

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

JULY 27, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Gene Hodulik on July 27, 2026, at the Burt Township Hall at 7:05 PM.

ATTENDANCE: Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Brett Lindgren, Jerry Trudell, Paul Janness, Dennis Dombroski present. Margie Reh and David Jacalone excused. 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 July 27 agenda as stated. Motion Approved.

MINUTES: Motion by Brett Lindgren, seconded by Paul Janness to approve the June 22, 2026 minutes as written. Motion Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

EAST SIDE TRAIL HEAD PROPERTY: Hodulik stated the weeds will be sprayed ,but not until mid-August and the high grass along the ROW on Crump Road and Mullett-Burt Rd will be mowed.

The planned red cedar split rail fence cost of materials to be installed along Crump and Mullett-Burt Roads is \$52.68 per ten feet at Lowe's. Approximately 23 sections will be needed for a total cost of approximately\$ 1,200. Brett Lindgren suggested we get a price for the split rail fence from the Do It Center in Indian River. Presently the thought is that volunteers will install the fence after the Afton stone base is laid down and compacted in the parking area. Also planned is a paved parking spot near Mullett-Burt Rd for handicap access to the trail.

NEW BUSINESS

HARDWOOD TO INDIAN RD TRAIL SECTION. The trail must be rebuilt as the current work being done by the county road commission to install the necessary culverts after the June storm washed away portions of the "old" West Burt Lake Road and the adjacent stone based trail. The C2AE original trail engineering drawings will be shared with Mike Spierling to help with the reconstruction. We hope this can be done yet this year, but the county road commission must complete its reconstruction first and pave over the culverts. The committee recommended a

meeting with Matt Hall, manager of the road commission, Mike Spierling and Gene Hodulik to develop a plan on how to proceed.

INDIAN RD NORTH TOWARD HOGSBACK RD: There is about two tenths of a mile of stone trail north of the paved hill at Indian Road intersection that must be reconstructed due to the June storm that brought much sand from the west side hills onto the trail and even across the new portion of West Burt Lake Road. The good news is that West Burt Lake Road was not damaged in this area.

The committee agreed that the damaged trail, all stone aggregate, be reconstructed this year to provide the base for paving, and then if time, pave it in the late fall or postpone paving the remaining 1.5 miles to next year.

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 \$ **54,778.84** as of **June 30, 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 **\$432.83** as of **June 30, 2026**.

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 24, 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.

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

ADJOURNED: 8:13 PM

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary

