



Bayfield Area Trails Committee Meeting Agenda and Background Notes
Tuesday October 10th @ 3 – 4:30 pm (via Zoom)

Participants:

- Committee members present: Finn, Charly Kearns (Landmark), Kitchell, Mattson, Rothe
- Committee members absent: Clark, Huinker, Van Stappen
- Trails Subcommittee present: Wegerson
- Communications Subcommittee present:
- Others present:

Agenda

1. Rapid Round Robin Reports
 - a. **APIS/NPS:** (Van Stappen): n/a
 - b. **Ashwabay** (Finn):
 - i. New E.D. starts 10/16
 - ii. Making the transition from entertainment season to ski season
 - iii. Lots of mowing in prep. for ski season: rented a robot-driven mower due to steepness of ski slope; DNR has allowed removal of select trees on Sugarbush to facilitate mowing & grooming.
 - iv. Working toward replacing 14 ft. wide bridge on Jolly Long; must be able to support large groomer.
 - v. Installed US National Grid emergency response signage at key trail intersections.
 - c. **City** (Clark): Kitchell reported for Clark.
 - i. USNG signs have been received and will be installed in Big Ravine at key intersections.
 - ii. There was a motorcycle observed by Liz Fentress on the East Rim Trail on 10/8. Fred Clark & Mary Finn conducted field assessments a few days later. Minimal impact was observed: tire tracks in a few locations. Although not certain, it appears that the motorcycle accessed the trail from Old Orchard Meadows property near the southern end of the trail. Additional “Foot Traffic Only” signs will be installed on City boundaries.
 - iii. Will soon scope out and flag a potential new Big Ravine system trail that would connect from the south end of Martin Rd. at the cemetery to the south end of the Chipmunk Trail by the City water tanks.
 - d. **Landmark** (Lang): Repaired problem location on the Brownstone Trail at the end of S. 7th St., using grant funds: created a new swale, restored ditching, directed water to culvert, and added more gravel.
 - i. Planning to build box steps at the end of S. 7th St. on Nov. 7 & 8.
 - ii. Gravel & ditches on segment near Wild Rice, plus possible gravel near steps south of Blue Wing Bay Rd.: Ipsen & Wegerson will lead
 - e. **County** (Mattson):
 - i. Gearing up for snowmobile season.

- ii. Finishing bridge in Siskiwit orchard trail.
 - iii. Lost Creek: won't have time to do work this season; will do next year.
- f. **Town of Bell/Cornucopia Trails Club:** (Rothe):
- g. **Town of Bayfield:** (Kitchell):
 - i. Pileated Woodpecker Trail:
 1. Ted May led fearless volunteer crews to construct footbridge and boardwalks at the beginning of the trail.
 2. The trail is now open for public use.
 3. Bridge does not meet all of the contract specs: contract discussions are ongoing between Town Chair, Craig Hoopman, and Anderson Bridges. Access will be rehabbed after the bridge issues are resolved.
 4. Will Krift will do some finishing work in late October, with the assistance of volunteers.
 5. Trail Naming & Signs: seeking affirmation from the Red Cliff Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) in support of including Ojibwemowin translation. Until this is received, we will not use the name Meme Miikana on signs or public documents.
 - ii. Building the connection between Pileated Woodpecker & AWB trails/trailhead:
 1. Doug Olson at AWB cleared the trail with large brush mower on 10/15
 2. Next steps: build foot bridge across the dip at the north end and clear slash.
 3. Other finish work will occur next year: drainage, boardwalk, & building final tread.
- h. **Red Cliff** (Huinker): n/a
- 2. Trail Naming Discussion: Kate et al
 - a. Coordination with Red Cliff on Ojibwemowin naming and including translations on signs for the Pileated Woodpecker Trail: Huinker reached out to THPO. As of 10/23, feedback from THPO has been unsupportive.
 - b. Discussion of trail naming guidelines/policy.
 - i. None of the members present have a trail naming policy.
 - ii. The land manager or easement holder has lead responsibility for naming the trail.
 - iii. Many locations have obvious, easy trail names such as the "Orchard or Falls Trail." However, others are not obvious and would trigger the need to develop a name.
 - iv. Names would generally be named after a notable natural or geographic feature or out of historical respect to a historical person, event, of traditional Tribal name. It would be appropriate to name after someone who donates the land (e.g. Jerry Jolly).
 - v. DO NOT:
 1. Name after a fundraiser or donor
 2. Use personal names (except land donor)
 3. Duplicate a name used in another location as this is confusing

- vi. Discussion regarding Ojibwemowin naming:
 - 1. Applying an Ojibwemowin name should be driven by Tribal interest.
 - 2. We should not use Ojibwemowin traditional names or translations without their blessing.
- 3. Review Vision & Mission statement: Peter
 - a. Planning to convene subcommittee of Clark, Kitchell, May & Rothe to develop recommendations for the BAT Comm. to consider
- 4. Trails Subcommittee Report & Input from BAT Comm. (TsC):
 - a. The Adopt a Trail program continues to improve, thanks to Genevieve Johnson's revision of documents and online monitoring report form. She also produced maps showing trail adoption segments. Reports due 10/15. Reports will be sent to BAT Comm. members when completed.
 - b. Working on a standard report to be able to track all volunteer time.
- 5. Projects Report/Status: see attached calendar
- 6. Communications Subcommittee Report & Input from BAT Comm (CsC):
 - a. Volunteers hosted a table on Saturday afternoon at Applefest (thanks!)
 - b. Blog & Facebook post on Siskiwit projects - posted
 - c. Blog & Facebook post on Meme Miikana – upcoming
 - d. Adding trail stats under new data library tab on the website
 - e. Need to update trail narratives for new trails
 - i. Need to add Siskiwit trails & Pileated Woodpecker Trail
- 7. Project dedications/celebrations: This will be done at the start of next year's season, in late May or early June. The Trails Subcommittee will take the lead on planning and organizing.
- 8. Economic Impact Study Update: still on hold
- 9. Future Meetings: @ 3 – 4:30 p.m.
 - a. November 14th
 - i. Trail Naming
 - ii. Vision/Mission
 - b. December 12th
 - i. Year-end report
 - ii. 2024 Priorities
- 10. Future Agenda Topics:
 - Long-term planning: Trails Forum Feedback follow up

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