

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

JUNE 22, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Gene Hodulik on June 22, 2026, at the Burt Township Hall at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE: Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Brett Lindgren, Jerry Trudell, Paul Janness, Dennis Dombroski and Dave Jacalone. Public attending: Doug Parsons, West Burt Lake Rd resident, and Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Hodulik

AGENDA ADDITIONS: Motion by Brett Lindgren, seconded by Jerry Trudell to approve the June 22 agenda as stated. Motion Approved.

MINUTES: Motion by Jerry Trudell, seconded by Brett Lindgren to approve the May 18, 2026 minutes as written. Motion Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

TRAIL POWER SWEEP AND MOWED: Gordon Ormsbee mowed the trail after Spierling power swept it in early June.

EAST SIDE TRAIL HEAD PROPERTY: Hodulik provided the Cheboygan Title Agency paperwork, dated June 27, 2024, that states the 17.43 feet by 147.58 feet on the northern corner store/trailhead property line belongs with the corner store/trailhead property. Therefore the plan is to use that area as the entrance off Crump Road to the trailhead parking lot. Hodulik stated the property has weeds growing and the grass on the ROW off Crump and Mullett-Burt Rd should be cut. Hodulik will contact Gordon Ormsbee to see if he could spray to kill weeds and mow the ROW on both roads.

A planned wood split rail fence will be installed along Crump and Mullett-Burt Roads, a tool station and bike rack to handle “fat” tires and up to 29 inch tires, and a bench anchored in the lot under a sun shelter. 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. Hodulik has communicated with Mike Spierling to get a bid from him regarding the Afton stone base and paved area. Hodulik will contact Gordon Ormsbee as to his availability to kill the weeds and mow where necessary.

Dave Jacalone volunteered to create a scale model to include the fence, bench, sign, and automobile parking. Hodulik will contact Meg Sheehan of EGLE with our improvement plan.

HARDWOOD TO INDIAN RD TRAIL: The right of way along this stretch of trail must be verified and staked before paving this summer. Hodulik has the C2AE original engineering

drawings to share with Mike Spierling to help with determining how far the trail should be from the old East Burt Lake Road shoulder..

INDIAN RD NORTH TOWARD HOGSBACK RD:

Should the trail be adjacent to the newly paved road or should there be a couple feet between the road and trail? There are reasons why either approach could work. A separated trail was preferred by the committee. But if adjacent to the newly paved WBLR it would be easier to maintain. The solution must be reviewed with Matt Hall, Manager of the Cheboygan County Road Commission and Mike Spierling, who will be doing the paving later in July.

SIGN INSTALLATION TO TOPINABEE: Dave Jacolone and Paul Janness volunteered to install the signs, meeting at Hodulik's garage on June 2 at 10 am. Thank you both for your time and effort to complete signage to the North Central State Trail in Topinabee and returning to the Burt Lake Trail.

NEW BUSINESS

FENCE QUOTE: Hodulik will get some bids from Home Depot, Lowe's, Harbor Fence, etc. for split rail fence.

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 **\$ 54,774.04 as of May 29, 2026.** The Burt Lake Trail donation account at TOMTC has a balance of **\$20,887.80 as of June 4, 2026.** The trail donation account at CNB has **\$432.79 as of May 29, 2026.**

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 24, 2026, at 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall

PUBLIC COMMENT: Doug Parsons mentioned the washout of the trail near the Vieuve home which was caused by water that rushed down a steep hill into a shallow ditch causing the washout. A second washout near the tennis court just south of the Indian Road intersection caved in the trail and part of the road. County road employees cleared the ditch out, but damaged the trail.

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.

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

ADJOURNED: 8:13 PM

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary

