

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

The Regular meeting of the Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on December 16,, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan, Michigan.

Members Present: Street, Ebbers, Reh, Janness, Richardson, Hodulik
Absent: Dale Covy, Katie Parker, Dennis Dombroski, Jenny Chenevere
Also Attending: Harold Koviak

Chair Hodulik led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

No additions or deletions noted.

MINUTES – November 25, 2019

MOTION: Moved by Reh, supported by Janness to approve the Trail Minutes of November 25, 2019, as presented.

MOTION APPROVED 5 to 1(Street), Street commented that minutes must be available within 8 business days and are not. Must do a more timely report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Phase II

The goal is to complete Phase II in early May which will involve restoring the base as needed and paving the trail..

Phase III

MDOT/TAP has given a “conditional commitment” but requested 6 questions regarding Phase I trail maintenance be answered by Jan 15. The email was sent by Cathy Sampselle, MDOT grant Coordinator to Brent Shank (Cheboygan county road commission Manager). Hodulik provided 3 documents answering the request and Street had photos of signs, intersections, paved hills as well. Info sent to Shank and Porath on 12/16 via email for their use in a conference call with MDOT/LAP engineer Bruce Kadzban who requested the info.

DNR Trust Fund grant was not awarded. Less than 1/3 of the grants were awarded. A conference call Dec 16 with Lindsay Ross and Reh,Hodulik, Parker,Ebbers discussed our score and the new 2020 scoring system and the Recreational Passport Grant (\$150,000 or less). We are at a disadvantage as many points are awarded (or not eligible) based on parks, urban areas, low income areas, and we have received 2 grants in a ten year period. About 285 points out of 500 would be reasonable. Grants of \$11.5 million were awarded with \$ 29.7 million requested.

Phase IV

East Burt Lake Road will be paved in 2020 with 5’ paved shoulders.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussions led to trying again for the third time with Reh volunteering to submit the majority of the grant with the help of Porath as needed to meet the March 31 deadline. Reh and Parker will attend Jan 14 (Grayling) DNR Recreation Grant Workshop (free) and also meet with Lindsay Ross at the workshop.

Discussion on new grant sources to get a larger match for Phase III were Meijer, Kodak, Ford, and local foundations/organizations, and possible donations from Burt Township residents.

Financial. Ask the township board for general fund money be put in the CNB trail account to pay engineering (OHM) and construction (CH. CRC) invoices for Phase II and repay the township as reimbursements from the Trust Fund Grant are received.

Dave Boyle, OHM engineer that we have worked with for over 5 years is no longer at OHM. We are now working with Lucas Porath, with 20 years of trail experience, who was involved as the manager of the former NDG. Reh and Hodulik met with him on Dec 5 to update the current trail status and discuss our working arrangement.

Trail account balances as of October 31, 2019

Citizens National Bank - \$14,889.44

TOMTC: \$16,126.00

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

2020 Burt Lake Trail Committee meetings - Hodulik

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January 27, 2020 - 7 pm

February 24, 2020 - 7 pm

March 23, 2020 - 7 pm

April 27, 2020 - 7 pm

May 18, 2020 - 7 pm

June 22, 2020 - 7 pm

July 27, 2020 - 7 pm

August 24, 2020 - 7 pm

September 28, 2020 - 7 pm

October 26, 2020 - 7 pm

November 23, 2020 - 7 pm

December 14, 2020 - 7 pm

Next meeting: January 27, 2020 - 7:00 pm

Adjourned: 7:55 PM Gene Hodulik, Chair, Burt lake Trail

