



**BAYFIELD
AREA TRAILS**

**Bayfield Area Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 14th @ 3 – 4:30 pm (via Zoom)**

Participants:

- Committee members present: Bratsch (joined late), Fahrenkrog, Kitchell, Rothe
- Committee members absent: Finn, Lang, Meierotto, Van Stappen
- Communications Subcommittee: none present
- Trails Subcommittee: Ipsen, Wegerson

Review previous meeting notes: Change date of County Forestry & Parks meeting to June 13th.

Vice-chair: Nomination and selection of Vice-Chair tabled due to lack of quorum

Round Robin Reports from Committee members

1. **Landmark** (Lang): Purchase agreement with Maki family for the Brownstone Trail property has been signed. Now the focus is on fundraising for 1) land purchase and moving of the business; 2) trail and site restoration.
2. **County** (Bratsch):
 - 3 new restrooms/privies installed at 1) Lost Creek Falls; 2) CAMBA Whiting Rd. trailhead; 3) Siskiwit Preserve.
 - Lots of progress at Siskiwit Preserve:
 - Mowing west side trail, loop around the meadow
 - Flagged trail on the East side of the river
 - The County reps. have walked the previously flagged nordic trail; and they plan to move forward with getting things ready for next year's nordic skiing season.
 - Starting to make plans for burning the meadow for pollinator habitat
3. **Ashwabay (AOEF)** (Finn): absent
4. **Town of Bayfield** (Fahrenkrog) – see Briefing memo to Town Board (attached)
 - Big Ravine wetlands acquisition:
 - all funds have been secured;
 - things are on track to close on purchasing the property, hopefully by August;
 - plan to lay out and construct trail and wetland viewing platform by the end of the field season.
 - Pikes Creek Hatchery Trail:
 - land use agreement with DNR and the Town is on track for approval very soon.
 - Most of the funds needed to cover the cost of trail construction have been secured; waiting on one more grant to be announced in early July.
 - Planning to build the trail in October
 - Bridge: grant submitted for more than 50% of the cost; other grants and donations will be pursued, with the goal of installing bridge next season.
 - Starting to explore the possibility of cost-sharing with the County, using Coastal Management grant, to do a recreation plan for Fire Tower Hill property.
 - The Town has received ARPA funds; it has been suggested that BATs submit request for trail funding for consideration at the July 11th Town Board meeting.
5. **Red Cliff** (Meierotto): absent
 - Follow-up on Letter regarding BATs incorporation: defer until the vice VanBergen position is filled.
6. **NPS** (Van Stappen): absent.
7. **Town of Bell/Cornucopia Trails Club:** (Rothe):
 - Pratt's Peak:

- CTC reps. recently walked the proposed trails with Will Krift of Trails Anonymous to assess trail construction and received helpful/positive input.
 - County has put the use agreement on the back burner for a couple of months.
 - Efforts are underway to schedule a field visit with County reps.
 - On-the-ground project work dates TBD.
 - o Siskiwit: there are possibilities for CTC to assist County with the development and maintenance of these trails.
 - o Jodi Road (kettles): this is another area on County land to be explored for volunteer trail projects and adopt-a-trail.
8. **City: (Kitchell)**
- o Rain garden workshop on June 11th went well, despite undesirable weather.
 - o Big Ravine: rock steps by the waterfall have been rebuilt; issues on the school trail resolved.
 - o Waterfront Walk along the harbor has been fully renovated/repaved.
 - o Halvor Reiten Park: Looking at repairing the end of Dock L and reestablishing a foot path.

Trails Subcommittee (TsC): Wegerson, Ipsen, Johnson, Kitchell

- Request approval for governance updates: Tabled due to lack of quorum
 - o Charter revisions
 - o TsC members
- Training report: Tabled due to lack of forum.
 - o There was some discussion about chainsaw operating practices, including: PPE, requiring a swamper, swamper training, developing a chainsaw operating checklist to be included in the BATs Operations Manual. **ACTION:** This will be put on the Trails Subcommittee agenda.
- 2022 Adopt-a-Trail program: most of the discussion was table due to lack of quorum.
 - o Confirm trail manager contact information and approach
 - Confirmed with Bratsch @ County and Fahrenkrog @ Town.
 - o Request approval for program document - tabled
 - o Outreach to adopters
 - o Trail reporting process update
 - o There was discussion regarding clarification about the type of maintenance to be performed by adopters: change terms to “minor” maintenance; non-power tools. Start to think about adopter training (this was addressed to some degree in the virtual trailing in early May (presentation is posted on BATs website). **ACTION:** This will be added to the Trails Subcommittee agenda for discussion.
- Update on project work plan:
 - o Big Ravine West Rim Trail maintenance: June 24, 25,26
 - o Jerry Jolly Project: July 22 – 30
 - o Big Ravine Wetlands Trails: aiming for August
 - o Big Ravine boardwalk rebuild: moved to late September
 - o Pikes Creek Hatchery Trail: moved to October
 - o **ACTION:** modify work plan schedule to add a category at the bottom TBD. Put Pratt’s Peak and other relevant projects under this category.

Communications Subcommittee (CsC): nothing new to report – blog and Facebook reports ongoing.

New Trails Scoping Ad Hoc Subcommittee: Kitchell

- There has been one successful field visit to explore the feasibility of a portion of the potential connection between City’s west side and the Big Ravine’s west side trail by the soccer field. More detailed report in July.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday July 12th @ 3 p.m.

VOLUNTEER TASK/PROJECT	# DAYS	TARGET TIME FRAME	BAT COMM LEAD ORG.	FIELD PROJECT LEADER(S)	FIELD CREW LEADERS	TsC VOLUNTEERS
MAY						
East Rim Trail Boardwalk installation	2	5/4-5/5	Trails Subcomm. +	Kitchell		
Virtual training and volunteer sign up		7-May	Completed!			
Pull forget-me-nots in the Big Ravine: combine w/Iron Bridge planting		May14	City P&R - Completed!			
Big Ravine: Planting in Iron Bridge viewshed: Changed to May 14 (due to	1	14-May	City P&R - Completed!	Kitchell & Ray		
Big Ravine: Planting on school trail hillside	1	May25-31	City P&R - Completed!	Keith Ray		
Big Ravine: Stabilize lower end of School Trail (Contractor with Vols.)	2	May25-31	City P&R - Completed!	Contractor		
Big Ravine: rebuild rock steps near platform (Contractor with Vols.)	2	May25-31	City P&R - Completed!	Contractor		
JUNE						
City of Bayfield: Rain Garden Training Workshop	1	11-Jun	City - Completed!			
Brownstone Trail: if feasible, implement new temporary re-route to avoid	TBD	TBD	Landmark & BAT			
Develop trails on Pratt's Peak (CTC - Vols.)	TBD	AfterJune15	CTC			
Big Ravine West Rim Trail Maintenance: Initiate field visit with P.L.'s; P.L. develop Field Project Plan		17-Jun	Kitchell & P.L.'s	Bill Bland, Kitchell		
Big Ravine West Rim Trail Maintenance: Send Vol. Recruit		12-Jun	Kitchell			
Big Ravine West Rim Trail Maintenance: Send schedule		17-Jun	Kitchell			
Big Ravine West Rim Trail Maintenance: fix rough sections (Vols.)	4	June 24 - 26	Trails Subcomm	Bill Bland (ask Janel Ryan)	Janel Ryan?, Jon Crump?	
JULY						
JJJ: Initiate scheduling of field visit with P.L.'s & County: P.L. develop project plan		byJune15	Kitchell	Mike Kinnee, Genevieve		
JJJ: Complete field visit with P.L.'s & County		20-Jun	Kitchell			
JJJ: Send Vol. Recruit		1-Jul	Genevieve Johnson			
JJJ: Send Crew Schedule		14-Jul	Genevieve Johnson			
Maintain and enhance the Pike's Creek Jerry Jay Jolly Trails into and around the Overlook (with signage) (Vols.)	5	July 22 - 30	Trails Subcomm	Mike Kinnee	Tracey Synder, Leo Stern	
AUGUST						
Initiate trails on Big Ravine Wetlands (depending upon land purchase) (Vols.)	TBD		TBD			
Possibly expand Siskiwit Falls Trails (Vols. - CTC with County)	TBD		County & CTC			
SEPTEMBER						
Big Ravine: reconstruct boardwalk above waterfall (Contractor with Vols.)	5		City P&R	Contractor		
initiate construction of the Pikes Creek Hatchery Trail connection to Jolly Long @ AWB (Vols.) (Late Sept. into Oct.)	12	TBD	Town (Kitchell)			
Bayfield Shoreline Trail: obtain landowner permission; construct first section	4	TBD	City P&R			
OCTOBER						
Continue Pikes Creek Hatchery Trail						
Big Ravine Wetlands Dedication						
Trails Forum & Celebration			BAT Comm			
NOVEMBER						
End of season wrap up assessment & report			Trails Subcomm			