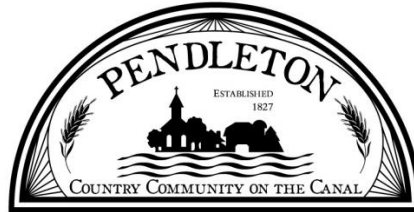


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Jeff Stowell, Highway Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Stowell:

RE: Trail System Maintenance and Repairs

As you are well aware, the Town's trails have experienced significant use in recent years and, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a dramatic increase in recent weeks. Furthermore, it is quite apparent that older sections of trail are deteriorating due to age and use. Therefore, the Town Board is directing that action be taken to address a variety of concerns related to the trail system over the coming months.

On Monday, April 27, 2020 the Town Board is scheduled to vote on a resolution prohibiting motor vehicles of all types, including all-terrain vehicles, from Town-owned trails until July 1, 2020. The plan is to provide a window of opportunity during which use of the trails will be limited, providing Highway Department personnel maximum access to the trail system for maintenance and repairs.

Beginning immediately, you are hereby requested to visually survey and inspect the Town's trail system, documenting areas where maintenance and repair is necessary to increase usability and safety of the trail system. Maintenance and repairs may commence as soon as possible and you are encouraged to share feedback and concerns with the Town Board. Furthermore, you are certainly welcome to communicate with the Town Board at any time you feel you need clarification or direction.

All members of the Town government have been made aware of the looming financial crisis that municipalities across New York State are facing and efforts to identify ways to reduce expenses for the Town of Pendleton are well underway. Being mindful of this, work on the trail cannot be an exception. Therefore, you are asked to make best use of resources already available. For example, the Town has large stockpiles of blacktop millings and soil that may be used to repair various areas of the trail system.

Looking to the long-term, the Town Board will be looking for input from the community to identify ways to improve the condition, safety, and usability of the Town's trail system. This may include physical improvements as well as modifications to rules and regulations dictating how the trails may be used. The Town Board will certainly be looking for your input and feedback as well in the coming months to help shape the future of the trail system.

Finally, so you are aware, the Town Board is considering asking the public for volunteers to commit to membership on a committee dedicated to updating and planning of the Town's trail system. The new section of the Canalway Trail located in the Town of Pendleton has seen great attention to appearance due to the volunteer commitment from the community and we're hopeful that we can find the same level of excitement directed towards improving the Town's trail system as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and anticipated ongoing effort to address the community's concerns. Please do not hesitate to communicate with the Town Board as you feel necessary related to this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel Maerten". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Joel Maerten

Cc: Town Board