

**BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2016**

The Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Co-Chairs Art Pillen and Gene Hodulik on August 22, 2016, at 7:05 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan County, Michigan.

ATTENDING: Gene Hodulik, Art Pillen, Virginia Chenevere, Mac Richardson, Jim Valrance
ABSENT – Kim Kihnke, Steve Vorenkamp

ALSO ATTENDING: Also Attending: Jill Patterson, Dave Patterson, Katie Parker, Jim Larson, Margie Reh, Connie Vorenkamp, Leo Chenevere, Margie Reh, Dennis Dombroski, Dick Roberts, Gary Street, Mary Street, Donna McDougall, Recording Secretary/Clerk

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

Co-Chair Hodulik introduced members of the Trail Committee.

AGENDA: Hodulik

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Chenevere to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

Minutes – July 25, 2016

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Richardson to approve the minutes of July 25, 2016 with the following corrections:

Dave Patterson requested that his comment under Fundraising should read:

Patterson asked if any township funds will be used for construction for Phase 2 of the trail.

Hodulik said no township funds will be used for Phase 2 construction.

Jill Patterson requested that her comment under Fundraising be corrected to read:

Jill Patterson asked to include with her comment, will bookkeeping be improved for Phase 2.

MOTION APPROVED

Public Comment

Hodulik reported the funds in the trail account:

Citizens National Bank as of July 31, 2016 -	\$43,297.68
TOMTC as of August 22, 2016 -	<u>\$12,660.00</u>
Total	\$55,957.68

The amount owed NGD for Phase 2 consulting is about \$2,000.00

The biathlon event in Indian River and a private donor donated a total of \$1,178 recently, which is included in the TOMTC account total of \$12,660.00 as of August 22, 2016.

MDOT TAP Grant –

Alex Nikoloff will contact the township soon to set up a conference call to discuss the TAP application. He has already talked with Brent Shank from the Road Commission.

Dave Boyle and Hodulik delivered the necessary documents to Karie Slavik at UofM that she needs to have the U of M real estate division write the letter for the easement, needed before the end of September:

- Map of proposed trail
- 2 examples of easement letters
- Board resolutions
- Support letter from Munro Township

The Trail Committee decided to enlarge the committee to include more representation from the east side, Munro Township and Mullett Township. Dick Roberts from Munro Township and Dennis Dombroski from Mullett Township will join the committee, along with Margie Reh of Tuscarora Township. She will also be the record keeper for the donations and expenditures. Still looking for a couple more residents to represent the east side. Additional west side representation is also encouraged. A diverse membership will bring new ideas and networking advantages to assist with raising matching money, and show cooperation between townships for the Burt Lake Trail to also be a connector trail .

Patterson asked who from west side will be on the committee. Steve Vorenkamp and Kim Kihnke will stay on the committee and everyone is welcome.

Larson asked if they plan to flood the committee with people who don't show up so there isn't a quorum in the winter. Further, Larson said he doesn't think it is right to have anyone from other townships vote on money from Burt Township taxpayers.

Hodulik said the trail committee only takes recommendations forward to the Township Board which approves expenditures. The only taxpayer money allocated is for maintenance of the separated trail.

Virginia Chenevere said everyone is looking at the same goal.

Jill Patterson said if residents are footing the bill, people from other townships shouldn't be involved.

Brochure

Connie Vorenkamp said they are working on the brochure and the intent is to update it with using the same format. They also have a database of donors from Phase I to whom it can be mailed. If they change it to make it a trifold, it could be better for mailing but she prefers the same layout used in the past. The cost will be \$725.00 for printing 1,000 brochures, plus \$350.00 for layout costs. The updated information can be put on the website, too.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to recommend to the Board to approve \$1,000.00 for the updated trail brochure for Phase 2.

MOTION APPROVED

Fundraising Ideas

Hodulik said the committee should plan to raise \$75,000 in new grants and donations even though there is money left in the account because that money will be needed for other things.

Connie said pledges aren't necessary now; they could wait until December when the grants will be announced and bids won't be going out until 2018.

Jim Valrance asked if brochures will be sent to Tuscarora Township residents. Connie said they will be sent to anyone who may have an interest.

A few of the donors from Phase I who will be solicited for Phase 2:

- DALMAC Foundation
- Hospitalists at MMN
- BLPA
- Citizens National Bank
- 300 Individuals

Connie said TOMTC has a new address for donations so the website needs to be changed to read:

Donate now – TOMTC - 1687 M-119, Petoskey MI 49770

Mac Richardson suggested the committee work on a uniform presentation so members can go to corporations to ask for grants, using Power Point. Margie Reh suggested using Facebook, a Go Fund Me page or emails for donations.

New Business

Hodulik said the DALMAC bicycle tour is Sept. 4, 2016 and the Bike Mighty Mac is Sept 11, and the Mighty Mac Bridge Bike/Run is Sept 24.

Public Comment

None

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary