

BURT LAKE TRAIL MEETING
June 22, 2015

The Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Co-Chairs Art Pillen and Gene Hodulik on June 22, 2015, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan Michigan.

Attending: Gene Hodulik, Art Pillen, Virginia Chenevere, Mac Richardson, Jim Valrance, Steve Vorenkamp, Gary Street

Absent – Kim Kihnke

Also Attending: Tom Stephanic, Leo Chenevere, Donna McDougall, Recording Secretary

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

Hodulik welcomed new committee member Jim Valrance. He will contact Kim Kihnke and Ann Baughman to see if they are still interested in being on the committee.

Gary Street said Mary Street does not want to be on committee but will volunteer for special projects. Richardson will check to see if Dave Streenstra and Jackie Russo are interested on being on the committee from the east side.

MINUTES: May 19, 2015

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve the Burt Lake Trail minutes of May 19, 2015 as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

June 5th meeting at U of M – Hodulik

Hodulik, Pillen, Vorenkamp, and Street met June 5 with Biological Station Assoc. Director Kari Slavik and Chief Biologist Bob Vandekoppel at U of M to discuss options for the Burt Lake Trail route on the north end.

It was decided that the inner radius of Riggsville Road is the best option. Kari will contact her director, Newt Nadelhoffer in Ann Arbor. Vorenkamp met June 8 with Kari Slavik and was told Nadelhoffer was positive with this approach and said this would likely go forward. U of M will have to go through their real estate division for easements. Vorenkamp has put together a detailed packet to deliver to Kari with a cover letter signed by Pillen, Hodulik, Vorenkamp.

Kari Slavik wants to keep outsiders from parking at the U of M entrance so parking at the gorge would be good. Also the proposed possible future Pellston fire substation would be good for parking.

Route: Cross W. Burt Lake Rd. at Hogsback – stay on the east side of the road to Riggsville Rd. - right on Riggsville's south side to the gorge – (drop off there so fencing is needed) – then follow the powerline east on the south side of Riggsville to East Burt Lake Road.

This would be the low cost option for the trail.

Richardson asked if there is a problem with Consumers Energy giving a right of way. Street said that is not a problem with that but Consumers wouldn't want the access closed off for them.

Documents to be submitted to U of M:

Letter requesting easements from U of M

Proposed Route – 20-25 ft easement in most area

Questions/Answers

(See Attached)

Vorenkamp said he would like to get this through by fall so the MDOT grant applications can be submitted.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Chenevere to approve submission of the above documents to U of M for the north end of the Burt Lake Trail.

APPROVED

Mullet-Burt Rd. - Hodulik

An engineering survey is needed. Vorenkamp will check with Brian Shank to see if the Road Commission will do this. Street suggested hiring Emily Meyerson to write the grant. Vorenkamp will contact her.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to recommend to the Burt Township Board to hire Emily Meyerson to write the grant proposal to MDOT for Mullet-Burt Rd.

MOTION APPROVED

Fundraising – Chenevere

Chenevere suggested updating the fundraising brochure for E. Burt Lake Rd. Connie Vorenkamp will be asked to work on the brochure. Richardson said the route needs to be determined to target potential donors.

Next meeting – July 27, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary