

APPROVED Minutes of  
 Port Ludlow Trails & Natural Resources Committee  
 4 February 2025  
*Let's keep improving our trails.*

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9 a.m.

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

<b>Other Attendees</b>
Dan Darrow, John Fillers, Jerry Keck, Pete Porter and Jeff Sarantopoulos

**Opening Remarks** –1. Larry informed the Trails Committee that he will meet with representatives of the new PLVC Board to determine priorities for the Trails Committee.

**Approval of Agenda**

The February 4, 2025 agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

The January 7, 2025 Trails minutes were approved.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

*Finance*

1. Tim R. reported that Trails has reached total funding for 2025, thanks to annual donations (\$1,000 each) from Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC), South Bay Community Association (SBCA), Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) and Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC).
2. The big purchase in late January was \$709.15 for the interpretive signs for the new Creek View Loop trail. The cost of the signs was \$557.64 and \$151.51 went for materials (wood, plexiglass, etc.). Trails had estimated \$700 total but was overspent by \$9.15.
3. Tim reported that the cemetery Ground Penetrating Radar survey is scheduled for April 8 and is being paid for through previous Cemetery Fund donations. The survey is expected to take half a day. Tim will remove ground vegetation for this project, which will help locate graves in the old cemetery along Oak Bay Road.
4. Trails Operating funds (checking account balance verified with bank): \$9,085.65. Reserves (savings account) balance: \$2,695.69 (\$.23 interest).
5. Total Trails funds: \$11,781.34. Larry reminded the Committee that the total Trails funds amount reflects recent donations to the Cemetery Fund, which is a stand-alone line item. Without the Cemetery funds, the total Trails funds are: \$6,796.66.

6. Total remaining in the Cemetery Account: \$4,984.68. (The survey cost is \$4,500 with 9 percent tax, \$4,905). Tim said most of this will be spent on the ground survey.
7. The amount to be transferred from 2024 end-of-year Trails operating funds into the reserve (savings) account is: \$284.91.
8. Anticipated new costs for 2025 (and previously accepted by the Committee) include: Signs for the new Creek View Loop Trail (\$709); Benches for Creek View Loop Trail (\$500); Repair logging bridge over Ludlow Creek (\$700).
9. The Committee approved the following revised budget adjustments for 2025: Zero for construction of new trails (McCormick and Oak Bay); \$600 for sign replacement/maintenance; \$400 for mowing; \$325 for trail maintenance supplies; \$75 for equipment; zero for training; \$100 for garden upgrade; zero for natural resources Interpretive signs; \$500 for food and refreshments; \$100 for shed/electrical; \$1,900 for Creek View Loop signs, benches and bridge – Total: \$4,000. (See attached spreadsheet for further information).
10. Tim reintroduced Pete Porter, a new South Bay resident, who has volunteered to take over Treasurer duties beginning in April. Tim will remain as a backup Treasurer.

### *Natural Resources Stewards*

1. Jane N. was not at the meeting but reported that for the month of January, stewards logged 124.5 hours. Using independentsector.org, national average volunteer hours are 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.
- **Creek View Loop** – Jerry K. reported that the trail is nearly complete. 1. Old road route needs finishing. 2. Overview bench locations need clearing and benches need placing. 3. Old bridge crossing needs upgrade. Tim R. reported that when the trail officially opens, hikers should be aware that they might encounter small glass remnants on the trail.
- **DNR Connectors** –
  - **Olympic Terrace Loop**—
  - **Niblicks Loop**—
  - **Teal Lake Loop**—
- **Drew Cut**—
- **Dunsmuir Cut**—
- **Estuary Trail**—
- **Golf 9 Loop**—
- **Interpretive Loop** – 1. Tim R. adjusted rebar pins at steps.
- **Interpretive -McCormick Connector** –1. Still muddy in two locations. Jerry K. suggested putting in wood chips. Drainage pipe and trenching provided. 2. Needs steps in steeper areas. 3. Needs two benches installed.
- **Interpretive Native Plant Garden entrance** –
- **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 Creek View Loop bridge, but Larry reported there is no need to clear it until the new trail is completed.
- **Montgomery Loop**—
- **Niblicks Loop** –

- **Oak Bay Trail-** 1. Extend to Walker from Swansonville Road. Now on the To Do list.
- **Old Cart Path Loop –**
- **Olympic Terrace Loop –**Tim cleared downed tree.
- **Osprey Trail—**
- **Picnic Point—**
- **Rainier**
  - Lower –
  - Upper –
- **Springboard Trail –** 1. Need to flag/pioneer leg two (Springboard to OT II-DNR Trail). Tim and Jerry are scouting a new trail.
- **Talbot Trail-** 1. LMC Greenbelt clearing some growth and underbrush as an experiment in fire control costs. Trails has loaned Greenbelt its power saw, five batteries and two chargers.
- **Talbot/Rainier Connection—**
- **Teal Lake Loop—**Tim moved a small tree.
- **Timberton Loop –**
- **Timberton Homes –**
- **Timberton ABT Connection—** 1. Need to find soggy source. Pete P. has some ideas and plans to work on this.
- **Ward’s Walk—**
- **Wells Court —**

**Old Business –** 1. Options for power to storage shed at golf course are still unresolved because of high costs. 2. Tim will continue discussions with PLVC representatives regarding the possibility of exercise stations on or near Port Ludlow trails.

**New Business – Setting Goals & Priorities (open discussion) –**

**Adjournment**

Committee members agreed to adjourn the meeting.

**Next Meeting**

9 a.m. Tuesday, March 4 at the Bay Club.

**Karen West**

**Secretary**



