

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**JUNE 26, 2023**

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on June 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall.

**ATTENDANCE:** Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Mike Goerke, Margie Reh, and Katie Parker, Paul Janness, Brett Lindgren, and Margie Reh. Public attending: Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Hodulik

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:** None. A motion by Brett Lindgren, supported by Katie Parker to approve agenda as written. Motion approved.

**MINUTES:** A motion by Brett Lindgren, supported by Paul Janness to approve the May 22, 2023 minutes and May 22 "TO DO" list. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PHASE III CLOSEOUT:** Cheboygan County Road Commission clerk, Dana Stempky, has received communication from MDOT that the project is "finished", but final financial data has not yet been provided. When received, it will be sent to Hodulik.

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE:** Gordon Ormsbee mowed both sides of Phase I, II, and III of the trail on June 14, 15, 16. He also picked up debris, rocks, tree branches, asphalt, raked and blew leaves off the shoulders of the trail. A second mowing is planned for August.

Mike Spierling said he will pave approximately 2,000 linear feet of trail from the Mundt Road intersection north along West Burt Lake Road and repair the portions of trail damaged May 31 by the county road commission while grading, which is approximately .2 mile across from Hagerl's home south to Hardwood Rd. and .1 mile from the Wiltse's home sign south to Raver Road. Spierling will repair the trail and coordinate this repair with Shane Redman, county road commission foreman for our township.

Road paint will need to be purchased to paint new bike stencils on the trail shoulders in specific locations. Phase I will be brined in the next few days when more brine is available.

Gary Street has resigned after 10 years of service as the leader to maintain Phase I of the trail. He has been recognized and thanked for all those years of service and asked to remain as a valuable contributor of ideas, especially for the west side.

**SPARK GRANT PHASE 2:** A modified grant request was submitted June 23 and accepted by the DNR Trust Fund. Major alterations involved a better description of the history of Phase I, financial grant money and donor match received, and a map showing the portions that have been improved and those that are still gravel. Notification may be as early as August or as late as near yearend. The grant request is for \$450,000 with a \$50,000 match to pave Phase I.

**GORGE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE:** As a follow up of the May 11 meeting with Mike Spierling, on June 2 Karie Slavik , Scott Haley, Katie Parker and Gene Hodulik met at the Gorge to discuss the water flow problem along Riggsville Road entrance to the Gorge. Discussions were focused on the method to catch the run off—a catch basin or culvert. Spierling recommended a culvert, while they favored a catch basin. The culvert approach had been sent to the county road commission by Spierling for approval before he had feedback concerning the UM approach. A final meeting must be held with Spierling in attendance to discuss the culvert vs. catch basin. UM also suggested two ten foot sections of fence be installed along the west side of the Gorge entrance parallel to the trail.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**STATUS OF THE “TO DO” LIST:** It was agreed to discontinue the “TO DO “ list as most listed items have been completed. Topics to remain are the Gorge entrance drive, SPARK Grant status, and possible trail head construction on Crump Road. These topics will be included in the regular monthly minutes.

**PHASE I REPAIR CAUSED BY THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION MAY 31:** See notes above under Trail Maintenance.

**FINANCIAL STATUS:** There is **\$13,942.00** of Burt Lake Trail donations at Top of Michigan Trail Council as of June 26, 2023. The Trail Fund at CNB is **\$ 1,717.05 as of May 31, 2023.** **Huron Engineering invoice #5479, dated April 17, for \$500.00 for DNR PASSPORT Grant writing was paid at the June 1 Township Board meeting.**

**TOWNSHIP TRAIL MAINTENANCE FUND:** Balance on May 31, 2023 is **\$82,617.60.** **In June an additional \$10,000 plus the remainder of money in the Parks and Rec 2022-23 budget of \$9,302.21 was transferred to this fund., for a total of \$101,919.81 which will be reflected in the June 30 statement.**

**PHASE III CONSTRUCTION COSTS:** To date a total of **\$499,260.54** has been paid to J and N Construction, leaving a balance of **\$8,516.46,** of the **\$507,777.00** Phase III bid, unpaid.

**MEETING DATES FOR 2023:** All meetings will be at 7 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Jan 24, Feb 28, March 28, April 24, 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; AUGUST 22, 2023 AT 7 PM AT THE BURT TOWNSHIP HALL.**  
**NO MEETING JULY 25.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**COMMITTEE COMMENT:** Hodulik will get white highway paint to paint a few bike stencils that have worn off. There have been more people riding, jogging and walking the trail lately as well as a couple bikers riding on the road instead of the trail.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Brett Lindgren made the motion to adjourn, supported by Paul Janness. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNED: 7:51 pm.**

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary