

NO TRAIL MEETING Dec 19,2022

Next meeting will be January 23, 2023, the 4th Monday, at 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall.

I have lost internet ability as RACC2000 is out of business. So we are still figuring out what to do.

Please send emails to genehodulik@gmail.com Phone is 231 238-8824 (home) or 231 420-3406 (cell). For those of you who may need Carolyn 's it is CarolynHodulik@gmail.com, cell is 231-818-6464.

Call me first as I will probably only find a way to look at email every couple of days.

Trail News: Dec 19 (tomorrow) is the deadline for the SPARK Grant entry. Becky Rivard planned to enter it Friday, Dec 16 . A special thank you to Becky Rivard, Gary Street, and Margie Reh for all their work creating the SPARK GRANT proposal to pave the Phase I crushed limestone segments. The proposal is for a \$428,000 grant and \$50,000 Trail Maintenance Fund match for a total of \$478,000. The first phase of these ARPA grants is for \$15 million with 2 more phases to follow next year, each for \$25 million. Dates of the next 2 phases have not been released. Once our grant proposal is entered it can be modified for the next release without entering the entire grant again.

Becky Rivard asked for \$500 to take the lead to write and submit the SPARK Grant. I said yes!

Becky is also doing some financial analysis on Topinabee Mail Route regarding estimated costs for paved shoulders vs a 10 foot off road trail. In a recent phone call with Matt Hall, road commission manager, he favors the off road trail. When I receive the information from Becky I will share it with all of you.

Balance as of Nov 30,2022 in the CNB account is \$2,216.08 and in the Trail Maintenance Fund is \$82,576.40. There is approximately \$12,232.87 at TOMTC in donations for the trail.

Gary Street will present at the January 5, Township meeting, 2 PM, the segments of the trail that the Phase I maintenance crew would like to see paved. Remember that West Burt Lake Road from Indian Road to Riggsville Rd is to be reconstructed in 2024.

Carolyn and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Gene Hodulik