

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

September 28, 2020

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Eugene Hodulik on September 28, 2020, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan MI 49721.

ATTENDANCE: Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness, Margie Reh, Katie Parker, Bert Ebbers, Dennis Dombroski Committee Members and Harold Koviak, Leo Chenevere, and Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary, all in person.
Attending by Teleconference: Gary Street, Committee Member

Chair Hodulik led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Added Phase I maintenance problems at Indian Road intersection and brush hog cutting

MINUTES: Cross out “Meeting” and change to “Minutes” in header

MOTION APPROVED WITH ABOVE CHANGE: Motion by Parker, seconded by Janness, Motion Approved with changes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Phase II

One trash bin and one bench were delivered to the site from TreeTops Products of Batavia, Ill , total cost \$1650.89, and installed Sept 21 by Brian Wallace. Both were required by the Trust fund. Photos were taken by Margie Reh and inserted into the Trust fund Data Base. Payment of \$73,930.75 will be authorized to be paid October 1 at the Township meeting, to be hand delivered by Hodulik to the Cheboygan County Road Commission office Friday, Oct 2. There will be at least one more invoice from ChCRC to close out the project.

Communication with OHM to confirm they have completed the last requirements of the Trust Fund is needed. This information must be entered into the MiRecGrants data base. Margie Reh will send email to Chris Powell of OHM, copy Ben Goswell, Manager at OHM Petoskey to get confirmation. These items are: as constructed site plan, copy of recorded declaration and notice encumbering the property in perpetuity, pictures of all scope items (includes the new bench and waste bin), final onsite inspection report.

Phase III – The SHPO documentation has been approved, but the letter has not been received. Huron Engr. said they will follow through to obtain the letter from the Historical society.

The Trail Handbook is in the final revision to update it and then link it to the TOMTC and update the Burt Township website.

NEW BUSINESS

Phase I – Maintenance – Street

Phase I will be brush hogged this fall, as it was last year, which helps for clearing the trail this fall and next spring. Indian Road (gravel) intersection with West Burt Lake Road and trail has a slope toward the north which brings sand and gravel onto the paved trail hill which must be shoveled or swept after storms. Grading with a slight slope to the south with a ditch and culvert could be an answer. Street will discuss this with Brent Shank, ChCRC.

Phase II—Maintenance – Hodulik

The newly paved portion of trail has a similar issue of washout of sand and gravel at the entrance of the Gorge caused when cars are making a right hand turn off Riggsville Road where the vegetation has not grown as expected. This has been brought to the attention of Brent Shank. Possible solution include a temporary fence so making the entrance better defined or possible expanded, paved entrance off Riggsville Rd.

Phase III. Huron Engineering

Karie Slavik and her staff have walked the trail a final time and marked with blue paint some large trees that they want the trail to “zig-zag” around. Survey is being revised for these changes, and description written. Recommendation of 100 inch log length, sorted by diameter, and final location of the logs will be added to the requirements.

More research is to be done regarding possible easements from the six residents near the Birchwood intersection. Easements from UM and ChCRC are of course required. The September MDOT Grant update has been completed by Huron Engr. This keeps our grants on course for 2021 funding and construction.

Raising Money. Grant match and engineering cost dollars must be raised. Estimate needed is a max of \$ 85K. Margie Reh explained a method of crowd-funding called Patronicity, in conjunction with a MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) match up to \$30K to raise dollars over a 2 month time-frame. This should reach a few thousand people. There is a donor willing to contribute a \$10K match. A presentation to BLPA, DALMAC grant application, exploring Consumers Energy Foundation, CN Bank, DTE, Harbor-Petoskey Community Foundation, as well as contacting local Burt Township residents were all discussed..

FINANCIAL STATUS: There is at least one more ChCRC payment to close out the Phase II trail costs. Trust Fund is holding back 10% (\$29,500) reimbursement. The payment that will be made Oct 2 of \$73,930.75 will bring the total paid to ChCRC to \$222,208.16. The \$73,930.75 will be reimbursed to be used for the final payment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chenevere provided updated brochures “What Every Michigan Bicyclist Must Know” to distribute.

MOTION: Moved by Parker supported by Janness to adjourn.

MOTION APPROVED

ADJOURNED at 8:12 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 26, 7 PM at Township Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hodulik/Recording Secretary