

BURT LAKE TRAIL MEETING
February 23, 2015 7:00 pm

The Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Co-Chairs Art Pillen and Gene Hodulik on February 23, 2015, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan Michigan.

Attending: Gene Hodulik, Art Pillen, Virginia Chenevere

Absent – Mac Richardson, Kim Kihnke

Also Attending: Gary Street, Harold Koviak, Leo Chenevere, Jim Larson, Chris Kindsvatter, Katie Ebbers, Donna McDougall, Recording Secretary

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

MINUTES: November 24, 2015

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the Burt Lake Trail minutes of November 24, 2014 as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

Update on Grant Applications

Grant applications for continuation of the trail north on W. Burt Lake Rd. to Riggsville Rd, then east to E. Burt Lake Rd., and south to the corner of Birchwood Rd.

~~Pillen and~~ Hodulik attended the Munro Township Board meeting on February 10th to solicit support for this portion of the trail that is in Munro Township. Ann Baughman also attended the meeting. Hodulik said the board was very cooperative but had some questions as to maintenance issues. Hodulik told them Burt Township has a volunteer maintenance committee for the trail on the west side which would attend to this section of the trail, too. A maintenance committee for the east side will be formed in the future.

Munro Township was happy about the opportunity to widen Riggsville Rd. with asphalt as they may not have to spend as much on gravel. Hodulik told them trail maintenance is about \$500/mile.

Munro Township submitted a letter of support for the trail to be submitted with the grant application.

Pillen and Hodulik talked to Kyle Robinson who works with Nico Tucker from NEMCOG. There are two grant opportunities:

- 1) Paved shoulder grant /TAP Funds from MDOT
- 2) Off road grant/Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

Robinson said the concern with Riggsville Rd. is that in order to get TAP funds for paved shoulders, the road should be new construction or repaved at the same time. The condition of the road is a "4".

Committee members will meet with road commissioner Brent Shenk to discuss this and see if paved shoulders is an option. Koviak said Riggsville isn't slated for repaving for 5 years.

The deadline for the Trust Fund grant is April 1, 2015, and the TAP fund grant application is due April 23, 2015. A public hearing and resolution for adoption is required by April 1st. The grant amount is \$500,000 to \$525,000 and requires a 20% match.

Steve and Connie Vorenkamp will be available between March 3 -7 to help write the grant application.

Ann Baughman is applying for a grant from DALMAC Foundation for \$10,000.

Hodulik suggested looking for an engineering study for the east side.

Leo Chenevere said the pavement on the west side trail is crumbling around curve by Burt Lake Springs. Koviak said it will be looked at it in the spring.

Koviak said he is contact with Dave Patterson who thinks communication can be reopened with U of M regarding the trail route. He will talk to Kerry and will set up a meeting in May or June.

The committee discussed the option of trail development along Mullett-Burt Rd. before the Riggsville Rd. route. Paving is slated for Mullett-Burt in 2017 which would be ideal for the trail paving. Gaps in trail design have been approved for TAP funds in the past. Applications for TAP funds are reviewed three times each year; and due dates are April 23, August 3 and November 2. The grant would need to be in by November 2 of this year for Mullett-Burt Rd. to be done in 2017. An engineering study is needed. Hodulik wil check to see if the county study could be used for the trail design. Vorenkamp has said in the past that engineering grant money is available at TOMTC. Possible local engineering firms are C2AE, Northwest Design and Wade Trim.

Hodulik and Pillen will meet to discuss ideas from this meeting with NEMCOG.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Recording Secretary