

**Minutes of
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE
July 22, 2013**

A meeting of the Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Steve Vorenkamp (Chair) on July 22, 2013, at 7 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, MI.

Committee Members Present: Steve Vorenkamp (Chair), Virginia Chenevere, Kim Kihnke, Mac Richardson, John Roberts, Gary Street, Mary Street and Connie Vorenkamp.

Committee Members Absent: Ann Baughman, Bert Ebbers, Jay Jontz, Kelley Jontz, Frank Kestler and Art Pillen.

Also attending: Harold Koviak, Jim Larson, Dennis Dombroski, Leo Chenevere and Joyce Hutto-Nolan (Recording Secretary).

Burt Lake Trail Update

Construction Completion Date

Steve Vorenkamp said that the completion date for Phase 1 of the trail is August 2, 2013, but that Amanda Poynter of C2AE said that the trail will probably not be completed by that date. A formal request to extend the completion date has not been made by M&M Construction.

University of Michigan Biological Station

Dr. Phil D'Aniere of University of Michigan Biological Station is conducting a field study course this summer on urban and environmental planning. A case study is being made on the Burt Lake Trail and will be made available at the end of the course.

C2AE Preliminary Engineering Survey Results for Phase 2

Amanda Poynter said in the survey for Phase 2 of the trail that there are several 66 foot and several 73 foot road right of ways along East Burt Lake Road. There are also a few 80 foot road right of ways. Property owners will be contacted to see if they will grant easements.

Financial Report

Gary Street reported that donations totaling \$800 were received this week. Letters were mailed to trail donors thanking them for their support. Directing people to the trails council website may have helped with the recent donations.

Steve Vorenkamp said the Indian River Summerfest Kayak-Bike Biathlon raised \$1,800 for the Burt Lake Trail.

Connie Vorenkamp said Bill Kanine, CPA is working on the MNRTF reimbursements and everything is progressing and in order.

Events Update

Mary Street said the trail ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on August 10, 2013, at 11 a.m. at the Jontz property on West Burt Lake Road which is located across from the DNR property. A Burt Lake Trail banner is being made. Speakers are being contacted. A picnic will be held at the Burt Township Hall on Birchwood Road at noon following the ceremony. Additional volunteers are needed. The picnic is being sponsored by Miejer of Gaylord.

Virginia Chenevere said 58 Burt Lake Trail T-shirts have been sold. T-shirts will be sold at the picnic and forms will be available to order more T-shirts.

Kim Kihnke said there is a Burt Lake Trail facebook page with information about the trail. Kim requested pictures about the trail to be posted on the trail facebook page.

Mac Richardson said David Steenstra gave a report on the trail at the annual BLPA picnic. Fifteen Burt Lake Trail T-shirts were sold.

Minutes of June 24, 2013

Moved by Connie Vorenkamp and seconded by Virginia Chenevere to approve the Burt Lake Trail Committee minutes of June 24, 2013, as written.

Motion unanimously approved.

New Business

Fundraising Ideas

John Roberts reported about information that he learned about signage for the Burt Lake Trail. John said the committee should establish an amount that a business could pay to have its name placed on a plaque. A time frame such as three years for keeping a name on a plaque was discussed. Connie Vorenkamp wondered if there could be other informational signs along the trail. Mac Richardson suggested mile markers along the trail with donor names.

John suggested benches placed along the trail with donor names.

Connie Vorenkamp said a brochure will be printed to hand out at the ribbon cutting ceremony. This brochure will recognize organizations and individual donors.

Mary Street will contact radio stations for publicity about the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Public Comment

Dennis Dembroski, Mullett Township Trustee, said Toppinabee was awarded a consulting grant by the Land Information Access Association to give advice on how a trail town can best use its resources.

Dennis suggested that markers on the trail should be placed at least every quarter mile for safety reasons to use as a reference point in case of an accident. The committee should consider how mile markers are placed on the trail.

Next Meeting

The next trail meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26, 2013, at 7 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Mac Richardson and seconded by Gary Street to adjourn.

Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Joyce Hutto-Nolan, Recording Secretary