

**Minutes of
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE
September 23rd, 2014**

A meeting of the Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Gene Hodulik at 7 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan.

In attendance were Virginia Chenevere, Leo Chenevere, Art Pillen, Mac Richardson, Steve Vorenkamp, Connie Vorenkamp, Jackie Howell, Jim Betencourt, Marilyn Bonnett, Tom Stephanii and Gordon Oittana and Kenneth Paquet.

As this was the first Trail Meeting to organize a committee to continue the Burt Lake Trail around to the East side of Burt Lake, there were no minutes of previous meetings. Two committees were recommended. West Side Trail to maintain and possibly extend the West Side Trail which Gary Street volunteered to chair with the maintenance volunteers already in place. The emphasis now must be focused on the East Side Committee.

Gene Hodulik explained the purpose of the meeting and asked for volunteers to sit on the East Side Committee. Mac Richardson, Steve Vorenkamp, Virginia Chenevere and Kenneth Paquet of Cheboygan County Road Commission all volunteered as time allowed.

DISCUSSION ON ROUTING:

Property owners from the East Burt Lake/Birchwood area, Betencourt, Bonnett, Stephanii, Howell and Oittana, were present and advised that they would not permit a separated trail through their property. There was no objection to additional paving at the edges. Chenevere's expressed preference for the trail going behind their property.

Steve Vorenkamp advised that the use of Hogsback Road was more a distraction than an option as the road conditions, width and composition were not conducive to bicycles. The simpler route is to continue north along West Burt Lake Road (off road) to Riggsville Road, then East to East Burt Lake Road.

Ken Paquet added that with Riggsville Road planned for repaving from UM to I-75 (2015), road edge paving could be added from UM to West Burt Lake Road. As this is in Munro Township it would be their lead to apply for grant funds for the required shoulder paving, but our township trail's advice/help writing the grant would be offered.

There was a suggestion that the Northern portion just be ignored and the concentration be on East Burt Lake Road. Connie Vorenkamp advised that, previously, the West Side Committee had been advised that unless there was a plan for a totally connected trail, sections would not be funded.

An alternate suggested route followed East Burt Lake to Mullett/Burt (scheduled to be repaved in 2017), to Topinabee Mail Route to Service Road(already widened) to Numbers Road(widened) finishing South on Eagles Nest to Tuscarora Twp. Ken Paquet felt this might entice Tuscarora into paving Eagles Nest with paved shoulders. Another route, off road, was the "pipeline road" beginning at the cemetery going South paralleling Service Road and Eagles Nest.

Topinabee Mail Route in Burt Township could connect with Mail Route in Mullett Township to Topinabee's trail head near the library as another alternative. With these approaches, working closely with Munro, Mullett, and Tuscarora Townships will be required.

Meeting ended at 8:00 PM. Next meeting will be Monday, October 20th, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Pillen and Gene Hoduik

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