

**Burt Lake Trail Committee Minutes  
December 7, 2015**

The Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Co-Chairs Gene Hodulik and Art Pillen on December 7, 2015 at 7:06 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan, Michigan.

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

Also Attending: Leo Chenevere, Kim Kihnke, Harold Koviak, Katie Parker, Jim Larson

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

**Minutes** – October 26, 2015

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Richardson to approve the minutes of October 26, 2015, with the following correction: Add visitor Tom Stephanic.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Public Comment** - None

Burt Lake Trail – Hogsback Rd. to Mullett-Burt Rd. (Phase II) - Hodulik

Lucas Porath, Northwest Design Group, attended the Township Board meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to present a proposal for engineering study for Phase II of the Burt Lake Trail. Porath recommended that the second phase include E. Burt Lake Rd. (paved shoulders) as well as the north end of the lake. The total project is about 5 miles. The NDG fee for Phase II is \$18,000 and the Board approved the contract. Vorenkamp said he has not heard anything yet from Karie Slavic from U of M. The committee needs to get the grant applications written for the March 1, 2016, deadline. Hodulik said we shouldn't assume U of M easement will be approved and should move ahead cautiously until the easement is secured. Hodulik will call Karie to check on the status of the easement request. Pillen said that if U of M doesn't approve the easement, the road commission has already approved a right of way along Riggsville Rd. Koviak said to ask NDG what is latest date for easement approval for the grant. A Public Hearing will be held on January 7, 2016, at 2:00 pm to take comments on the grant request. Hodulik said grant funding will not be needed for Mullett-Burt Road as the estimate is \$25,000.

Vorenkamp said NDG said it is important to have engineering and other costs precise for reimbursement at the highest rate. Also, fundraising needs to begin soon. By March 1<sup>st</sup> the committee should know how much needs to be raised. MNRTF grant max is about \$350,000 and the MDOT grant is \$500,000. The MNRFT grant can be used as a match for the MDOT grant.

**Public Comment** - None

**2016 Meeting Dates – All meetings begin at 7:00 pm**

January 25, 2016

February 22, 2016

March 28, 2016

May 23, 2016  
June 27, 2016  
July 25, 2016  
August 22, 2016  
September 26, 2016  
October 24, 2016  
December 5, 2016

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary