

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

MAY 18, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Gene Hodulik on May 18, 2026, at the Burt Township Hall at 7:07 PM.

ATTENDANCE: Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Brett Lindgren, Jerry Trudell, Paul Janness, 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 May 18 agenda as stated. Motion Approved.

MINUTES: Motion by Brett Lindgren, seconded by Jerry Trudell to approve the April 27, 2026 minutes. Motion Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

EAST SIDE TRAIL HEAD AT THE CORNER STORE PROPERTY: Hodulik thanked Jerry Trudell., Dave Jacalone and Gary Setla for cutting/trimming trees and bushes, then hauling all of it to the east side transfer station in time to be chipped. It may be necessary to erect temporary “No Trespassing” or “No Dumping” signs on the property. Paul Janness stated that EGLE personnel were on site today taking samples from the wells. Hodulik will again contact Meg Sheehan of EGLE regarding our intention to improve the site to have it available as a trailhead yet this season. 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. Either Fullford or Granger must be hired to verify the survey and find out who owns the north strip off Cump Road.

The planned entrance will be on Crump Road, a planned 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 Jacalone 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. Jerry Trudell brought back the C2AE original engineering drawings to share with Becky Rivard of Huron Engineering to help with determining

how far the trail should be from the old East Burt Lake Road. There is a proposal from Huron Engineering for \$3,900 to do a topographic survey of the trail in this area to determine where to pave the trail.

Hodulik will also get a quote to survey the next ½ mile north which is also close to the newly two feet wider paved section of West Burt Lake Road. Should the trail be adjacent to the newly paved road or should there be a couple feet between the road and trail? The solution must be reviewed with Matt Hall, Manager of the Cheboygan County Road Commission and Mike Spierling, who will be doing the paving.

SIGN INSTALLATION TO TOPINABEE: Dave Jacalone volunteered to install the signs working with Hodulik to verify the locations using existing metal posts.. Brett Lindgren stated that there may not need to be that many big yellow signs and use more of the small “convenience” signs. Dave and Paul volunteered to install the signs, meeting at Hodulik’s garage on June 2 at 10 am, where all the signs are stored.

If any additional metal 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 \$ **54,769.69** as of **APRIL 30, 2026**. The Burt Lake Trail donation account at TOMTC has a balance of **\$19,760.00** as of **March 13, 2026**. The trail donation account at **CNB** has **\$432.76** as of **APRIL 30, 2026**.

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 22, 2026, at 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 that \$1,907.50 has been donated in Harold’s name. Hodulik passed on this list to Jeni Koviak, Harold’s daughter who will share this list with her sister Missy.

Margie Reh researched several different grants,, but all have a deadline of April 1 each year. However we must come up with the improvement list and associated costs to use in any grant application.

Hodulik stated that most of the trail has been power swept, but not from the Gorge going east. Hodulik will double check this project status with Mike Spierling. There is a washout at the Vieau family home (off the waterfront), where water has been streaming downhill and overflowing the ditch. The ditch 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.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion by Brett Lindgren, seconded by David Jacalone to adjourn. Motion passed.

ADJOURNED: 7:50 PM

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary