

**BURT TOWNSHIP**  
**Public Hearing**  
**Burt Lake Trail**  
**March 7, 2019**

The Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order on March 7, 2019, at 1:30 pm, to take comments on the submission of an application titled, "Burt Lake Trail, Phase III and IV" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for development of a non-motorized separated trail from the ending of Phase II along East Burt Lake Road from Riggsville Road to Birchwood Road, then with 6 foot shoulders on East Burt Lake Road, each side, from Birchwood Road to the intersection with Mullet Burt Road at Hoppies Restaurant. The project will be done with the cooperation of Cheboygan County Road Commission and in conjunction with a Cheboygan County Road Commission road project.

Present: Gene Hodulik, Chair

Also Attending: Dave Boyle, Katie Parker, Shirley Reimann, Fred Lindroth, Harold Koviak, Jim Larson, Ricky Johnson, Brad Gerlach, Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary

Dave Boyle, OHM explained the application process due April 1, 2019.

Essentially, this is the same application submitted last year. However, last summer the application for Phase II had some issues that needed to be resolved in a timely manner, i.e., the SHIPPO archeological study had to be completed for the easement, MDOT allocated all funds to other projects, and the easement from the U of M was not completed until mid- August – all of which held up the grant application for Phases III and IV.

Now, that the problems with Phase II have been resolved, this phase should begin construction in June.

Hodulik said the grant has to be completely resubmitted and just couldn't update the existing data base information. A new Public Hearing is necessary even though there are no changes to the project as submitted last March. The final determination of grant awards will be early December 2019.

An overview of Phase III (off road through UM Biological Station land), continuing where Phase II ends, and Phase IV (reconstruction of East Burt Lake Road) was presented.

The total grant project is \$475,000 for Phases III and IV. \$300,000 will come from the Trust Fund (DNR) for the off road trail continuing through UM land and \$125,000 from MDOT, and \$50,000 township match.

**Public Comments:**

Hodulik and Parker noted the importance of getting this portion of the trail completed as paving East Burt Lake Road with the paved shoulders will be a "once in a lifetime opportunity" for the township. Larson added that maybe Road Commission will help out with East Burt Lake Road as they did with Burt-Mullett Road.

Public Hearing closed at 1:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Burt Township Clerk/Recording Secretary