

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
October 3, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on October 3, 2013, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan Michigan 49721.

ATTENDANCE: Harold Koviak, Shirley Reimann, Arthur Pillen, Eugene Hodulik, Donna McDougall

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Mike Brendly, Bob English, Mike English, Ron & Willie Miller, Russ Elmhirst, Jon Jontz, Joyce Hutto-Nolan, Cheryl Cheney, Susan & Jim Anderson, Stuart P. Cheney, Dave Patterson, Randolph L. Bricker, Sr., David Hutto, Bob Hammond, John Roberts, Robert N. Miller, Steve & Holly Blossom, Jim Larson, Gary Street, Patricia Craig, John Wojciechowski

AGENDA: Koviak

Additions: None

Deletions - None

Public Comments on Agenda – None

Public Comment:

Russ Elmhirst – 1029 Stratford Lane

Mr. Elmhirst asked if the grave markers have been ordered yet. Koviak said he is waiting for Brian Fulford.

Mr. Elmhirst said signs are needed for Service Road and Numbers Road. Koviak said he will get with the road commission.

Mike Brendly – 467 Eagles Nest Rd.

Mr. Brendly asked if “pedestrians walking” signs can be ordered for Eagles Nest Road. Koviak will ask the road commission if these are allowed.

Jill Patterson – 2008 Evergreen Lane

Mrs. Patterson asked that changes be made to the September 5, 2013 minutes to reflect her previously e-mailed suggestions.

Comments were given regarding the DNR/Garnicki Property by Dave Patterson, Ron Miller, and Bo Miller.

Public Comment period closed at 7:08 pm.

Consent Agenda Items

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of September 5, 2013 with the following corrections:

- Correct the spelling of John Beery's name
- Under Public Comment – Tom Cornell - Change “Said Koviak does not know the cost of the trail.” to read “Koviak does not know the cost of the trail maintenance.” *
- Add – The guests were canvassed as to their support of the trail.

MOTION APPROVED

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to pay the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DNR/Garnicki Property – Koviak

Supervisor Koviak stated that he did not send a letter to the DNR. He did, however, send an email to Ron Olson requesting an appraisal and also about Maple Bay. Koviak followed up with a telephone call to Mr. Olson. Mr. Olson said Burt Township will not get an appraisal until the DNR receives a letter from Burt Township saying the township wants to purchase the property at the taxable value of approximately \$450,000. As the DNR owns the property they will not offer a grant for Burt Township to acquire the property through a DNR Trust Fund grant and that a grant would need to come from the federal government with a 1-1 match.

Koviak said he proposes that the board write to the DNR that Burt Township stating Burt Township is not interested in a park project at the DNR/Garnicki property.

Hodulik said he is concerned with the process to reach this decision. There are four criteria needed, and Burt Township did not have all the information to come to a decision until Koviak's recent call to Mr. Olson.

- 1) He is concerned with the DNR's attitude in not stating a price for the land without Burt Township's commitment to purchase when the letter from Mr. Olson said they would provide a price.
- 2) The possibility of obtaining a Grant to purchase the land
- 3) Consideration of input from Burt Township property owners at township meetings
- 4) The input from the property owners survey for the Master Plan update starting in 2014 should also be considered but will not be known until the Nov. 18 Planning Commission meeting, with the possibility of preliminary data available at the Nov. 7 township meeting.

For example, the Maple Bay upgrade project was a process which took over three years working with the DNR.

McDougall said she is concerned that the survey results are not available as the survey asked specific questions regarding residents' opinions regarding a township park on Burt Lake.

Reimann said if grants are not available, the township cannot afford to purchase the property.

Koviak said that while Olson will not say it is ok for Burt Township residents to swim at Maple Bay campground, he has said that it **is** ok to use it as long as parking doesn't become a factor and they are keeping track of the number of vehicles that are there without trailers attached.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen to table this discussion until the November board meeting.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by Hodulik, to write a letter to the DNR to say Burt Township is no longer interested the West Burt Lake Road/DNR/Garnicki property but would like to talk about Maple Bay recreational usage for Burt Township residents.

Roll Call Vote Taken: Reimann – yes; Pillen – no; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes; Koviak – yes

MOTION APPROVED

New Business

Dry Hydrants – Dave Patterson – 2008 Evergreen Lane

Mr. Patterson introduced Mike English and Bob English from Mullett Township Fire Dept., Randy Bricker from the Pellston Fire Dept. and Bob Hammond from Northwest Design Group in Petoskey.

Mr. Patterson said that dry hydrants are not a BLPA project. He said there are 11 in Tuscarora Township and 1 on the east side of Mullett Lake but none in Burt Township.

Bob English said all the dry hydrants are on moving water and work quite well. He is in favor of them if they work properly. Randy Bricker said they cost a lot of money but with good engineering can last many years and lower insurance costs for homeowners.

Bob Hammond said NDG has installed one at the north end of Walloon Lake, 850' from shore in 8' of water. They bore under the lake bottom a minimum of 6'. The cost was \$35,000-\$45,000 for construction and about \$10,000 for engineering.

Burt Township has six possible locations: Mundt Road, Hoppies, Indian Lane, Maple Bay, Sturgeon Bay and Greenman's Point. Hodulik said the township would need to prioritize locations, possibly Sturgeon Bay creek and Maple Bay first.

Koviak said funding would need to be looked at. Randy Bricker said grants are available to fire departments for dry hydrants.

John Wojciechowski suggested a substation at the corner of Riggsville Road and W. Burt Lake Road. Bricker said this is a good idea and he has wanted to do this for a long time.

Cable TV – Koviak

Pillen met with Great Lake Power and Pipe from Onaway to get a bid to remove the old cable and poles from the defunct cable TV company. He tried to reach Consumers Energy but the number given to him was not a good number.

The quote from Great Lakes is \$27,258.00 to remove all the cable, poles and service to individual properties. They can complete the job in 2-3 weeks.

Steve Blossom asked if the franchise has been revoked. Koviak said the township attorney said it is ok to go ahead and take it all down and the easement has been given from the road commission.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to contract with Great Lakes Power and pipe to remove the old cable, poles, and services to properties at a cost of \$27,258.00.

MOTION APPROVED

Burt Lake Trail – Pillen

The trail meeting for September was cancelled. Pillen met with the contractor about the drainage issue at Indian Trail and W. Burt Lake Road. The problem was no crown to the trail. C2AE had M&M Contracting come back and regrade it.

Planning Commission – Hodulik

The Planning Commission is working on the following:

- 1) Modify zoning for “tent” storage units
- 2) Waiting for the survey to become available (over 400 of 947 have been received)
- 3) Working on the size of signs

Supervisor’s Report – Koviak

- Koviak submitted 10 additional letters regarding the DNR/Garnicki property and 2 emails
- Dan Swantek is retiring as Zoning Administrator effective December 1, 2013. Letter of resignation received.
- Planning Commission members Gary Street and Ann Baughman are retiring effective December 31, 2013.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to receive and file all correspondence.

MOTION APPROVED

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Koviak to accept Dan Swantek’s resignation as Zoning Administrator effective December 1, 2013, with regret.

MOTION APPROVED

Public Comment Period:

Ron Miller – 3028 W. Burt Lake Rd.

Mr. Miller suggested e-mail as a source of communication with residents. Koviak said the website is the source for information.

Patricia Craig – (for Irene Tracy) – 3652 W. Burt Lake Rd.

Mrs. Craig suggested using speaker phones so residents can call and listen to meetings. Pillen said no one is using speaker phones and Burt Township will not use them either. Koviak said he has checked with MTA and that in larger areas, meetings are being taped on cable TV but no one is using skype or speaker phones.

Dave Patterson – 2008 Evergreen Lane

Mr. Patterson asked how the openings on the Planning Commission will affect the ZBA. Koviak said the chair of the Planning Commission serves as a ZBA member. Koviak said alternates are still needed for the Board of Review and the ZBA.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to adjourn.

MOTION APPROVED

Next Board Meeting: November 7, 2013 7:00 pm Burt Township Hall

Adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk

*Hodulik said the cost of the trail maintenance is estimated at \$500/mile/year as per the grant application.