

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 25, 2021**

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on OCTOBER 25, 2021 at 7 pm at the Burt Township Hall.

**ATTENDANCE:** Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Mike Goerke, Brett Lindgren, Don Tracey and Paul Janness at the hall. Public attending: Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary. Katie Parker and Bert Ebbers visiting parent, and Margie Reh and Gary Street on vacation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Hodulik

**AGENDA:** No additions.

**MINUTES: September 27, 2021.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Brett Lindgren to approve the September 27, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Paul Janness. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE:**

A Zoom meeting hosted by Gary Street on Oct. 12 reviewed the trail cleaning yet before winter, and that a Parks and Rec budget will be created to include power sweeping of the blacktop trail, cutting the grass twice for at least Phase I, II, III, the cost to blacktop the section from the west side trail head going west toward the woods, parallel to Brutus Road. Other sections will be analyzed for possible blacktopping as well. Spierling Construction gave an estimate of \$2300 to divert the water/sand run off from Riggsville Road at the Gorge entrance. Plan is to complete this project yet this fall. Don Tracey stated Munro TS does have some money in the budget to assist with this Gorge project cost.

**PHASE III.** Completed Oct 21!! This is 1.4 miles of winding trail mostly through the U of M Biological Station and 4 property owners. It looks great! A review of the trail will be held November 1 at 1 PM at the intersection of East Burt Lake Road and Birchwood Rd. Concerns are additional signs (NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON TRAIL) at Roberts Rd and the trail end at the EBLR/Birchwood intersection, a discussion of the additional 700 feet of fence (stations 50-57), as well as the erosion that may occur along the Pasney curve, and the possible need for additional stone for a driveway.

**GRANT POSSIBILITES:** On hold as Katie Parker is on vacation.

**TOPINABEE MAIL ROUTE ROAD IN MULLETT AND BURT TOWNSHIPS (PHASE VI):** Signage should be erected at the corner of Mullett-Burt Road and Topinabee Mail Route Road to give direction for bikers to the North Central Trail in Topinabee. Mike Goerke stated that the Mullett Township Recreation Plan(led by David Jacalone), is ready to submit to the state by year end which will allow them to apply for a grant for paved shoulders along Topinabee Mail Route Road. Woodruff St. improvements would be a separate project. When the timing is figured out, this committee will assist Mullett TS with creating the grant request.

**TRAIL HEAD POSSIBILITY ON THE EAST SIDE:** A possible land swap of the township land on Crump Road(4.86 acres) for the Corner Store land(.5 acre) is progressing well. The township is to obtain “ cost avoidance “ proposal to improve the township land to be a trail head vs. the corner store property. The appraisals are approximately \$22K for the township land and \$12K for the corner store property. Assessed land values are also being considered. Latest estimate of a start date to demolish the building is now June 2022.

**SIGNS and STENCIL:** Hodulik has not yet made a stencil of the bike sign painted on the shoulders of the road which would reduce the cost of \$200 each if we did it ourselves. Post signs will be designed and purchased from Screen Graphic in Indian River. Dornbos Signage is another provider that was suggested by Brent Shank as they provide signs for the road commission. Their phone numbers are 517-543-4000 or 800-922-0029.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY** A planned announcement will be in the April/May timeframe. Margie Reh has volunteered to put this together and it will include TOMTC.

**FINANCIAL STATUS:** The Trail Fund at CNB is \$ **44,162.38** as of September 30,2021. There is also a balance of approximately **\$21,488.00** in our Top of Michigan Trails Council account, but the first Huron Engineering invoice, #4461, dated 9/12/21 for \$12,461.75 was paid 10/8/21, check 150, and will be reflected in the October CNB statement balance..

**TOWNSHIP TRAIL MAINTENANCE FUND:** Balance September 30, 2021 is **\$102,586.70**.

**MEETING DATES FOR 2021:** All meetings will be at 7 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Jan 25, Feb 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug 23, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 22, except for Dec 13 (second Monday).

**NEXT MEETING:** November 22, 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall.

**COMMITTEE COMMENT:** Mullett TS has a Township meeting on Monday Dec 13 and Mike Goerke and Brett Lindgren can not attend the trail meeting if held that date. The December 13 meeting decision to cancel the trail meeting will be made at the November meeting. West side folks want the entire Phase I trail paved. It may mean another campaign for funds. Should West Burt Lake Road be reconstructed in the next 3 year county plan, a bid to pave all or a

portion of the trail may be possible with a price break as the equipment would be there to do the job.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

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

**ADJOURNED:** 7:45 pm

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary