

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

APRIL 27, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Gene Hodulik on April 27, 2026, at the Burt Township Hall at 7:06 PM.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Hodulik

AGENDA ADDITIONS: Motion by Brett Lindgren, seconded by Jerry Trudell to approve the April agenda as stated. Motion Approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS

EAST SIDE TRAIL HEAD AT THE CORNER STORE PROPERTY: A discussion using the documents and deed provided by Tim MacArthur, our township lawyer, verified that the 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, which shrunk the area to .27 acres for the parking area. There is a 17 feet wide access to the north off Crump Road whose ownership must be determined. This might provide an easement to the parking area entrance. Recommendation is to hire either Fulford or Granger to verify the survey and find out who owns the north strip off Crump Road.

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, and probably a paved parking spot near Mullett-Burt Rd for handicap access to the trail.

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 verified and staked before paving this summer. Hodulik brought the C2AE original engineering drawings which were studied by Jerry Trudell and Dennis Dombroski during the meeting.. There is a proposal from Huron Engineering for \$3,900 to do a topographic survey of the trail in this

area so as to know where to pave the trail. Conclusion was to discuss this proposal with Huron Engineering's Becky Rivard regarding this project, along with the next 1/2 mile north to be paved which is also close to the newly paved and widened West Burt Lake Road. These answers are needed to insure the paving is located in the correct off road area.

SIGN INSTALLATION TO TOPINABEE: Dave Jacalone volunteered to install the signs working with Hodulik to verify the locations using existing metal posts.. If any additional posts are needed, they should be coordinated with the Cheboygan County Road Commission.

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 **\$ 54,765.19 as of March 31, 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 \$432.72** as of March 31, 2026.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 18, 2026, (3RD Monday), 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

COMMITTEE COMMENT: 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. .

Margie Reh stated she would look into possible grants for the trailhead improvements. However we must come up with the improvement list and associated costs to use in any grant application.

Hodulik stated there is a washout at the Vieu family home (off the waterfront), where water has been streaming downhill and overflowing the ditch, which was cleaned out by the county road commission workers but has ruined the trail for about 6 car lengths. This will need to be repaired for walkers and bikers and certainly before being paved.

Dave Jacalone stated that he saw a trail sign down while biking on the west side just south of Hogsback. Hodulik will contact Mike Spierling to power sweep the paved trail.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion by Brett Lindgren, seconded by Jerry Trudell to adjourn. Motion passed.

ADJOURNED: 8:15 PM

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary

