

**Minutes of
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE
April 23, 2012**

A meeting of the Burt Lake Trail Committee was held at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan on April 23, 2012, at 7 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Steve Vorenkamp (Chair), Ann Baughman, Jay Jontz, Kim Kihnke, Gary Street, Mary Street, Virginia Chenevere, Art Pillen, Connie Vorenkamp, and Bert Ebbers.

Committee Members Absent: Kelley Jontz, Frank Kestler, Mac Richardson, John Roberts and Patti Johnson.

Also attending: Bill Dodge, Jan Dodge, Jim Larson, Pat Randolph, Bob Porter, Julie Porter, Don Cheyne, and Joyce Hutto-Nolan (Recording Secretary).

Motion

Moved by Virginia Chenevere and seconded by Art Pillen to approve the minutes of March 26, 2012, as written.

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion

Moved by Connie Vorenkamp and seconded by Ann Baughman to approve the minutes of February 27, 2012, as written.

Motion unanimously approved.

Burt Lake Trail Update

Archaeological Survey

Steve Vorenkamp said he received a letter about the Archaeological Evaluation study which is required to receive the MDOT TE funds. This study will be conducted beginning April 23, 2012, by William Rutter, RPA, Architectural Historian, Prehistoric and Historic Archaeologist, along the proposed Burt Lake Trail.

C2AE Report

The C2AE final trail report is being completed to be submitted by April 27, 2012.

Easement Update

Jason Fate, Northwest Design Group, continues to work on easements.

Environmental Permits

Bert Ebbers said the wetland permit from Raver Road south has been issued. The Raver Road north permit is proceeding on schedule.

Grant Update

Ann Baughman said that a \$4,000 grant has been received from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Community Foundation. A response from the DALMAC and Bikes Belong grant applications are expected in early May.

Financial Report

Gary Street said the total income to date is \$130,986.25 towards the required \$140,000 MDOT TE grant match. Pledge money and new donations continue to be received.

Letter Campaign/Service Clubs

Connie Vorenkamp encouraged trail committee members to continue sending personal letters to friends and neighbors to ask for their continuing support.
Mary Street will give a presentation to the Kiwanis Club in Indian River.

Event Planning

Kim Kihnke is working with local restaurants requesting donations based on the purchase of certain items ordered on the menu by patrons. Kim is continuing to work on a poster to be posted in various places in the area.

Virginia Chenevere said she will work on a corn roast to be held sometime in late August.

Participation in the Alanson July 4th parade is being considered.

Some of the other ideas suggested are yard signs and colored ribbons to be tied to mailboxes and trees showing support for the trail.

New Business

No new business.

Public Comment

Bob Porter, 2235 West Burt Lake Road, Brutus, commended the committee for the work they are doing. Mr. Porter explained he was speaking for himself and 46 other people from the area who asked him to speak for them because they were not able to attend. Mr. Porter presented several questions to be reviewed and answered by the trail committee. Jim Larson said he has a problem with the road right of way concept because it was designed for maintenance and now it will be used for something else. Don Cheyne of Burt Lake Springs Resort said the resort has granted an easement on the non-lake side of West Burt Lake Road. Several families from Elmhurst Road and from the resort will have to cross the road to use the trail. From the association's perspective this is dangerous. Mr. Cheyne suggested a guard rail be installed on the lake side of the curve to Elmhurst Road and up towards the direction of the Porters home with the trail placed behind the guard rail.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Jay Jontz and seconded by Art Pillen to adjourn.

Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Joyce Hutto-Nolan, Recording Secretary