

BURT TOWNSHIP
Trail Committee Minutes
October 20, 2014

Burt Lake Trail Meeting
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Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Gene Hodulik and Art Pillen as acting Chairs.

In attendance: Mike Ridley, Jim Valrance, Mac Richardson, Steve Vorenkamp, Connie Vorenkamp, Tom Stephanic, James Larson, Ross Roeder and Mary Anne Roeder, Leo and Virginia Chenevere, Dennis and Susan Budzushki, Chris Kindsvatter, Marti Barrow, Ken Paquet, Gary Street and Kim Kinkhe. Visitor Sign-in sheet attached as reference.

Virginia Chenevere, Kim Kinkhe, Mac Richardson volunteered as committee members.

Connector Route Discussion:

Trial routes leading from Burt Township included:

Dennis Dombroski, Mullett Township Trustee, noted that South Extension Road had been discussed, however the expense of paving with shoulders for that section exceeded \$600,000 which would be divided between Burt and Mullett Townships. The cost is prohibitive.

Mike Ridley, Tuscarora Township Supervisor, liked the idea of the trail traveling south via Eaglesnest Road, adding paved shoulders, and connecting with Tuscarora Twp.

Use of Pipeline Road was again suggested. Connie Vorenkamp noted that the MNRTF would fund only separated trails and not paved shoulders, and MDOT would fund only added paving, not separated trails. She also noted that MDOT/TAP and MNRTF grant funds could be combined and used as "matching" funds. She also noted that 30% matching funds were the requirement.

Steve Vorenkamp added that there was a possibility of a donation from the "Building Healthy Communities" fund to assist. BLPA in the past had made 3 donations of \$17,000, DELMAC \$10,000 and private donors contributed \$60-70,000.

Jim Larson commented that, in the long run, paved shoulders would be more cost effective as maintenance would be cheaper.

Ken Paquet advised that repaving of roads would require 14' wide lanes to qualify for additional funding for paved shoulders.

Gary Street commented that we needed to get U of M behind the Riggsville Road route and the possibility of adding a separated trail through that area.

NEMCOG will be contacted for assistance with grant applications.

Next meeting to be held Monday, November 24, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

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Submitted by Arthur Pillen and Eugene Hodulik, Trustees