

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

AUGUST 24, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Gene Hodulik on August 24, 2026, at the Burt Township Hall at 7:00 PM.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Hodulik

AGENDA ADDITIONS: Motion by Paul Janness, seconded by Gene Hodulik to approve the August 24 agenda as stated. Motion Approved.

APPROVAL OF JULY 27, 2026 MINUTES:: No approval, no quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

EAST SIDE TRAIL HEAD PROPERTY: Hodulik stated the weeds were sprayed, the lot mowed (mostly) and Paul Janness and he weed-wacked the high grass remaining along the ROW on Crump Road which had not been mowed. It looks better.

AFTON STONE QUOTE FOR EAST TRAILHEAD :

Hodulik has not received a quote from Mike Spierling to have the surface graded, some brush and weeds removed on the north and west sides and then an Afton stone base applied and compacted. It would then be ready to install the split rail fence. Dennis Dombrowski recommended that if there is not enough time to install the fence before winter, then the project should be re-scheduled to the spring as the fence should keep unwanted traffic out of the trailhead.

REPAIR SECTION OF HARDWOOD TO INDIAN RD TRAIL: As stated in last month's meeting minutes, the trail must be rebuilt as the three culverts have been installed after the June storm which 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 still needs to pave over the culverts. Hodulik has communicated with Matt Hall, manager of the road commission, who has not gotten a commitment yet for paving the road, after which the trail can be repaired. Matt Drake, our county road commission foreman for Burt Township said he would try to level off the trail so it is usable by walkers until repaired.

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.

PAVE THE LAST 1.5 MILES OF STONE TRAIL ON THE WEST SIDE: 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.

NEW BUSINESS

SCALE LAYOUT OF EAST TRAILHEAD: Hodulik will work on this as it has been asked for by Meg Sheehan of EGLE Gaylord. A parking spot is usually 10 feet wide and 16 feet long. There is probably space for at least 14 parking spaces, a bench, and structure for signage. There will be a split rail fence on the Crump Road and Mullett-Burt Road sides.

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 \$ 54,783.49 as of July 31, 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 \$432.87 as of July 31, 2026.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 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.

Dennis Dombroski recommended that more bike stencils be painted on East Burt Lake Road, especially near Hoppies curve, on Mullett-Burt RD and if there is enough room on the shoulders of Bennett Rd. The lines dividing the trail from the road need to be repainted on East Burt Lake Road and Mullett-Burt Road, 5 feet from the edge. This will need to be coordinated with the county road commission manager for next spring/summer painting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion by Paul Janness, seconded by Dennis Dombroski to adjourn. Motion passed.

ADJOURNED: 7:50 PM Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary

