

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

MARCH 23, 2026

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Gene Hodulik on March 23, 2026, at the Burt Township Hall at 7:05 PM.

ATTENDANCE: Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Brett Lindgren, Paul Janness, Dennis Dombroski, and Dave Jacalone. Margie Reh on the phone. Public attending: Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Hodulik

AGENDA ADDITIONS: Motion by Brett Lindgren, seconded by Paul Janness to approve the March agenda as stated. Motion Approved.

MINUTES: Motion by Brett Lindgren, seconded by Dennis Dombroski to approve the February 23, 2026 minutes. Motion Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

EAST SIDE TRAIL HEAD AT THE CORNER STORE PROPERTY: A discussion led by Dennis Dombroski and Brett Lindgren concluded that the actual size of the property should be verified by a surveyor, either Fulford or Granger. The ½ acre is shown on an old Wade Trim survey dated October 6, 1992, as being 132 feet by 165 feet. However the drawing dimensions include the 33 feet ROW from the center of Mullett-Burt Road (to the south) as well as Crump Road (to the east), and should be subtracted from each dimension. There could also be a 17 feet wide access to the north off Crump Road whose ownership must be determined. An easement might be available to provide the entrance to the parking area. A copy of the present deeds for the corner store property and the neighbors to the west and north need to be obtained from the Cheboygan County Clerk's office, which should reveal most answers that are needed.

The planned entrance will be on Crump Road, a split rail fence installed along Crump and Mullett-Burt Roads, and a bench anchored in the lot. The parking area base will be compacted Afton stone.

Once the exact dimensions of the lot are verified, Dave Jackalone volunteered to create a scale model to include the fence, bench, sign, and automobile parking.

HARDWOOD TO INDIAN RD TRAIL: The right of way along this stretch of trail must be identified before paving this summer. There is a proposal from Huron Engineering for \$3,900 to do a topographic survey of the trail so as to know where to pave the trail. Before winter, Jerry Trudell measured 33 feet from the center of the existing old West Burt Lake Road. He

concluded that there was space between the old West Burt Lake Road edge and the trail. When that portion of West Burt Lake Road is reconstructed in the future, a discussion will need to take place regarding widening the road to meet the trail or leaving a 2 ft. to 3 ft. space between them to encourage grass to grow..

2026 MEETING DATES: All meetings will be at 7 PM on the 4th Monday of the month. No meeting in December unless necessary. Meetings are Jan 26, Feb 23, March 23, April 27, May 18 3rd Monday), June 22, July 27, August 24, Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 23

FINANCES: The **Trail Maintenance Fund** has a balance of **\$ 54,760.39** as of **February 27, 2026**. The Burt Lake Trail donation account at TOMTC has a balance of **\$19,760.00** in donations as of March 13, 2026. The trail donation account **at CNB has \$432.68** as of February 27, 2026.

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 27, 2026, 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

COMMITTEE COMMENT: Hodulik stated again that there is an account at TOMTC to honor Harold Koviak with contributions to the Burt Lake Trail. People should mail a contribution to TOMTC, 1687 M-119, Petoskey, Mi 49770. Write the check to: TOMTC and in the check memo write : in Memory of Harold Koviak/ Burt Lake Trail.

Hodulik has talked with Mike Spierling who stated he would complete the paving of the final 1.5 miles of trail before July 4th for people to be able to use the entire 11.4 miles of paved trail and also reduce trail maintenance costs.

Margie Reh stated her 9 year term on the TOMTC council expires in July and TOMTC would like to have her replacement come from the Burt Township Trail or Cheboygan area. TOMTC wishes to have an article written by their newsletter editor focusing on the completion of the paving of the last 1.5 miles of the trail. Hodulik will be contacted.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion by Brett Lindgren, seconded by Paul Janness to adjourn. Motion passed.

ADJOURNED: 8:02 PM

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary

