

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

OCTOBER 23, 2023

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on October 23 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Hodulik

AGENDA ADDITIONS: Parker recommended sending a thank you note to the Forsmark's for the beautiful mums and pumpkins along the trail near the intersection of East Burt Lake Road and Birchwood Rd. Motion by Brett Lindgren, supported by Mike Goerke to approve Hodulik sending the thank you letter. Motion passed.

MINUTES: Motion by Brett Lindgren, supported by Paul Janness to approve the September 25, 2023 minutes. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

PHASE III CLOSEOUT: Cheboygan County Road Commission clerk Dana Stempky, stated that we may never get an official closure of the project. Dana just retired from the Road Commission, so a new clerk will soon be hired to replace her. Should closure be received by the Road Commission we will be informed.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE: Janness and Hodulik broomed and shoveled stones off the Brutus Road paved shoulders, exchanged the "No Motorized Vehicles" sign at Brutus Rd/West Burt Lake Road, filled in the "ruts" across from Raver Drive where logging trucks have caused trail "ruts", and painted a bike stencil at the corner store area on the east side. More bike images have faded badly and need re-painting on both the west and east side which will be done next May. The new map signs showing "You Are Hear" will be installed next spring. The support of the west side volunteers is greatly appreciated for this coming fall, as well as a few new volunteers from the east side. We all are sure the window of opportunity to get leaves off the trail before snow falls will be small.

GRANTS STATUS: There are three grants outstanding waiting for award decisions.

SPARK Grant: We were notified in October that we were not awarded a SPARK GRANT. The grant request was for \$450,000 with a \$50,000 match to pave Phase I. The MDOT grant, a joint grant with Mullett Township for paved shoulders on Topinabee Mail Route is for \$450,000 with

a \$90,000 match (\$64,000 Burt and \$26,000 Mullett), with notification in December, and the third is a Passport Grant for \$150,000 and a \$50,000 match for paving Phase I with November notification of winners.

GORGE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE: Hodulik will try again to co-ordinate a meeting in early November with Karie Slavik(UM), who will be here for a couple of days, and Mike Spierling to discuss the culvert vs. catch basin approach to solve the driveway erosion and sediment dumped on the trail. UM also suggested installation of two ten- foot sections of fence along the west side of the Gorge entrance parallel to the trail. The goal is get the driveway project approved by UM staff and the Cheboygan CRC this year to be in place to be paved in the spring of 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

CRUMP ROAD TRAIL HEAD: The Township lot has been surveyed, and is 4.84 acres. Hodulik has obtained the owner information of the lot next door to the south, which is the corner lot at Crump and Mullett-Burt Roads which is 3.74 acres. Discussions led to contacting the owner, Sharon O'Neal regarding a possible swap of lots or worst case purchasing the corner lot for the trail head. Hodulik will contact the owner. The corner store property is still being monitored by EGLE, but no updates for nearly two years regarding the solution to the contamination. This would be an excellent location for a trail head on the East side.

FINANCIAL STATUS: There is **\$14,182.00** of Burt Lake Trail donations at Top of Michigan Trail Council as of **October 23, 2023**. The Trail Fund at CNB is **\$ 717.48** as of **September 29, 2023**

TOWNSHIP TRAIL MAINTENANCE FUND: Balance on **September 29, 2023** is **\$78,951.82**. **\$23,000** was moved from the Trail Maintenance Fund to the Township Parks and Rec Budget on **September 11** to pay two Spierling Invoices totaling **\$43,250.00**. Spierling Trucking and Excavating paved **2300 feet** (.44 miles) of the Phase I trail from Mundt Road/WBLR intersection going north . The **cost was \$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 were paid September 11, 2023 from **Parks and Rec Budget**. **There are two smaller invoices from Screen Graphics for the trail map signs (\$436.56) and the Indian River Do It Center for road paint for approximately \$230.00 which were charged to the township credit card.**

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 if needed).

NEXT MEETING; NOVEMBER 20, 2023 AT 7 PM AT THE BURT TOWNSHIP HALL.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

COMMITTEE COMMENT: NONE

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

ADJOURNED: 7:58 pm.

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary