

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

AUGUST 28, 2023

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on August 28, 2023 at 7:05 pm at the Burt Township Hall.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Hodulik

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None

MINUTES: A motion by Mike Goerke, supported by Katie Parker to approve the June 26, 2023 minutes. 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 cut low branches, blew off the trail where needed and mowed both sides of Phase I, II, and III of the trail on August 8-11 for \$1,000.. He suggested a third mowing or brush hog cutting be done in late September. Spierling paved 2300 feet (.44 mile) going north from the Mundt Rd and WBLR intersection for \$41,4000 and applied gravel (paid by the ChCRC) for \$1,850 on a long section going north from the Indian Rd/WBLR area. Phase I was also brined in early July for \$1,000 when the gravel roads were brined. Brine packs the trail gravel and helps keep the weeds to a minimum. A few bike images have faded badly and need re-painting on both the west and east side.

SPARK GRANT PHASE 2: A modified grant request was submitted June 23 and accepted by the DNR Trust Fund. Notification may be as early as September or as late as near yearend. The grant request is for \$450,000 with a \$50,000 match to pave Phase I. We are also waiting to hear about grant requests MDOT (joint grant with Mullett Township for paved shoulders on Topinabee Mail Route), and a Passport grant for paving Phase I.

GORGE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE: A final meeting must be held with Mike Spierling in attendance to discuss the culvert vs. catch basin approach. UM also suggested two ten foot sections of fence be installed along the west side of the Gorge entrance parallel to the trail. The paving plan should be approved with UM staff and the Ch CRC this year to be in place to be paved in the spring of 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

TOMTC BURT LAKE TRAIL MAP (5000 printed): Margie Reh delivered several maps to Topinabee Library, Burt Lake State Park and Hoppies. TOMTC mailed maps to Mac City Visitors Center. There are several additional sites where maps will be displayed, such as the Gorge and Maple Bay. Brett Lindgren suggested having Screen Graphics make several copies of the trail map that are weather resistant which can be installed on posts, similar to those that are used on the snowmobile trail.

NEW BIKE STENCILS PAINTED ON TRAIL: Several are worn away and need to be repainted. Hodulik will get paint and Dave Jacalone volunteered to help paint the stencils.

WEST SIDE VOLUNTEER MAINTENANCE CREW: An effort will be made to keep as many as possible of the volunteers to continue to keep the trail well maintained. They will be contacted, probably individually, concerning their assistance. All of them have done wonderful work to maintain Phase I of the trail these past 10 years. A special thank you to all of them.

CRUMP ROAD TRAIL HEAD: The township board has been approached by PIEG to erect a 100 foot tower on the township lot on Crump Road, the same parcel that the future trail head will be located. Suggestions by Margie Reh and Mike Goerke were to discuss a compromise with PIEG to clear part of the land for the trail head parking in return for the tower location. A backup location for the tower might be at the East Side Transfer Station.

FINANCIAL STATUS: There is **\$14,182.00** of Burt Lake Trail donations at Top of Michigan Trail Council as of **July 31, 2023**. The Trail Fund at CNB is **\$ 1,717.34 as of July 31, 2023**. Huron Engineering invoice #5479, dated April 17, for \$500.00 for DNR PASSPORT Grant writing was paid with check #156 on June 1 and a second Huron invoice #5632 dated 7/13/2023 for the SPARK GRANT was paid August 4, 2023, Check# 157. Neither check is reflected in the July 31, 2023 CNB register, but when cashed there will be **\$717.34 balance**.

TOWNSHIP TRAIL MAINTENANCE FUND: Balance on **JULY 31, 2023** is **\$101,936.26**. Spierling Trucking and Excavating paved **2300 feet** (.44 miles) of the Phase I trail from Mundt Road/WBLR intersection going north. The **cost is \$41,400**, invoice 23-261 dated August 1, 2023 and **also repaired** a portion of the trail going north from the Indian Road/WBLR intersection to the "Swayze" paved section, invoice 23-260 for **\$1,850**. The stone was provided by the Cheboygan County Road Commission. Gordon Ormsbee trimmed low branches, blew the trail in several spots, and **mowed Phase I, II, and III August 8-11 for \$1,000**. All three invoices will be paid from **Parks and Rec budget after moving \$23,000 from the Trail Maintenance Fund** at CNB.

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 4th Monday of the month. Jan 23, Feb 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, Aug 28, Sept 25, Oct 23, and Nov 20 (3rd Monday), and for Dec 11 (second Monday).

NEXT MEETING; SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 AT 7 PM AT THE BURT TOWNSHIP HALL.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

COMMITTEE COMMENT: NONE.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Margie Reh made the motion to adjourn, supported by Brett Lindgren . Motion passed.

ADJOURNED: 8:04 pm.

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary