

**BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 25, 2016**

The Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Co-Chairs Gene Hodulik and Art Pillen on January 25, 2016, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan County, Michigan.

**ATTENDING:** Gene Hodulik, Art Pillen, Virginia Chenevere, Steve Vorenkamp

**ABSENT** – Kim Kihnke

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Connie Vorenkamp, Gary Street, Leo Chenevere, Bert Ebbers, Linda Ginop of Munro Twp, Dennis Dombroski of Mullett Twp., Ken Paquet of Cheboygan County Road Commission, David Boyle of Northwest Design Group, Charles & Lisa Strachan. Art Pillen acting as Recording Secretary

Co-Chair Pillen led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** December 7, 2015 Minutes

**MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the Burt Lake Trail minutes of December 7, 2015 as presented.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Public Hearing**

The Burt Township Board held a Public Hearing to take comments on a proposed non-motorized trail application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for financial assistance to construct continuation of the Burt Lake Trail.

**ROUTE- Hodulik** The trail route was reviewed and discussed for the benefit of the audience.

**APPLICATION – David Boyle, NDG** A basic time-line was produced at the urging of Hodulik. Mr.Boyle advised that there would be a 2 year grant process, from request to possible award, with actual construction projected for 2018. He also noted that dates were based on timely receipt of commitment letter from U of M:

- Start Grant Application Process ----- Completed
- Public Meeting/Cert Minutes ----- Completed
- Compile and Develop Grant submittal Information ----- On-going
- Trail Committee Meeting ----- 01-25-16
- Trail Committee Meeting-Review resolution/other materials----- 02-22-16
- Project Resolution Submitted for Board Approval----- 02-22-16
- Rec Plans Due to MNRTF ----- 03-16-16
- Board Approval of Project Resolution ----- 03-13-16
- All Grant Information Drafted ----- 03-25-16
- Trial Committee Meeting (Review Submittal) ----- 03-28-16
- Grant Submittal By----- 04-01-16

NDG is currently gathering information for initial electronic submission (now required) and also requires authorization, from Burt Township to the State, appointing NDG as our representative. Information will be forwarded to Supervisor Koviak on the procedure.

**COSTS – David Boyle** advised the project cost is projected as 1.5 million to 1.6 million dollars to reach Mullett-Burt Road, and that matching funds may be required of approximately 15% to 35%. With maximum grants totaling \$800,000 (from MNRTF of up to \$300,000 and MDOT of up to \$500,000) this would permit only reaching East Burt Lake Road and requiring approximately \$120,000 at the lower end. Steve Vorenkamp advised that, having paid NDG \$18,000, approximately \$50,000 currently remains in the Trail Fund and that any funds expended prior to the grant approvals would not be reimbursed by the State.

**FUNDRAISING** – Virginia Chenevere inquired about a brochure for the Trail. Connie Vorenkamp advised the previous brochure could be updated, but that a formal presentation was made to the MNRTF at their December meeting where grants were authorized.

**DISCUSSION** - continued with Ken Paquet continued regarding right of way and construction easements, methods of providing paved shoulders, and a maintenance plan.

Dennis Dombroski questioned how we were planning to cross I-75, as he was aware of a Township which was informed a separate, 12 foot wide bridge, capable of supporting a truck had been required by MDOT.

Mr. Dombroski also asked if the Road Commission could sign the current trail route to assist travelers.

**NEXT MEETING** – February 22, 2016 at 7:00pm AT Burt Township Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned by call of the co-chairs at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Pillen, Trustee/Acting Recording Secretary