**BURT TOWNSHIP**

**Trail Meeting**

**December 4, 2017**

Burt Township Trail Committee meeting was called to order on December 4, 2017, at 7:00 pm by Chair Hodulik at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan Michigan.

Attendance:  Gene Hodulik, Virginia Chenevere, Margie Reh, Paul Janness

Also Attending: Leo Chenevere, Tom Stephanic, Gary Street, Jon Jontz, Katie Parker, Rick Johnson

Chair Hodulik led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION:**  Moved by Chenevere, supported by Reh to add:

New Business:  Gary Street – 3 year Trail Maintenance Plan

**APPROVED**

**MINUTES** – October 23, 2017

**MOTION:**  Moved by Janness, supported by Chenevere to approve the Trail Committee minutes of October 23, 2017 as presented.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Documentation - Hodulik

Hodulik said all necessary documents for the Trust Fund and MDOT/TAP grants are completed as well as road commission agreements.

 An article appeared in the Cheboygan Tribune last week announcing the grants.

Hodulik said he is constantly pushing to get everything done with NDG.

Grant Writing

Ann Baughman has offered write grants for the Trail Committee, including the DALMAC grant.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Three year Maintenance Plan – Street

Gary Street summarized the accomplishments made thus far by the maintenance committee.  They have put together a list of the major trouble spots on the trail that need paving, along with a timeline for the work, where the trail is washing out by snow and rain.

**MOTION** – Moved by Chenevere, supported by Janness to accept the three-year trail maintenance plan and forward it to the Burt Township Board for approval.

**MOTION APPROVED**

On behalf of the Township Board, Hodulik thanked Gary Street and his volunteers for maintaining the trail.

MDOT/TAP Review Status – Hodulik

Hodulik, Katie Parker and Dave Boyle met with Landon Johnson from MDOT on December 1st. Johnson approved the stopping point for Phase II as planned. It was decided a bridge overlooking the gorge is not cost effective. The Road Commission will have the pole removed that is in the way thus allowing the trail to move away from the edge of the Gorge.

The proposal will be ready to go out for bids in January.

Macarthur has written the construction and regular easement for U of M to sign, but waiting for NDG to get the legal written description of the trail.

Proposed Updated Five-year Recreation Plan – Public Hearing – Hodulik

Copies of the updated Recreation Plan on available for viewing at the Topinabee and Indian River Libraries and on-line at [www.burttownship.org](http://www.burttownship.org).

Phase III, IV – Hodulik

Dave Boyle from NDG said beginning in 2018, the MDOT/TAP fund grant must be approved before the DNR Trust Fund grant. Phase III is E. Burt Lake Road to Birchwood Road (1 ½ miles) and designed to be “off road” to Birchwood Road.

Phase IV is E. Burt Lake Road which will be done in 2020 with 4’ shoulders on each side with the Cheboygan Road Commission millage funds. The additional 2’ paving on each side will be needed to complete this phase of the trail. Discussions on how to finance the 2 feet will be ongoing.

Trail Funds

$39,845 at Top of Michigan Trail Council

$40,780 at Citizens National Bank

Total: $80,625

**2018 Meeting Dates – All meetings begin at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall**

Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 26, April 23, May 21, June 25, July 23, Aug 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Dec. 3

Adjourned at 8:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary