

BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE

June 16, 2010

Committee present: Gary Street, Ann Baughman, Mac Richardson, John Roberts, Kim Kihnke, Connie Vorenkamp.

Also attending: Harold Koviak, James Larson, Joyce Hutto, recording secretary.

Public comments period of previous minutes.

James Larson commented the draft minutes of the previous meetings are not available for guest to read at the present meetings. Gary Street stated they are available for anyone who requests the minutes and had copies available for anyone that wanted them.

Minutes

Moved by Mac Richardson and seconded by Connie Vorenkamp to accept the minutes of May 19, 2010.

Public Comment

James Larson said the minutes of May 19, 2010 mislead a reader to think it is being considered to widen the shoulders on each side of the road of the entire East Burt Lake Road rather than only the steep hill on East Burt Lake Road. The discussion was to consider using black top on the steep hill portion of East Burt Lake Road.

Updates

Linda Caverly has resigned from the Burt Lake Trail Committee.

Newsletter

Ann Swayze has suggested a newsletter be published every six months to inform the public of the progress of the trail. A good data base is needed for a mailing list. Ann Baughman will look into different data bases to use.

Meijers Foundation

Gary Street talked with a representative from West Michigan Trails and Greenway Coalition concerning a grant from the Meijer Foundation. This group is the contact group to help with a grant application and Gary will be in touch with them in the future.

Presentations

John Roberts put together a slide presentation of information of the proposed trail. Gary Street and Ann Baughman presented the Power Point presentation to the Biological Station. The slide presentation show photos of a staged setup showing the dangers for walkers and bicyclers on a curve on the Brutus Road, showing the need of a trail. It also describes the functions of the Trail Committee, such as fund raising, construction of the trail, time tables, list of committee of members, etc.

Fund Raising

Two pledge raising events have taken place on the west side of Burt Lake. The pledges that have been received so far are close to \$35,000. Plans are being made for events to take place on the

east side of Burt Lake. Mac Richardson (and perhaps another Committee member) will give a presentation at the White Goose annual association meeting.

Mini fund raisers are encouraged for friends inviting friends to discuss the trail. Committee members are encouraged to send in their pledges.

Easements

Connie Vorenkamp is working on a list of names for committee members to contact a specific land owner for an easement. Committee members are to look over this list and state those they are most familiar with to ask for the easement. The list will be categorized as familiar to the committee member and unfamiliar to the committee member. Each committee member will have a packet of the easement and a brochure to hand out. The website google.doc was suggested to keep a list of the easement grantors.

Recognition of contributors

It was discussed how to recognize contributors to the trail. Some suggestions are to post a mile marker on the trail with a plaque, a plaque attached to the proposed goose bay bridge, or bricks engraved with the contributor's name. A person could also donate to the trail in memory of someone. Mac Richardson will look for more ideas to present to the committee.

Pledge Form

Ann Swayze has revised the pledge form format. It was agreed it is more appealing than the original format and will be used in place of the old forms.

Informational Gathering

An informational gathering was held at the Burt Township Hall on May 29, 2010. The next informational gathering will be held at the Burt Township Hall on June 26 from 9-10:30 a.m. Gary Street and Connie Vorenkamp will be there to answer questions.

BLPA Meeting

An information table with brochures and maps will be set up at the next BLPA meeting on July 10, 2010.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be July 14, 2010 at 5:30.

Public comment

Jim Larson asked if the list of categorized property owners will be published. Connie Vorenkamp explained the list is only a tool for committee members to help choose who they will approach to ask for the easement.

Moved by Ann Baughman and seconded by John Roberts to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Joyce Hutto, Recording Secretary