

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**December 14, 2020**

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on December 14, 2020, at 2 pm via phone 1-866-678-6823, password 7861936#.

**ATTENDANCE:** Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness, Margie Reh, Katie Parker, Gary Street, Bert Ebbers, Committee Members, and Harold Koviak and Laz Surabian (Mullett Township Supervisor).

Attending by Teleconference: Everyone above

**AGENDA:** Accepted as printed

**MINUTES:** October 26, 2020 minutes correct as written, no meeting in November.

**MOTION:** Made by Paul Janness to approve September minutes, seconded by Katie Parker. Motion approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Phase I** - Fallen trees, limbs, and leaves removed from the trail before the snow came. Problem at Indian Road/West Burt Lake Road intersection discussed between Gary Street and Brent Shank. Best solution offered is to pave the intersection at Indian Road with water running into a creek toward north side of Indian Road.

**Phase II** - All documentation has been entered into the Trust Fund data base and MDOT requirements. There is a sand problem at the entrance of the Gorge. Cheboygan County Road Commission has installed a post with reflector at the entrance of Gorge to narrow the entrance to the Gorge for autos turning in coming from the West. This is a temporary fix.

**Phase III** – The SHPO documentation has been approved, but the letter has not been received. Huron Engineering will follow up. Karie Slavik (UM Biostation) has delivered the survey and description to the UM Real Estate Division. This is great progress. Bert Ebbers provided a plan to talk to the 5 property owners near the intersection of East Burt Lake Road and Birchwood Rd. He has MDOT ROW easement documents, which MDOT recommended to be used with most of these property owners. Gary Street discussed using the same easement as Phase I, which was written by Tim MacArthur. This easement could be used if an actual asking for some property is needed for the trail. It is estimated that only about 6 feet max for all the properties except one is all that is needed. Part of the ROW in the area is 40 feet, some 33 feet.

The Trail Handbook is on the TOMTC site. It needs to be linked to the Burt Township web site. Gene Hodulik will contact Christy Kozlowski to load onto the site. Harold Koviak suggested that 50 copies be made in color on 11 by 17-inch paper to be able to be sent out in letters and given to people as warranted. Hodulik will follow up with William's printing in Cheboygan.

Patronicity.com/MEDC fund raiser was just completed on Dec 11. It was a great success. The match goal of \$30,000 was met. Approximately \$49,680.00 was donated, with approximately \$1,200 in fees to Patronicity and \$1,000 for the video, with approximate net proceeds of \$47,500. Add to this the \$30,000 match, bringing the total to approximately \$78,000. The Patronicity payment should be coming mid- January. Hodulik gave a special thank you to Margie Reh who not only found this project as a possibility, she also spear-headed the entire campaign, obtained the support of TOMTC, wrote the on line campaign document, found the video company, kept track of all donations and wrote thank you letters to over 100 people who donated. What a task to do all this. Again a very special thank you to Margie Reh.

Hodulik and Parker will send a second letter before Christmas to East Burt Lake Rd/North Bay Way property owners that have not donated.

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

Grant possibilities were discussed from DALMAC (Grant must be in by March 31), Hodulik to ask Ann Baughman to assist to submit a grant similar to 2 years ago. Harbor-Petoskey Community Foundation—Gary Street will investigate. Citizens National Bank in Cheboygan will be researched for a donation. Consumers Energy Foundation, DTE Foundation, and Straits Area Foundation will also be researched for possible donations.

**FINANCES** Just Received approximately \$78,000 from the campaign with Patronicity/MEDC which raised also the \$30,000 match. Discussed in Old Business. A detailed report should be available in January.

Financial Status regarding Phase II close out. The November 30,2020 balance is \$74,451.53 in the Citizens National Bank trail account. Invoice number 5140 from Ch CRC , dated 8/13/2020, for \$73,930.75 was paid Oct 1, 2020. A reimbursement from the Trust Fund Grant of the \$73,930.75 payment was deposited Nov 11 in the Citizens National Bank Trail account. A total of \$596,298.91 has been paid for construction,( with a final cost of \$610,263.15), consisting of \$374,090.15 from MDOT and \$222,208.16 from Trust Fund as of November. Balance due is **invoice 5162 for \$12,368.84** (Nov 14,2020), and **invoice 5183 for \$1,595.40**(Dec 14, 2020), for a final total of **\$13,964.24** to Cheboygan County Road Commission. This will balance to the **\$610,263.15** from OHM for the **final cost** of the project. The **\$13,964** will be paid before year end. This will close out the Phase II project as the final engineering payment has also been made to OHM for \$7,511.25. In addition the first invoice from Huron Engineering for \$5,433.00 has been paid for Phase III.

The Township Trail Maintenance Fund at CNB balance is \$87,423.12 as of November 30, 2020.

**Comment:** Laz Surabian, Supervisor, Mullett Township asked to keep him informed as well as Brent Lindgren, Trustee, who wishes to participate in our trail meetings.

**Meeting Dates for 2020:** All 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 and Dec 13 (second Monday).

**Next Meeting:** Jan 25 at 7 pm via phone because of covid 19.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Katie Parker made motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Janness. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNED:** 3:09 PM

Gene Hodulik, Trail chairman (for Carolyn Hodulik at Doctor)