

**Minutes of  
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE  
June 25, 2012**

A meeting of the Burt Lake Trail Committee was held at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan on June 25, 2012, at 7 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Steve Vorenkamp (Chair), Ann Baughman, Jay Jontz, Frank Kestler, Virginia Chenevere, Gary Street, Mary Street, Art Pillen, Mac Richardson, John Roberts, Connie Vorenkamp, Bert Ebbers, Patti Johnson, and Kelley Jontz.

Committee Members Absent: Kim Kihnke.

Also attending: Bob Porter, Julie Porter, Gregory Rotter, Janice Cheney, Nancy Fischer, Erica Fischer, Mary Ann Ryan, Susan Nolan, Patricia Randolph, Leo Chenevere, Stuart Cheney, Jim Woodward, Linda Socha, Jim Larson, John Wojciechowski, and Joyce Hutto-Nolan (Recording Secretary).

**Motion**

Moved by Gary Street and seconded by Connie Vorenkamp to approve the minutes of April 23, 2012, as published.

**Motion unanimously approved.**

**Burt Lake Trail Update**

Steve Vorenkamp gave a report of the history and the progress of the Burt Lake Trail from 2003 to the present. The report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

**C2AE**

C2AE submitted an amended engineering plan to MDOT on May 29, 2012. The C2AE amended engineering design fee is \$5,200. MDOT approved C2AE's amended engineering plan for the Burt Lake Trail.

**Motion**

Moved by Art Pillen and seconded by Jay Jontz to approve the fee of \$5,200 for C2AE's engineering services for the amendment to redesign the Burt Lake Trail.

**Motion unanimously approved.**

**Trail Route**

Steve Vorenkamp explained the changes in the amended engineering plan: (1) On West Burt Lake Road on the curve at Elmhurst Road, a six foot wide paved shoulder is proposed along both sides of Brutus Road and West Burt Lake Road starting at the south end of Mundt Road and ending at the north end of Mundt Road. (2) A separated trail outside the right of way through the Jontz and Holwager properties.

Steve Vorenkamp reviewed the new time lines in C2AE's progress report #10. The redesigned plans must be submitted by July 27, 2012. All easements and legal documents must be submitted by September 1, 2012. Construction bids are proposed to be submitted by December 7, 2012. The Archaeological Evaluation study which was required to receive MDOT TE funds was completed and a letter of clearance was received.

## **Financial Report**

Gary Street reported the actual total income to date is \$136,216.25. The DALMAC grant of \$10,000 and the PHSCF grant of \$3,000 is pending making a total of \$149,216.25 towards the \$140,000 goal. Pledges continue to be received.

## **Events**

Virginia Chenevere reported the Breakers Spaghetti fundraiser event in May brought local awareness to the Burt Lake Trail.

Kelley Jontz is organizing trail participation in the Alanson July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

Frank Kestler suggested a table with information about the trail at the July 7<sup>th</sup> BLPA annual meeting.

## **New Business**

Steve Vorenkamp said donor recognition, signage, fundraising and grant application plans for the next segment of the trail will need to be organized.

Mac Richardson will research donor recognition bricks to be placed on the trail.

Connie Vorenkamp encouraged membership and renewed membership in the Top of Michigan Trails Council.

## **Public Comment**

Bob Porter, 2235 West Burt Lake Road, asked for more details on the proposed redesigned trail. Mr. Porter stated he collected sixty signatures concerning the safety of the trail and why wasn't Mundt Road considered as an alternative route. Mr. Porter said that the minutes of April 23, 2012, did not accurately reflect what he said at that meeting.

Janice Cheney, 2036 Elmhurst Road, asked when a response was going to be received as to why Mundt Road is not being considered. Steve Vorenkamp explained Mundt Road was considered in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 and the decision was that what was needed most is to improve the safety of the curve.

John Wojciechowski, 10550 Burt Lake Trail, said he is encouraged about the six foot wide paved shoulder around the curve. John asked if trees could be cut on the inside of the curve for better visibility.

Jim Larson, 4899 East Burt Lake Road, said he is concerned about the cost of paved shoulders. Mary Street received letters of support for the trail.

## **Motion**

Moved by Jay Jontz and seconded by Connie Vorenkamp to adjourn.

**Motion unanimously approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Joyce Hutto-Nolan, Recording Secretary