

# BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE

July 14, 2010

Committee present: Gary Street, Ann Baughman, Mac Richardson, John Roberts, Virginia Chenevere.

Also attending: Mary Street, Joyce Hutto, recording secretary.

## Minutes:

Moved by Virginia Chenevere and seconded by Mac Richardson to accept the minutes of June 16, 2010 as written.

## Public Comments

Mary Street commented she counted 9 bikers and 9 walkers one morning on the road between Hardwood Road and the big curve on West Burt Lake Road. Mary emphasized a need for a trail for the sake of safety.

## Updates

Meijer's Foundation: Meijer's has suspended grant applications until the economy is better. Gary Street will stay in touch with Meijer's.

White Goose Association: Mac Richardson and Gary Street gave a presentation of the trail on July 3 at the annual meeting. It was suggested to contact other associations around the lake to give information about the trail at their meetings.

Support Letters: Letters supporting the trail were presented. They are to be placed on the Burt Lake Trail web site.

Hill on East Burt Lake Road: Gary had a discussion with Amanda Poynter of C2AE concerning the steep hill on East Burt Lake Road. Placing crushed limestone on the trail could be dangerous for bikers riding down the hill. Placing wide blacktop on the shoulders on each side of the road on the hill in place of the crushed limestone would address the safety issue. The blacktop shoulders would be placed in the road right-of-way. The Cheboygan County Road Commission sent a letter endorsing the blacktop.

## BLPA Contribution match

A proposal to donate \$51,000 over a three year period has been approved by the BLPA. This is a match and the trail committee will need to raise \$51,000. An article will be published in the September BLPA newspaper. John Roberts presented a release from the BLPA to be submitted to the local newspapers telling of the \$51,000 pledge.

## Slideshow Presentation

John Roberts presented a slideshow he put together of issues and facts of the Burt Lake Trail. This slideshow shows pictures of a staged setup showing the dangerous situations of bikers and walkers meeting vehicles on the road. It also shows why easements are so important. Without an easement, the trail would have to be placed too close to the road making it more hazardous for users. His presentation will be used to take to meetings to show and inform about the trail.

### Meeting with Biological Station

Ann Baughman and Gary Street met with Carrie Slavik of the U of M Biological Station to see what it takes to get approval of the easement by the Biological Station. Carrie will also share information about the trail with students, faculty and staff. The local chapter of alumni of U of M could also be contacted for support.

### Fund Raising

Ann Baughman reported that \$40,775 in pledges has been received. Two fund raising parties are being planned. One on the East side of Burt Lake and one on the West side of Burt Lake.

A township mailing list is being worked on.

Committee members are urged to pledge to the trail.

### Easements

A list of easement consideration guidelines to take into account when asking for easements was explained by Gary Street.

A Pledge for trail easements has been written as a non binding document for the landowner to allow the trail to cross his property. The landowner will then have the right to finalize his commitment once the trail surveying is finished and C2AE has determined where the trail will be located. This document is a pledge for the landowner to show good faith that they support the trail. Gary will follow up with Tim McArthur, township attorney, to finalize the document. It is suggested to attach the easement consideration guidelines to this pledge.

Tim McArthur is working on a document on liability for the landowner who is granting an easement.

### Recognition of Contributors

Mac Richardson has researched the use of bricks to show acknowledgement of a contributor. The brick would have the names of the contributor set into the brick. They could be used as a mile marker or set into concrete along the trail in different places. Before making a decision to use bricks, the DNR will need to approve of their use.

### Posters

John Roberts has prepared posters about the trail to hand out or to use as an insert in a mailing.

### Next Meeting

Next meeting will be August 18, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Moved by Ann Baughman and seconded by Bert Ebbers to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Joyce Hutto,  
Recording Secretary