

(Amended) Minutes of
Port Ludlow Trails & Natural Resources Committee
6 February 2024

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	Present
Secretary	Karen West	Present
Treasurer	Tim Rensema	Present
Stewardship	Jane Navone	Present
Maintenance	Larry Scott	Present
PLVC Liaison	Jason Wright	Present
Member at Large	Soozie Darrow	Present
Member at Large	Jim Mueller	Present

Other Attendees

Denny Schuch, Dan Darrow, Jerry Keck, Dean Morgan, Chris Wheatley and Doug Huber.

(Amended) Opening Remarks -Discussion of a recent meeting of the new Puget Sound to Pacific (PS2P) Collaborative, a consortium of three non-profit organizations planning to finish a 200-mile biking and walking trail connecting Bainbridge Island on Puget Sound to the Pacific Coast at La Push. Tim Rensema and Jerry Keck attended a recent PS2P meeting and reported that the group is planning to extend the Olympic Discovery Trail between the Hood Canal Bridge and Port Angeles, with trails running through Port Ludlow. The proposed trails also include installing bridges across Ludlow Falls. The Trails Committee agreed to monitor the project to determine how Port Ludlow trails will be impacted. Tim, Jerry and Larry will attend future meetings and offer input if needed regarding our local trails. Jerry reported that the project got a boost in June 2023 when the City of Port Angeles was awarded a \$16.13 million RAISE Discretionary Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The funds will be used to close 100 miles of gaps between the two regional trails on either side of the Hood Canal Bridge: the Olympic Discovery trail in Jefferson and Clallam Counties, and the Sound to Olympics trail in Kitsap County.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda of 6 February 2024 was approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of 2 January 2024 meeting were approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

Finance

- (1) Tim R. reported that operating funds (verified with bank) of PLVC Trails are \$2,562.42. Reserves are \$8,742.67, earning \$.75 interest. Total Trail funds: \$11,305.09.
- (2) Amount remaining for operations (minus Cemetery) is: \$2,477.74.
Transactions In January 2024:
 01/02: \$278.88 for gravel.
 01/02: \$671.72 for sign supplies, trails supplies, refreshments after maintenance work.
 01/18: Transfer in from LMC for \$1,000.
 01/22: Transfer in from PLVC for \$1,000.
 01/26: \$28.07 for sign supplies.
- (3) Total remaining in the Cemetery account is \$84.68. Tim reported that the Trails Committee was not selected for the Cemetery Grant program. He said there were twice as many grant requests as funds available, but no other reasons were given. The estimated cost to conduct the ground penetrating radar survey was \$6,500. Another \$500 was estimated to conduct a survey to find the missing monument. Tim plans to submit an article to the Voice requesting funds for that survey. Another possible source of funding could be LTAC grants in October.
- (4) Given the low amount of operations funds that were transferred (after the checks that were processed from 2023 that were paid in January 2024) that left less than \$500 from our operations expenses. The Committee voted to transfer the \$477.74 remaining in the Operations account from 2023 to the Reserves account as is our tradition at the end of each year.
- (5) Regarding the Reserve account, Tim suggested transferring \$5,000 into a CD at about 4.5% interest rather than leaving it in the savings account earning no or little interest. Moved and seconded but defeated. After some discussion, the committee decided to keep the reserves local and readily available.

Natural Resources

- (1) Mark Makarowski thanked the volunteers who helped with the December Project Birdhouse to clean and maintain the approximately 65 birdhouses on the golf course and the adjacent Old Cart Path Loop trail. The effort was featured in the February issue of The Voice. Mark added that he built several more birdhouses.

Stewards

Jane N. reported 61.25 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**
- **DNR Connectors**
 - o **Mt. Wilder-**

- o **Niblicks**-Chris Wheatley reported that someone has been maintaining this trail.
 - o **Teal Lake Loop**-Will need to close trail in 2024 for timber harvesting.
- **Drew Cut**
- **Dunsmuir Cut**—Needs weed whacking/mowing—not immediate issue.
- **Estuary Trail**
- **Golf 9 Loop**—Wet in some places.
- **Interpretive Native Plant Garden entrance**—Add rock when weather improves.
- **Interpretive Loop** - Still planning to pursue ways to build a bridge connecting to the McCormick Rail Trail. Earlier this month, a tree fell across Ludlow Falls that could possibly be modified for a bridge, pending permits.
- **McCormick Loop** - 1. The hiking route is completed. A maintenance route could be developed in the spring.
- **McCormick R/R Trail**—1. Hiking route is completed. 2. Need to level site and install picnic table at the junction of Loop & Rail Trail. 3. Benches on the trail also will be installed.
- **Montgomery Loop**—
- **Niblicks Loop**
 - o 1. -To-Do—Extend corduroy near creek crossing. (Low priority)
- **Oak Bay Trail**- Needs remedial drainage. Done.
- **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**—Needs a few more steps and some side rail timber maintenance.
- **Picnic Point**—The anchored benches survived this year’s King Tides.
- **Rainier**
 - o **Lower**
 - o **Upper** -Jack Rikken is putting in rock borrowed from the Interpretive Garden.
 - o **Well’s Ridge to ABT**
- **Talbot Trail**- In good shape.
- **Talbot/Rainier Connection**
- **Teal Lake Loop**—Will need to temporarily close trail in 2024 for timber harvesting.
- **Timberton Loop** -Temporarily closed for timber harvesting. Anticipated completion in March.
- **Timberton Homes**
- **Timberton ABT Connection**— 1. Lower access route remains soggy - need to find source.
- **Ward’s Walk--**
- **Well’s Ridge Court--**

Old Business. 1. Laminated QR codes will be installed at kiosk and trail heads. 2. Possible purchase of ATV for trail maintenance work.

New Business- Setting Goals & Priorities (open discussion).

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved.

Next Meeting

0900 5 March, Bay Club.

Karen West

Secretary

