

**Burt Lake Trail Committee Minutes**  
**October 26, 2015**

The Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Co-Chairs Gene Hodulik and Art Pillen on October 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan, Michigan.

Attendance: Gene Hodulik, Art Pillen, Steve Vorenkamp, Virginia Chenevere  
Absent: Mac Richardson, Jim Valrance

Also Attending: Harold Koviak, Sue and Dennis Budzinski, Gordy Aittama, Gary Street, Katie Parker, Jim Larson, **Tom Stephanic**

Co-Chair Gene Hodulik led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes** – September 27, 2015 and August 24, 2015

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve the minutes of September 27, 2015 and August 24, 2015 as presented.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Public Comment** - None

**Burt Lake Trail Fund Account** – Hodulik

McDougall reported that \$54,519.50 was deposited into the Trail Account at Citizens Bank. The account already had \$5,528.49. Vorenkamp said \$11,357 is in the Burt Lake Trail account at Top of Michigan Trails Council, \$1,100 of which was donated from the Indian River Biathlon. These funds can be used towards grants.

Street asked if the township has been reimbursed by the DNR for the parking lot. Koviak said \$11,175 was received.

**Update for easement for trail – north end** - Hodulik

Karie Slavik and Knute Nadelhoffer had a good meeting, and the easement will likely go forward. Vorenkamp will meet with Slavik on Wednesday. The grant application needs to be completed by March 2016. Street mentioned that a public hearing needs to be conducted before the application is submitted. C2AE and Northwest Design may be asked for engineering bids.

Alex Nikoloff spoke at the MTA meeting in September. Vorenkamp and Hodulik gave him a tour of the completed trail and the East side. He said it will be difficult to get TAP funds for Topinabee Mail Route and E. Burt Lake Roads as they are in bad shape and need to be repaved.

Brian Shank said the cost to widen shoulders for Mullett-Burt will only cost about \$25,000 and not worth applying for funding.

Pillen said the snowmobile people are thinking about using Indian Trail to E. Burt Lake Rd. and then use same route that would be used for the trail.

**Parking on Trail – Koviak**

Koviak said he has not heard anything from Attorney Tim MacArthur about how to keep contractors from parking on the trail.

**Trail Maintenance – Street**

Several maintenance problems were addressed this year. Three hills were paved in the spring. The county ditched near Indian Rd. so the water will run off in a culvert and go under W. Burt Lake Rd. Next week Street, Vorenkamp, Jerry Trudell and Rick Johnson will do leaf clean up. Limestone will need to be replaced next spring and weeds will need to be sprayed. Street said the trail is in good shape right now.

Koviak asked how much crushed rock is left. Street said about three yards and it will be determined if more is needed next year.

**Public Comment – None**

Next meeting - December 7, 2015 – 7:00 pm

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Vorenkamp to adjourn.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary