

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**October 26, 2020**

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on October 26, 2020, at 7:05 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan MI 49721.

**ATTENDANCE:** Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness, Margie Reh, Katie Parker, Mac Richardson Committee Members, and Harold Koviak and Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary, all in person.

Attending by Teleconference: No one

Chair Hodulik led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA:** Accepted as printed

**MINUTES:** September 28 minutes correct as written

**MOTION:** Made by Paul Janness to approve September minutes, seconded by Margie Reh. Motion approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Phase I** Part of trail was brush hogged, weather halted doing it all. Will be completed in next couple of weeks.

**Phase II** Communication with Chris Powell of OHM-advisors confirmed they have completed the last requirements of the Trust Fund Grant and entered the information into the MIREcGrants data base. The items are: as constructed site plan, pictures of all scope items (includes the new bench and waste bin), Photo of the DNR Grant at the west side trail head , and final onsite inspection report. The one remaining document is the declaration and notice of encumbering the property in perpetuity which Harold Koviak must sign before being entered by Margie Reh.

**Phase III** – The SHPO documentation has been approved, but the letter has not been received. Huron Engineering will follow up. Today the survey and specs were sent as e-files to Brent Shank, ChCRC for approval (and copied to Bert Ebbers and Gene Hodulik), to be sent on to MDOT and in parallel sent to Karie Slavik to deliver to the U of M Real Estate Division. This is great progress. More research in progress regarding possible easements by 6 property owners near Birchwood/East Burt Lake Road intersection.

The Trail Handbook is in the final revision of update and has a map needing the color coding changed. It will be linked to the TOMTC and the Burt Township websites.

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

**FINANCES: Raising Money.** Grant match and engineering cost dollars must be raised. Estimate needed is approximately \$ 85K. Margie Reh gave an update on the major fundraiser in progress, the method of crowd-funding called Patronicity, in conjunction with a MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) match up to \$30K thru Dec 11. This should reach a few thousand potential trail donors. In addition this fund raiser has also been emailed/linked to BLPA members, Burt Lake Buddies, Burt Lake Trail on Facebook. The donations are approximately \$9,100 so far. We have a donor who will match the first \$10,000 contributed which will bring the total to approximately \$19,100. A presentation to BLPA by Katie Parker, was very positive in receiving another \$10,000 donation. So we will meet our match but would like to “save” the BLPA donation for after reaching the \$60,000 mark.

Discussions on other funding sources concluded with having an email/us mail letter sent out to all property owners in Burt Township. Gene Hodulik will ask for the property mailing list from Cheboygan County Equalization Dept, Margie Reh volunteered to print the gum labels . The letter stuffing will take place as soon as possible after the letter is composed and copies made. Paul Janness volunteered to talk to neighbors along Mullett-Burt Road and Feather Lane, and Katie Parker the residents of North Bay Way.

As time permits, another DALMAC grant application, and exploring Consumers Energy Foundation, DTE, Harbor-Petoskey Community Foundation, as well as contacting all business/foundations that gave for Phase I will be pursued.

**FINANCIAL STATUS:** There is at least one more ChCRC payment to close out the Phase II trail costs. Trust Fund is holding back 10% (\$29,500) reimbursement. The payment made Oct 2 of \$73,930.75 will bring the total paid to ChCRC to \$222,208.16. The \$73,930.75 will be reimbursed to us to be used for the final payment. Outstanding invoices include \$5433 to Huron Engineering and \$17,000 to Ohm-advisors.

**SPECIAL COMMENT:** Gene Hodulik gave a special thank you to Katie Parker for obtaining the \$10,000 donation from BLPA and to Margie Reh for her creativity obtaining the internet funding mechanism through Patronicity.com, with the very large \$30,000 match from MEDC and creating the entire fund-me web site material for the Burt Lake Trail, as well as the upcoming video to be added to Patronicity.com to help boost donations. Margie is in continuous communications with the Trust Fund to obtain every financial re-imburement possible and also updating the MiRecGrants data base.

**REMAINING MEETINGS THIS YEAR:** Discussions led to changing meeting dates/start times to: **November 16 at 2 PM and December 14 at 2 PM.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**MOTION:** Moved by Parker supported by Janness to adjourn.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**ADJOURNED** at 8:00 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, November 16 at 2 PM at Township Hall, December Meeting moved to December 14 at 2 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hodulik/Recording Secretary