

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**JUNE 27, 2022**

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on June 27, 2022 at 7:05 pm at the Burt Township Hall.

**ATTENDANCE:** Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Mike Goerke, Gary Street and Margie Reh. Public attending: Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Hodulik

**AGENDA:** No additions

**MINUTES: May 23, 2022** minutes were discussed but not voted upon as a quorum of members was not present. Margie Reh asked about the status of the alternate route possibility using Snyder Road and Maple Bay Road within Emmet County. It is only in the talking stages and will be covered under old business. Voting on the May minutes will take place next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE:** In late May the washed out areas on the east side (Phase III) along the fence and the Pasney curve were repaired by Spierling Construction using rock in 3 specific areas and along the fence area, planted grass with netting, and repaired the caved-in blacktop in three areas. Building a blacktop curb to force water to drain at the rock formations has been postponed to observe if the current repair is adequate. A heavy rain recently (over 3 inches), showed the repair is holding up.

In June Spierling Construction paved two sections of trail, the first going west and east to the woods from the trail head parallel to Brutus Road. The second section was paved from the Jontz Hill north to Hardwood Road. A ditch was cleaned out at 4805 West Burt Lake Road which flooded the trail and new crushed limestone was applied and packed. Gary Street showed a video of the flood caused by the lack of drainage in the ditch and culvert. Hodulik will talk to Matt Hall regarding cleaning the culvert. Crushed limestone was also applied to the area in front of the pole barn driveway across the road from 4312 West Burt Lake Road. This same repair was also done last year.

Phase I will be brined the end of June and the entire trail will have the grass mowed the first week of July by Slowinski Lawn Service of Indian River for \$1,050. A second mowing for the same price will be done in August.

The trail at the driveway entrance to the Gorge was cleaned of sand washed onto it by heavy rain, the trail swept going west along the Gorge fence, and a fallen tree just west of the Gorge was cut and cleared by Janness and Hodulik.

Additional bike stencils and half mile markers will be painted on the trail at strategic spots by Mike Goerke and David Jacalone.

**TOPINABEE MAIL ROUTE AND BRUTUS ROAD CONNECTORS:** Discussions led to the following first steps: Gary Street will contact Bert Ebbers to determine if and where there are wetlands on Brutus Rd, Snyder Road, and Maple Bay Road on the west side. Mike Goerke suggested an auto ride on Topinabee Mile Route and Bennett Road as possible routes to Topinabee. Margie Reh will research for a contact within MDOT/TAP and Gene Hodulik will do the same inquiry with the Cheboygan County Road Commission. An assessment is needed regarding any possible grants available to apply for paved shoulders from MDOT/TAP.

The route to the Northwest State Trail should be in place before meeting with Emmet County Planning Staff and Emmett County Road Commission Manager.

**PHASE III.** No new progress for a closeout. Cheboygan County Road Commission Clerk, Dana Stempkey said it will be a few months yet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**SPECIAL THANK YOU'S:** Gene Hodulik (assisted by Katie Parker and Bert Ebbers), presented Karie Slavik, Assistant Director of the UM Biological Station, with a "Certificate of Appreciation" June 10 at a party and special "thank you" letters to Karie and Judy Kirkdorffer (UM Real Estate Division) for making Phase II and Phase III a reality. Hodulik wrote updates to the trail which were published in the BLPA Newsletter, added to the Burt Township website, and included in the July Burt Township Tax Newsletter being mailed with the property taxes.

**PHASE I MAP:** Hodulik reviewed a drawing of Phase I defining the paved, gravel, and paved shoulders areas which can be used for future paving plans.

**FINANCIAL STATUS:** There is **\$3,232.87** of Burt lake Trail donations at Top of Michigan Trail Council. The Trail Fund at CNB is **\$ 6,863.16 as of April 29, 2022. A fourth and final invoice will also come from Huron Engineering to complete the project. Check 153, dated May 5, 2022, for \$425.23 was paid.** This was for sixteen 4 by 4 by 8 feet wood posts and five special road spray paint cans to paint stencils, all purchased from the DO IT Center, Indian River.

**TOWNSHIP TRAIL MAINTENANCE FUND: Balance April 29, 2022 is \$102,646.01. There was an additional \$10,000 added to this total on May 4, 2022.**

**PHASE III CONSTRUCTION COSTS:** To date a total of **\$497,341.95** has been paid to J and N Construction, leaving a balance of **\$10,435.05**, 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: July 25, 2022, 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None.**

**COMMITTEE COMMENT:** Margie Reh stated the TOMTC annual meeting is Wednesday at 6 pm at the Council “front yard” on M119. Hodulik stated a new Burt Township website will be running in a couple of months.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Mike Goerke made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Margie Reh. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNED 8:10 pm.**

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary