

**BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 28, 2016**

The Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Co-Chair Gene Hodulik on March 28, 2016, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan County, Michigan.

**ATTENDING:** Gene Hodulik

**ABSENT** – Art Pillen, Virginia Chenevere, Steve Vorenkamp , Kim Kihnke, Mac Richardson, Jim Valrance

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Jim Larson, David Boyle of Northwest Design Group, Gordy Aittama, Rick Johnson, Gary Street, Donna McDougall, Recording Secretary

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

**MINUTES:** February 22, 2016 Minutes

As there was not a quorum at the meeting, the approval of the minutes will take place at the next meeting.

Dave Boyle – Trust Fund Grant

The MNRTF grant is due at midnight on Thursday. Dave said most everything is in order, he just needs an updated letter of support from Wayne Schmidt, 37<sup>th</sup> District State Senator.

Dave said he has been spending time with U of M working on the power line easement but no one has information on exactly where the easement is located. He will get a memorandum of understanding from U of M to include with the grant.

Gary Street suggested getting a letter of support from Sheriff Dale Clarmont regarding safety issues on Riggsville Road. Hodulik already had a letter from him from the last grant application that can be used again for this grant.

Dave said the MDOT grant will be submitted in May, and he has nearly all the information he needs.

East Burt Lake Road – Hodulik

Brent Shank from the Road Commission said E. Burt Lake Road will be on the next round of millage funded projects. Hodulik said that would be a good time for the trail to be incorporated with that construction.

Maintenance – Hodulik

Gary Street and Rick Johnson head the volunteer maintenance committee for the trail on W. Burt Lake Rd. The narrow 3' strip between the blacktop and the road on the hill near Indian Road keeps washing out. They have tried fixing it with gravel but the fix does not last. They suggest blacktopping this strip and have bids ranging from \$7,500 to \$8,500 from local contractors. They feel the cost will only increase if the repair is not made soon.

Hodulik said there is approximately \$58,000 left in the trail fund but it is needed to pay NDG for preliminary studies and grant writing for Phase II of the trail and for the township match.

There was discussion on who should pay for the maintenance and whether it should come from the Recreation line item in the budget.

Other work that needs to be done on the trail and the new parking area is spraying for weeds and removing debris. Street recommends renting walk-behind leaf blowers for the volunteers to use as they are most efficient. Crush limestone is also needed to fill small holes.

Hodulik said trail maintenance will be discussed at the April board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Recording Secretary/Clerk