

BURT LAKE TRAIL MEETING

June 10, 2009

Committee present: Gary Street, Connie Vorencamp, Kim Kihnke, Mac Richardson, Bert Ebbers, Linda Caverly, Ann Baughman

Also attending: Joyce Hutto

The Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Gary Street on June 10, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan, Michigan.

Minutes: Minutes of May 20, 2009 were approved by the members present.

Reminders and Updates

A letter from Tom Stanley, TOMOC, was presented asking for volunteers to shuttle rides from Brutus to Topinabee, August 22, for the Burt Lake Trail Ride. He would also like escorts from the Burt Lake Trail Committee to ride along to point out various points on the proposed trail. Help is also needed for registration. It will be discussed at the next meeting who will be available to help on this ride.

Harold Koviak and Gary Street met with the Mullett Township Board. The Mullett Township Board has asked to have one engineering bid be made for Burt Township and another bid for Burt Township and Mullett Township combined.

Gary Street had a discussion with Barbara Nelson-Jameson of the National Park Service. She can provide guidance for the Trail. She would like to come to a meeting and share her experiences she has had with other trails she has worked on and can advise what needs to be done.

Burt Township Plans

Publicity

Kim Kihnke had 5th graders from Indian Lakes School submit drawings for a logo. The Art teacher and high school students will also submit logos.

Pamphlet

Connie Vorencamp and Ann Baughman presented a folded pamphlet, titled Burt Lake Trail showing a map of the proposed North Burt Lake Connector Trail. They will continue to work on the pamphlet and make the changes suggested by the committee. The pamphlets will be printed in early July.

BLPA Annual picnic booth, July 11, 2009

Mac Richardson will attend a table at the picnic to give out information about the Trail. Connie will make a poster including the map to show at the picnic. Other members will be at the picnic and can help answer questions.

Gary Street will contact the Petoskey News Review, the Straitsland Resorter and the Cheboygan Tribune to publish articles about the trail.

Engineering

Gary presented an example of a Request for Proposal (RFP). It will be used as a tool in preparing the Burt Lake Trails RFP to be submitted to the engineering firms. A draft will be written up before the next meeting to be looked over by the members for comments before it is sent out.

General Fund Raising

BLPA

Gary will meet with the BLPA board July 11 requesting funds.

Funds

Funds for the engineering study will be asked from the BLPA, Burt Township, Mullett Township, banks in the area, Consumers Energy, Presque Isle Power and other sources. Mac Richardson stressed the importance to promote that the trail will have access to the lake, such as Maple Bay, Hoppies, White Goose Bay, Roberts Road and Sturgeon Bay.

Easements

Tim MacArthur, (Burt Township attorney) will help with the easement contracts. Gary will follow up with this.

Legislative Contacts

Ann Baughman will write a letter to the legislators and mail by July 4th telling about the trail and to invite them to the Burt Lake Trail information meeting.

TASK LIST

Gary has a list of various tasks to be worked on for the trail, and who would be working on each task. The task list is attached for members to look over and let Gary know if they can work on a particular task.

It was discussed to have a fund raiser or a social event after the bike ride on August 22. Possibly a gathering at Hoppies with free ice cream cones.

Mac would like the trail brochures to be ready by July 1st. The brochures could be given out at various lake association meetings held in the summer.

Gary reminded everyone to keep track of their time spent working on the trail and to e-mail Joyce Hutto to compile the hours.

Gary thanked everyone for all the work that has been done.

Next meeting will be July 15 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce Hutto
Recording Secretary