

## BURT TOWNSHIP TRAIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 24, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Gene Hodulik and Art Pillen, Acting Co-chairs.

Attendance: due to severe weather only Leo Chenevere and Tom Stephanic in attendance.

Agenda: Discuss information provided by Steve Vorenkamp (via email) regarding the next step involving grant writing to meet 2015 and 2016 deadlines.

Findings: Steve's meetings/discussions with NEMCOG, County Road Commission, and Emily Myerson (grant writer) revealed the following: There are no TAP Federal Funds available for 2015 projects per MDOT, meaning widening Riggsville Road with paved shoulders will not happen in 2015. Meeting with Emily Myerson on 11/21, resulted in the recommendation to write the grant applications now to continue the West Burt Trail as a separated trail (MDNRTF dollars) from Hogsback to Riggsville Road. Riggsville Road would have six foot paved shoulders (MDOT dollars), then East Burt to Birchwood as a separated trail (a better chance for MDNRTF dollars), and from the Birchwood intersection East Burt and Mullett-Burt Roads with paved shoulders. NEMCOG expertise would be used to apply for these grants to meet the 2015 and 2016 deadlines. Emily Myerson will be the backup grant writer.

Discussion followed on these grant approaches and the decision was made to proceed with grant writing by Niko Tucker of NEMCOG and if necessary, Emily Myerson, if NEMCOG can't accomplish it in a timely fashion to meet the required deadlines. Steve Vorenkamp will be notified to proceed.

Gene Hodulik commented on two concerns, lack of involvement of Munro Township, mostly on our part, to obtain their co-operation and support as some of the trail would end up in their township, and secondly, is there any opportunity to re-open discussions with UM to use the "utility" easement in our township instead of Riggsville Road.

Meeting Schedule for 2015, 7PM, Township Hall, mostly the 4th Monday of the month: Feb 23, March 23, May 19 (Tuesday), June 22, July 27, AUGUST 24, September 28, October 26, and December 7 (first Monday).

Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM Next meeting Feb 23, 2015 at 7PM, Township Hall

Submitted by Gene Hodulik and Art Pillen