

**BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 22, 2016**

The Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Co-Chairs Gene Hodulik and Art Pillen on February 22, 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, Leo Chenevere, Harold Koviak, Jim Larson, David Boyle of Northwest Design Group, Donna McDougall, Recording Secretary

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

**MINUTES:** January 25, 2016 Minutes

Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of January 25, 2016 with the following addition:

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.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Review status of last meeting's to do list:

- 1) David Boyle from Northwest Design Group is working on the on-line grant proposal, entering data nearly every day.
- 2) Status of U of M easements – A proposed map of the U of M property requiring easements was presented. It was discussed and agreed that the map needed tweaking so as to more closely follow the powerline further away from Riggsville Road. The map also included the right-of-way; some areas are 66' (Riggsville Road) and others are 80' and 90' where no easements will be required. Koviak said the Road Commission is considering putting E. Burt Lake Road on the next County millage and wants to do the trail with paved shoulders at that time.
- 3) David Boyle is in contact with Kari Slavik from U of M.
- 4) NDG is working on the Notice of Intent for the U of M easement.
- 5) Munro Township will write a letter of support.
- 6) New letters of cooperation are needed for the grant; the Trail Committee will work on obtaining these.
- 7) Maintenance plan for trail through Munro Township – David Boyle drafted this for the grant. Burt Lake Trail Committee will organize a team to do the maintenance – possible volunteers from U of M Bio Station.

Discuss milestones need to complete to meet March 30 deadline.

- 1) Need resolution from the Public Hearing
- 2) Need resolution for authorization – Will be done at the March 3, 2016 board meeting.
- 3) Public hearing minutes
- 4) Public hearing notice

Grant Funds – David Boyle

The cost is \$903,000 – from Hogsback Road on the west side to just south of Hogsback Road on the east side. Connie Vorenkamp suggested that continuing to the corner of E. Burt Lake Rd. would finish the divided trail. Dave will refigure the costs and necessary match to see how much more it would be needed.

Funding sources:

\$50,000 Burt Township (donations and other grants)

553,000 TAP funds

300,000 DNR funds

Maintenance – W. Burt Lake Rd.

Due to erosion and plowing the problem still exists near Indian Trail. The cost to pave the shoulder would be \$8,000. This will be discussed with the Road Commission before being revisited at the next meeting.

**Public Comments** – none

Next meeting March 28, 2016

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary