

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 24, 2022**

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on October 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall.

**ATTENDANCE:** Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness, Katie Parker, Margie Reh, Mike Goerke, and Brett Lindgren. Public attending: Jaynee Handelsman (friend of Katie), and Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary. Jaynee was introduced to each trail member.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Hodulik

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:** None

**MINUTES:** A motion by Mike Goerke, supported by Paul Janness to approve the September 26, 2022 Minutes as written. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE:** The areas that washed out about half way along the Phase III east side fence and near the east end of the trail were repaired by Spierling on Oct 3 at a cost of \$3,580.00. The last resort would be building a blacktop"curb" to force water to drain to the rock formations, which will be evaluated again next spring..

The second mowing of the entire trail by Slowinski has been completed at a cost of \$1075.00. Brush-hog of Phase I and part of Phase II to the crossover on West Burt Lake Road has yet to be done.

Painting of additional bike and walking stencils was done on Oct 2 by Mike Goerke and Dave Jackalone on the paved shoulders of East Burt and Mullett-Burt Roads until the paint was depleted. More will be done next spring. A post with "Hidden Drive" was also installed by the third driveway going west from the end of Phase III.

Gary Street is measuring the footage on Phase I sections not paved and using input from the maintenance teams to rank the sections for future paving. He will bring the results to the November 21 trail meeting to discuss for possible 2023 improvements.

The Gorge driveway improvement should also be addressed in 2023, working with UM and the Cheboygan County Road Commission Manager.

**TOPINABEE MAIL ROUTE:** Margie Reh has contacted Heidi Phaneuf of MDOT to set up a meeting November 9 at 10 am at the Township Hall to discuss the I-75 overpass possibilities and any grants that might be available to assist with paved shoulders. There is a new grant called"

Spark” that will be available yet this year (December 19 deadline), through MDOT. Margie Reh, Katie Parker, and Gene Hodulik have signed up for the October 28 Spark Grant webinar.

**PHASE III CLOSE OUT:** Still not done, but “close”.

**INPUT FOR NEXT YEAR’S BUDGET:** In this month’s meeting agenda are all the detail maintenance costs this year paid from the Parks and Rec township budget of \$30,000. This amount is \$14,824.59. The Do It Center cost of \$425.23 was paid from the CNB Donation Account and is no included in the total. Two additional invoices, Slowinski for \$1075 to cut the grass a second time, and Spierling for \$3,580 to repair two wash outs on Phase III, brings the total paid to **\$19,479.59**. **Brush-hogging Phase I of the trail has not been done as of this meeting date.** There are a few small expenses that are also taken out of this budget, so the actual amount spent will be a few hundred dollars higher by March 31. **As a reminder paving of sections of Phase I this year cost \$30,125, which was paid from the Township Trail Maintenance Fund.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**RECREATION MASTER PLAN:** Gene Hodulik has been assisting Fern Spence of Beckett and Raeder updating the Rec Plan, most of which involves trail information. A survey was available for all township property owners which ended October 15 and will be included. There is a need for new pictures of our township for the plan. Margie Reh, Katie Parker, and Paul Janness offered to send many pictures to Fern. A public hearing on the plan is scheduled November 10 before the Planning Commission meeting. It must be approved by the Township Board no later than the January 2023 meeting., then sent to the Michigan DNR.

**FINANCIAL STATUS:** There is **\$12,232.87** of Burt lake Trail donations at Top of Michigan Trail Council. The Trail Fund at CNB is **\$ 6,440.66 as of September 30, 2022**. **A fourth and final invoice will also come from Huron Engineering to complete the project.**

**TOWNSHIP TRAIL MAINTENANCE FUND:** Balance on September 30, 2022 is **\$82,562.760**.

**PHASE III CONSTRUCTION COSTS:** To date a total of **\$499,260.54** has been paid to J and N Construction, leaving a balance of **\$8,516.46**, of the **\$507,777.00** Phase III bid unpaid.

**MEETING DATES FOR 2022:** All meetings will be at 7 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Jan 24, Feb 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, Aug 22, Sept 26, Oct 24, and Nov 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday), and for Dec 12 (second Monday).

**NEXT MEETING:** **November 21, 2022, 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jaynee Handelsman stated she may want to be involved with the trail committee, but needs to learn more about it by attending some meetings and discussing with Katie Parker.

**COMMITTEE COMMENT:** Thank you to Jaynee Handelsman for attending and her interest. Gene Hodulik invited her to be a member as new ideas are always welcomed.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Brett Lindgren made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Katie Parker. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNED 8:00 pm.**

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary