

BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE
Minutes
June 22, 2020

The Regular meeting of the Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on June 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm via teleconference .

Attendance: Gene Hodulik, Margie Reh, Paul Janness, Bert Ebbers, Katie Parker, Dennis Dombroski

Also Attending: Tim MacArthur, Donna McDougall, Recording Secretary/Clerk

Agenda

Additions to New Business:

- 1) Sending a letter to construction or maintenance people who park on the trail(West Burt Lake Rd)
- 2) Two locations for concrete slabs for park benches – part of the grant for Phase II

Minutes - May 18, 2020

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Reh to approve the minutes of May 18, 2020 with the following corrections:

- 1) Add phone number for conference call
- 2) Delete - sent photos and info (Phase III) – and replace with: "we are still working out the differences between the physical signs and what the plans included."
- 3) Fog lines and stencils were painted on West Burt Lake Road; Bike stencils only were painted on Mullett-Burt Road and near Feather Lane.

MOTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Phase II - Hodulik

Phase II was completed on May 29, 2020. On June 17, OHM hosted a meeting (MDOT,UM,Trail Committee), and walk-thru and discussed the following: the gorge entrance driveway needs to be corrected; vegetation needs to be replanted to keep water from flowing from the road into the gorge. UM volunteered to construct a temporary wooden fence to insure cars turning into the gorge parking lot from the west would not cut the corner short. The project will be considered complete after the vegetation is growing.

MDOT Phase I - Hodulik

The sign inventory was sent to Cathy Sampselles who replied that eight signs were deleted but didn't say which signs. Gary Street ordered 4 yield signs, 3 to be installed.

The bike stencils did not hold up on Mullett- Burt Road due to the rainy weather.

NEW BUSINESS

Signage for Phase II – Hodulik

- 1) Parker will ask if the trail route could be added to the existing U of M map.
- 2) OHM may be taking care of getting the 2 required benches.

Huron Engineering Progress on Phase III - Ebbers

Huron Engineering submitted the 5823 form to MDOT, and it has preliminary approval. Kari Slavik(U of M) will be provided with the completed trail survey, archeological study results, SHPO letter to prepare the easement by the UM Real Estate Division. The archeological study is completed but the SHPO letter is still needed.

East Burt Lake Road Construction – Hodulik

Construction will begin after Labor Day. Reh noted this needs to be completed for funding for Phase III and she will contact Brent Shank to remind him of this commitment.

No Parking on the Trail - Hodulik

In previous years, Reh sent emails to contractors asking them not to park on the trail. MacArthur agreed to write a letter for contractors/individuals who park on the trail, and Gary Street could put it on their windshields, or the letter mailed. Dombroski said the North Central Trail thru Topinabee is enforced by DNR and Cheboygan County Sheriff because they are funded by MDOT. MacArthur said this is a possibility for enforcement.

Phase III – Hodulik

The required match is unknown at this time but will be the difference between Trust Fund and MDOT grants.

Funding for Phase III – MacArthur suggested a Go-FundMe page. The Indian River biathlon will not be held this year.

Phase II Celebration - Hodulik

Celebration parties are not recommended this year but interviews and newspaper articles are a good way to get the information out. One will be written and then reviewed by the committee for possible release to the newspapers.

FINANCES

\$104,777.84 – Citizens National Bank, final Phase II OHM invoice for \$27,000 still outstanding.

\$87,378.84 – Township Trail Maintenance Fund Account as of May 29,2020

Next Meeting: July 27, 2020 – 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary

