

BURT TOWNSHIP
Ad Hoc Trails Committee Meeting
February 11, 2009

Committee Present: Gary Street, Ann Baughman, Bert Ebbers, Kim Kihnke, Dean Pollard, Linda Caverly

Absent: Mac Richardson, Frank Kestler, Steve Vorenkamp

Also attending: Joyce Hutto

The Trails Committee was called to order by Gary Street on February 11, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan, Michigan.

Minutes

Moved by Ann Baughman and seconded by Dean Pollard to accept the minutes of January 14, 2009.

Trail Committee

A. Acceptance of plan by DNR

Letter was received from Jim Radabaugh, State Trails Coordinator supporting the Trail Plan.

B. TOMTC Trail ride

Gary Street explained about the trail ride from Topinabee to Brutus August 22, 2009

C. Map Update

Frank Kestler said that the trail is a regional trail and not just a Burt Lake Trail. The map should reflect this.

D. Trail Status with TOMTC

A letter from Tom Stanley shows that the trails that are 1st priority with the State will soon be completed and this trail could become a top priority.

E. Presentation to TOMTC Board

Ann Baughman and Gary Street will give a presentation to the TOMTC Board on March 9, 2009.

F. University of Michigan Involvement

The Trail will cover a great deal of the property of University of Michigan Gary Street will invite Kari Slavik and/or Mike Grant to attend future Trail Committee meetings.

G. Emmett County Recreation Planning Input

Nancy Salar, member of the Emmett County Planning Commission, will keep Gary informed about Emmett County trails, and vice versa.

H. Organizations

Gary Street presented a list of organizations supporting the trail.

This list includes: BLPA, Burt Township, Cheboygan County Road Commission, Citizens National Bank, Emmet County Planning and Zoning, Mich Dept of Natural Resources, Straits Area Community Foundation, and TOMTC.

Team Building Meeting

A meeting will be held at Boyne Highlands in April of the Trail Committee members and anyone who is interested. The purpose of the meeting is to share ideas to get a clear focus of who will do what and to provide a guide of what is to be done.

Preliminary Idea List

A list has been made showing various means of fund raising, and public awareness. A name for the trail is needed. Publicity will involve a brochure, web site, and local newspapers.

Tax Deduction

The TOMTC and BLPA are 501(c) 3 organizations, and could be used as a vehicle to collect money for the trail. They would receive a check and apply the money into the trail account. Therefore, a donation could be used as a tax deduction.

Engineering Firms

a. Northwest Design Group

A professional service agreement was presented. An estimate of \$6,500 was given for mapping, and field investigation, grant application assistance and a preliminary look at the route.

b. C2AE

Gary Street met with C2AE February 5. C2AE said there is a need to work with adjoining townships so the trail would be recognized as a regional trail. Burt Ebbers said both engineering firms are qualified.

c. Gary and Bert felt that either firm would be easy to work with.

Timing for Fund Raising

Hours are needed to track the time spent on the Trail Committee to apply for state grant. A spread sheet will be made to track members time and dates spent on the Trail Committee.

Web Site

Kim Kinkhke told how the Trail can contribute on different areas on the Burt Township web site. Many ideas were presented such as trail rides, t-shirts, logo contest, newsletter, map of the proposed trail, and pictures.

Fund Raising Plan

Ann Baughman showed a spreadsheet showing headlines of potential sources, deadlines for grants, committee work, timeline for getting things done, Project Phase (engineering, trail construction) and Direct cost's. Some of the ideas for giving of donations are having house parties, BLPA, Douglas Lake Association, Counties, lake associations, chambers of commerce, U. of M. and donating in-kind services.

Overall Project Plan

Gary Street showed a flow chart of what has been done and what is to be done.

Closure of Township Roads for OVR's

Harold Koviak asked for opinions from the Trail Committee on the closing of township roads to ATV's. Dean Pollard said it would be difficult to stop. Bert Ebbers said if you don't let the ATV's on the road, they will probably use the trail. Gary Street said children using the ATV's on the road would become a safety issue. Burt Ebbers said closing the township roads would work against the trail.

Next Meeting is March 11

Meeting was closed at 9:55.