

Approved Minutes of  
Port Ludlow Trails & Natural Resources Committee  
7 November 2023

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

**Other Attendees**

Denny Schuch, Dan Darrow, Jerry Keck, John Fillers, Neil Vroegop and John Nuereberg.

**Opening Remarks**

(1) Map development update was moved to the end of the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda**

Agenda of 7 November 2023 was approved as written.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of 3 October 2023 meeting were approved.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

**Finance**

- (1) Tim R. was not at the meeting but submitted a written November Trails Treasury report. Finance report was approved.
- (2) Operating funds of PLVC Trails are \$5218.61. Reserves are \$8740.46, earning \$.74 interest. Total trail funds: \$13959.07.
- (3) No change to LTAC (Lodging Tax Advisory Council) funding. Total LTAC grant of \$4400 now has \$2657.26 remaining. The major cost remaining for LTAC is the purchase of the newly designed trail maps. Final coordination still needs to be completed with PLA to finish the maps. If funds remain after the purchase, they can be used toward more benches.
- (4) The amount remaining in the cemetery account is \$69.98. Tim reported that the committee purchased fence posts and chain link to delineate the cemetery. The cost was \$764.61. Tim, Jim Mueller, Jack Rikken and Dick Osburn installed the fence on Oct. 24. Twelve more posts still need to be installed.
- (5) In an effort to determine how many graves exist in the cemetery and whether they are adults or children, Tim has applied for a grant from the Department of

Archaeology and Historic Preservation for \$6625 for a ground penetrating radar survey. If the survey is funded, Tim hopes to complete the contract by August 2024. He has cleared it with LMC through the Cemetery Subcommittee. For about \$500, the committee can get a survey done of the property to identify where the Minerva Jane Walker marble monument is located. Dick Osburn is working with the landowner.

- (6) There was discussion on the need to prepare and hopefully approve the 2024 budget at the December meeting. This will require Tim to present a financial report with YTD information by budget category for review and use this information to prepare the suggested 2024 budget.

### **Natural Resources**

Mark. M. reported that the Golf Course Bird House Project to clean and maintain the approximately sixty-five bird houses on the course and the Golf 9 Loop trail should get under way in December. Three teams in golf carts will be needed.

### **Stewards**

Jane N. reported 1902.75 volunteer hours for 2023 YTD. (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**
- **DNR Connectors**
  - o **Mt. Wilder**- 1. Need to cut back large encroaching Scot's broom along DNR road/trail.
  - o **Niblicks**
  - o **Teal Lake Loop**
- **Drew Cut**
- **Dunsmuir Cut**
- **Estuary Trail**
- **Golf 9 Loop**
- **Interpretive Entrance to the Native Garden** --Note new designation. "Native" has been reapplied in the name.
- **Interpretive Loop** - **1.** The committee thanked Soozie, Denny, Jim, Jack, Dan, David, Barbara, Mark, Hayley and Maureen for helping to spread fresh bark/wood chips to the trail leading to and around the garden. **2.** Gravel needed for pathway between garden beds - about three yards. Board authorized the purchase of gravel for the Interpretive trail head, should it exceed the \$200 expenditure limit. Mark will purchase the gravel and have it delivered to the trail head. Will also need power wagon and crew to spread.
- **McCormick "Loop"** - Westerly direction is complete, just needs some weed whacking. Great job to everyone who helped. Focus now is on the easterly direction. Weather permitting, this should be done by the end of November. John F. to take over the lead on Wednesdays and Thursdays in Tim's absence. Plan to

continue to meet up in the Village parking lot at 9 a.m. and then carpool to the work site.

- **McCormick R/R Trail**—1. Nearly completed. Approximately 200 to 300 yards left to the loop segment. 2. Tim and Jerry flagged the switchback route from Interpretive to junction at rail trail. Permit for the new bridge is in process - Tim, Larry and Jerry. 3. John F. also distributed a written progress report and chart of both trails.
- **Montgomery Loop**—
- **Niblicks Loop**
  - **I -To-Do**—Extend corduroy near creek crossing. (Low priority)
- **Oak Bay Trail**- Per Fire Chief request, Jerry added additional blockage to the construction shortcut behind the fire station.
- **Old Cart Path Loop**
- **Olympic Terrace Loop**—To Do—1. Need to widen corduroy near junction with Teal Lake Loop. (Low priority). 2. Possible alternate connection to Niblicks/OT II connector. Awaiting final construction clearance.
- **Osprey Trail**
- **Picnic Point**
- **Rainier**
  - **Lower**
  - **Upper**
  - **Wells Ridge to ABT**
- **Talbot Trail**-
- **Talbot/Rainier Connection**
- **Teal Lake Loop**—Need temporary signage on west side (where logging road is located).
- **Timberton Loop**
- **Timberton Homes**
- **Timberton ABT Connection**— John F. plans to install three signs in the area once the new trail map is finalized.
- **Ward's Walk**

**Old Business** (1) John Fillers presented a draft of the new trails map. Proof is yet to be finalized. New features of the map include a QR code and additions of the new Oak Bay Trail and the nearly complete McCormick Trail. The committee praised John's work on the map and suggested a few revisions, including enhancing the bike route symbols and switching to glossy paper.

**New Business- Setting Goals & Priorities (open discussion)** 1. Enough goals. Primary to complete McCormick R/R and Loop trails.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was approved.

## **Next Meeting**

0900 5 December, Beach Club.

**Karen West**  
**Secretary**



The crew at the Interpretive Entrance to the Native Garden.