

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BURT LAKE TRAIL MEETING  
May 18, 2020**

The Burt Lake Trail Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on May 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm via teleconference call. 866-6823 code 7861936#

**Attendance:** Gene Hodulik, Katie Parker, Bert Ebbers, Gary Street, Dennis Dombroski, Paul Janness, Margie Reh

**Absent:** Dale Covy, Mac Richardson, Virginia/Leo Chenevere

**Also Attending:** Tim MacArthur, Harold Koviak, Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary

**Agenda** – No additions for changes

**Minutes** – January 27, 2020

**MOTION:** Moved by Dombroski, supported by Janness to approve the minutes of January 27, 2020 as presented.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Phase II - Hodulik

Phase II of the trail was paved and looks great. Construction team is finishing up the edges and berm. The fence will not be stained or painted as it was not part of the contract.

OHM - Hodulik

Two key personnel from OHM recently left. Dave Boyle and Lucas Porath both took different positions. Ben Gowell has taken over as manager. A new contract was proposed from OHM for completion of Phase II. After negotiations, a letter from Harold Koviak, and suggestions from Tim MacArthur a new contract was agreed upon, whereas Burt Township will pay \$6,000 for overwintering the trail and \$21,000 to complete Phase II with the stipulation that no other per week charges be incurred.

Phase III - MDOT Commitment- Hodulik

MDOT is still asking for documentation from Phase I for conditional commitment for Phase III which includes maintenance information.

PK Contracting painted fog lines and bike stencils on West Burt Lake Road, Mullett-Burt Road and Feather Lane.

Reh sent information and pictures to Cathy Sampselles but now they want a signed inventory and maps. Reh will complete it and send to Cathy Sampselles this week.

Three more yield signs are needed for West Burt Lake Road. Street will pick up the signs.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Phase III Engineering - Hodulik

OHM submitted a contract for Phase III at a cost of \$57,900. Bert Ebbers requested a proposal from Huron Engineering in Alpena whose bid was \$18,000.

The Board approved the contract at the May 7 board meeting and Huron is already getting forms to the state that are due June 1st. Bert Ebbers asked OHM to send all the electronic files to Huron Engineering and a copy to him.

Fundraising for Phase III - Hodulik

Enbridge has grants available for trails. A suggested amount to request is \$25,000.

Discussion:

Street said he is opposed to taking any Enbridge funds. Reh said TOMTC's opinion is to forego Enbridge grants because of "strings attached". Dombroski said the trail committee should apply for the funds. More research is needed concerning requirements. The match needed for Phase III is \$50,000 that must be raised. Reh stated we do not know the final close out of Phase II finances and that there may be some money left.

Other ways to fundraise were discussed: letters/parties/other grant opportunities

Phase IV - Hodulik

East Burt Lake Road construction will begin soon with 5' shoulders for the trail.

Phase V - Hodulik

Mullett-Burt Road is complete.

U of M - Hodulik

Archeological Study and design survey completed with OHM for Phase III will be sent to Kari Slavik at UM by Huron Engineering and she will deliver them to the U of M Real Estate Division. This information is being obtained electronically by Huron Engineering from OHM advisors. The information is similar to that negotiated for Phase II regarding the UM easement.

Media Coverage - Hodulik

Possible regional coverage for Phase II: Straitsland Resorter, Petoskey News Review, Cheboygan Tribune, NEMCOG, Facebook TOMTC

**FINANCIAL STATUS-** Hodulik

April 30,2020 balance \$121,126.29. (\$100,000 is Township money)

Bills paid 4/24/2020 for Phase III - \$16,357.00

Owed to Burt Township - \$100,000

New balance: \$4,769.29

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**MOTION:** Moved by Parker, supported by Janness to adjourn.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Next meeting: June 22, 2020 – 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary