

## Greenbelt & Trails Committee Minutes

Thursday, August 3, 2023, 5:30 PM  
Crow's Nest (no hybrid)

### Members:

Dean Dyson  
Sandy Nelson (Excused)  
Tamra Ingwaldson (Excused)  
Sue Klemp  
Mary Ann Wagner  
Allen Sande

Moved by Sue Klemp and seconded by Mary Ann to accept the July minutes. Motion passed with no nays.

### 1. **"Beautifying" the Ballantrae entrance- update**

The BOD approved this project in the amount not to exceed \$650 at its July meeting. The community group will do this project in the fall when the plantings have a better chance of becoming established with the fall rains.

### 2. **Trails update**

The maps on walks around the community are still getting some small changes but will be ready soon.

The trail from Dunoon to St. Andrews behind the 8<sup>th</sup> green may need direction signs and/or some kind of markers to help walkers know where this trail is located. Other trails may need similar location helpers.

There has been a request to "improve" the trail from Penzance to St. Andrews. Not sure what the problem is so will need to investigate before any recommendations can be made.

### 3. **Litter pick-up update**

The next litter pick-up date is planned for September 23. Will need to get the word out to the community and volunteers.

### 4. **Dog Park update**

Have talked with 3 contractors to see what the best way is to bridge the drainage ditch and what the cost might be to do so. Still need to finalize costs before presenting this to the BOD. Have been asked to talk about the possible funding for this project at the August BOD meeting.

### 5. **Planting new trees in greenbelt on Mason Lake Road**

This is on hold until fall when trees can be planted.

### 6. **Wildfire Readiness Townhall update and what is next**

The Wildfire Preparation town hall was well received. The speakers were Alex Chacon (Mason Conservative District), Matt Axe (Department of Natural Resources), Randy Collins (Fire Marshal), Bob Burbridge (Mason County Emergency Management) and Brandon (Centra Fire). The town hall was

recorded so members can check this out from the office to see what they missed. Members can request a personal evaluation of their property from Margaret Kreder at the Mason Conservation District (360-427-9436 x 102). The Lake Limerick community needs to keep this topic front and center as recent fires have shown us. An APP called "watch duty" for your phone can keep you informed about fires around Mason County. It was suggested that we learn more about CERT.

## 7. Emergency Management

This topic is related in part to wildfire readiness topic. Lake Limerick needs to find better ways to keep all the people who live in our community informed of situations like wildfires, or boil water notices, or some other emergency. The current methods of notifying people may at a minimum take 1 ½ days for the news to get out. Notices are put on the web like Face Book and email, but people may not check these for a day or two. Notices are put on sandwich boards at all the entrances, but people may stay home for days or may just not notice the signs as they pass them. There is a Mason County Emergency notification system that will call phones with notifications of emergencies, but not enough people belong to this. The recent wildfire has made it apparent that this topic needs to continually be put Infront of the Lake Limerick community.

Another problem for this community is having roads in Divisions 4 & 5, especially that that have only one way in and out. In some situations, people could be trapped in these areas. This committee is beginning to look at the possibility of creating roads (paths) in greenbelts that could lead to Mason Lake Road or the railroad tracks so that people in these areas would have an alternative exit if the main road were blocked for some reason and evacuation, is a necessity.

## 8. Budget

A budget is being worked on to be presented to the BOD for the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

### Greenbelt Budget

#### Dog Park estimated costs:

Fence: \$27,000

Grading: ???

Bridge across the ditch: \$5000 ???

Water: ???

Signs: \$800

Supplies (garbage can, poop bags, etc.): \$220

#### Funding for these projects:

Sell property Div. 02 Lot 100, and/or funds from  
fine from non-compliant dog issues,

### Entrance Beautification

Ballantrae Entrance: \$650

Volunteers will do the work.

### Tree planting on Mason Lake Road Greenbelt

Trees: \$1200

From \$10.000 tree cutting fine

Planting \$???

**Next Meeting:** September 7, 2023, Thursday, 6:00 PM

Submitted by Dean Dyson

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