

Minutes of BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE September 26, 2011

A meeting of the Burt Lake Trail Committee was held at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Rd. Cheboygan Michigan on September 26, 2011, at 7 p.m.

Committee members present: Steve Vorenkamp (Chair), Ann Baughman (Vice Chair), Connie Vorenkamp, Art Pillen, Bert Ebbers, Mac Richardson, Kim Kihnke, and Jay Jontz. Also attending: Shirley Reimann, John Wojciechowski, Jim MacMillan, Jim Larson, Gene Hodulik, Kelly Jontz, Amanda Poynter, Barbara Nelson-Jameson, Jayme Ohlhover and Joyce Hutto-Nolan(Recording Secretary).

Ann Baughman (Vice Chair) substituted for Steve Vorenkamp. Ann reminded committee members to complete the survey which was e-mailed to members requesting ideas for next year's meetings.

There will not be an October 2011, meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2011, at 7 p.m.

Motion

Moved by Connie Vorenkamp and seconded by Jay Jontz to accept the minutes of August 22, 2011, as written.

Motion unanimously approved.

Amanda Poynter, C2AE

Amanda Poynter, Civil Engineer, from C2AE made a presentation. C2AE was hired in 2009, by Burt Township to develop a concept plan for a trail around Burt Lake starting in Topinabee and ending at the Maple Bay Campground. Amanda explained phase one of the Burt Lake Trail project. C2AE has been working on the topography survey of the segment of the trail from Maple Bay Campground to Brutus Road around the curve to West Burt Lake Road finishing near North Raver Road. The survey showed where the trail would cross the road and where easements are needed. C2AE is 80% to 90% finished with the preliminary drawings and when given approval to proceed, it will make recommendations for easement locations. C2AE will prepare and submit final drawings to the DNR for approval. Permit applications will also be submitted to other departments. Amanda presented a map detailing the proposed trail. The map showed the location and width of easements along the trail. There was a suggestion that the trail route go through the woods which would eliminate the trail on the curve on West Burt Lake Road. This would address the safety issue on the curve. The Committee will review and consider all suggestions.

Barbara Nelson-Jameson and Jayme Ohlhover- Developing Trail Signage and Donor Recognition.

Barbara Nelson-Jameson of the National Park Service and intern Jayme Ohlhover gave a power point presentation sharing their work on the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail. It showed signage and donor recognition plans. She stressed the importance of checking on local sign ordinances during the planning of developing sign design. Jayme Ohlhover outlined some of the objectives of a sign plan. 1. What are the existing policies or standards to consider. 2 What are the graphic standards. 3. Colors, material and symbology. 4. Location of signs. 5. Mounting details.

Barbara said donor recognition on the trail should be an ongoing project adding donors as they contribute. Consideration should be given to the type of donation such as commemorative donations in honor of an individual. The way to display donor names should be compatible with the trail signage. Barbara showed pictures of examples of donor recognition on other trails.

Public Comment

Gene Hodulik asked if pledges are still needed to work on phases two and three. Ann Baughman said they are needed.

Gene Hodulik asked what was the criteria used to determine phase two of the trail to be constructed from Raver Road to Hogsback instead Hoppies to Hogsback. Ann Baughman said that the granting source, MDOT, wants the trail to be built as a connecting trail and therefore the second phase would continue on where the first phase finished.

Motion

Moved by Art Pillen and seconded by Jay Jontz to adjourn.

Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hutto-Nolan, Recording Secretary