerted us that they plan to burn slash piles this winter at Teal Lake Loop and may create smoke.
- **Timberton Loop** – Neil V. reported that members of the local homeowner’s association have installed a new sign indicating “No Overnight Parking.” This is a commercial metal sign on a metal pole.
- **Timberton Homes** – HOA installed an additional “No Overnight Parking” sign. This sign is wood with white lettering similar to Trails’ signs.
- **Timberton ABT Connection**— 1. Need to find soggy source. Neil V. did some weed whacking but could not locate the soggy source.
- **Ward’s Walk**—
- **Wells Court** —

Old Business – 1. Options for power to storage shed at golf course are still unresolved. A power pack costing about \$500 is a possibility as opposed to the more costly solar power.

New Business – Setting Goals & Priorities (open discussion) – None.

Adjournment

Committee members agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m. at the Beach Club.

Karen West

Secretary

