

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

JUNE 28, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on JUNE 28, 2021 at 7 pm at the Burt Township Hall.

ATTENDANCE: Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness, Gary Street, Mike Goerke, Katie Parker, Brett Lindgren at the hall. Margie Reh phoned into the meeting. Public attending: Harold Koviak and Carolyn Hodulik, recording secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Hodulik

AGENDA: Moved by Gary Street to add to the Trail Maintenance topic the West Burt Lake Road "cave in"/culvert failure from Friday's storm.

MINUTES: May 24, 2021 minutes has two corrections under the topic:Topinabee Mail Route Road should read "\$100,000 from \$106,000" and next sentence:"pay for 4 of the 5 feet paved shoulders".

MOTION: Moved by Mike Goerke to approve the May minutes, seconded by Brett Lindgren with the above changes.

Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

TRAIL MAINTENANCE PHASE I: Gary Street coordinated with Spierling Construction, which completed the paving of the Indian Road intersection and 300 feet of trail north near the former "Swayze" residence. The newly paved areas have handled the heavy rain storms this week very well. The trail has been cleaned up and dragged. It was brined June 25, coordinated by Harold Koviak, Burt Township Supervisor. Brining packs down the limestone surface and kills any weeds growing on the trail.

There was a culvert cave in near the edge of the road at 5014 West Burt Lake Road during the heavy rains Friday. It was about 3 feet long, 2 feet across and 2 feet deep that was not filled in until Monday by the Road Commission even though it was called into 911 on Friday. If a car's wheel hit the hole the car would have received severe damage. The culvert will need to be repaired or replaced.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE PHASE II

The Gorge bike rack has been secured to a utility pole with a lock and chain. Hodulik has the lock key and informed Karie Slavik, U of M Biological Station. Spierling Construction created a new run-off just north of Hogback Rd on the east side of West Burt Lake Rd.

The Gorge entrance stones and sand that washed onto the paved trail from Riggsville Road have been shoveled off once again. A solution to this continuous problem will be discussed with Brent Shank and Mike Spierling. Edge mowing may be needed along Phase II, IV, V. paved edges.

PHASE III. June 4 low bidder was awarded to J and N Construction, Gaylord at \$507,777. Our two grants from MDOT/TAP and DNR Recreational Trails total \$507,000. This is just outstanding news!! Hodulik will update Munro Township officials July 13 regarding Phase III construction.

GRANT POSSIBILITES: DALMAC FOUNDATION GRANT for \$5,000 has been received and deposited into the Citizen National Bank. It will be listed on the June statement. Gary Street investigated the deadline dates for the Kodak Foundation grants. There is a fall deadline date and he will follow through with a grant request. Katie Parker volunteered to contact Citizens National Bank for a possible grant. Consumers Energy Foundation and DTE Foundation still need to be investigated. Street has a list of 5 more organizations to contact. There is a list of northeast property owners that should be contacted for possible gifts that were not contacted in November 2020 during the fundraiser.

SIGNS: Some signs are needed to “point the way” to the Topinabee Trail Head to the east and the Brutus intersection at US 31 to the west. These could be signs with arrows and “Bike Trail” or “Bike Lane” with an image of a bike on them. A second possible sign is a” stick walker”. A maximum of 3 signs on each side of East Burt Lake Road and Mullett-Burt Road of this type would be sufficient. Hodulik will discuss with Brent Shank trail signs placement/approval requirements as MDOT may control the signs and their specifications. A meeting with Screen Graphics of Indian River is scheduled for June 30 to discuss the “stick walker”, “Bike Lane with bike” signs, and the Topinabee and Brutus directional signs.

TOPINABEE MAIL ROUTE ROAD IN MULLETT AND BURT TOWNSHIPS (PHASE VI): Mullett Township section of the road has been cut in and bad spots patched by Reith Riley to receive the final paved coat on June 29, weather permitting, without paved shoulders. Testing of the existing gravel shoulders supports the plan that paved shoulders can be added at a reasonable cost to Topinabee Mail Route Road in the future. The trail plan is to use Woodruff St, a gravel road at this time, to get from Topinabee Mail Route Rd to the North Central State Trail near the Mullett Lake boat ramp as it is the safest route for bikers and walkers.

NEW BUSINESS

PHASE III BID LETTING: June 4 bid letting by MDOT awarded the low bid to J and N Construction of Gaylord. The pre-construction meeting is June 30, 10am at the Cheboygan County Road Commission facility in Indian River. Construction should begin within 30 days of the meeting. The Huron Engineering construction phase contract was discussed in detail. The contract is for \$51,440, and will be recommended to be signed at the July 1 Township Board meeting. Huron Engineering did outstanding work during the pre- construction phase without any excess charges. There will be an engineer on site every day of construction who will update all required data bases and provide short progress reports.

Motion to complete the Huron Engineering proposed contract and take to the Burt Township Board was made by Brett Lindgren and seconded by Paul Janness. Motion passed.

TRAIL HEAD POSSIBILITY ON THE EAST SIDE: A possible land swap of the township land on Crump Road(4.86 acres) for the Corner Store land(.5 acre) continues. Necessary documentation has been requested from EGLE to complete the 2 environmental reports, and a letter stating that the township has no future liability regarding the contamination on site and how the gas wells will be monitored in the future. These legal documents must be created to make it happen.

FINANCIAL STATUS: The Trail Fund at CNB is \$ **39,147.50** as of May 28, 2021. There is also \$18,540 in the TOMTC account. All invoices and contracts have been paid in full. The \$5,000 DALMAC Foundation Grant was deposited in June and will be on the June statement.

The Township Trail Maintenance Fund at CNB is \$102,551.58 as of May 28, 2021.

Parks and Rec Budget (Burt Township pays). Expenses to date: Spierling Construction total of \$22,325 consisting of paving Indian Road \$10,100, Swayze paving \$7,050, spillway \$250, power sweep trail \$1275, limestone repairs \$3,650. In addition Phase I trail edge was mowed and brine applied by other companies.

MEETING DATES FOR 2021: All meetings will be at 7 pm on the 4th Monday of the month. Jan 25, Feb 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug 23, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 22, except for Dec 13 (second Monday).

NEXT MEETING: July 26, 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall.

COMMITTEE COMMENT: Mullett TS has a special meeting July 26 and Brett and Mike will not attend the trail meeting that evening. Margie Reh stated David Jackalone contacted TOMTC to help financially to have paved shoulders on Topinabee Mail Route Rd.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Katie Parker made motion to adjourn, seconded by Brett Lindgren. Motion passed.

ADJOURNED: 8:00 pm

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary