

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**JANUARY 24, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on January 24, 2022, at 7:05 pm at the Burt Township Hall.

**ATTENDANCE:** Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Mike Goerke, Brett Lindgren, Katie Parker, David Jacalone and Paul Janness at the hall. Public attending: Harold Koviak, Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary. On the conference call trail committee members: Margie Reh and Dennis Dombroski.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Hodulik

**AGENDA:** No additions. Motion to accept agenda by Katie Parker, seconded by Brett Lindgren. Motion approved.

**MINUTES: November 22, 2021** (No meeting in December.2021)

**MOTION:** Moved by Brett Lindgren to approve the November 22, 2021 minutes with one correction: to correct the spelling of Mike Goerke's last name in the November Minutes motion to approve. Motion seconded by Mike Goerke. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE:** The Township Parks and Rec budget, \$25,000 for the last several years, will be discussed in detail at the February Township budget meeting. A few items will include Spierling Construction sweeping the paved trail in the spring, Solinski cutting the edge grass twice, volunteers installing some signs/posts, painting bike stencils, and identifying any spots on the trail needing maintenance. Mike Goerke suggested to just divide the \$25,000 by the 1.4 miles of trail, to get an average cost per mile. The budget also includes any work to be done at the road ends, such as cleanup and trimming the weeds/grass. Budget will be discussed at the special February Township budget review meeting.

Mile marker number stencils to paint on the pavement were made by David Jacalone. Brett Lindgren suggested using the same type of signs as on the snowmobile trails for markers and to discuss with 911 officials regarding the information to have on the reflective signs, and the direction to start (east or west).

**PHASE III.** This 1.4 miles of winding trail mostly through the U of M Biological Station and 4 property owners was completed in October. The summary on site meeting with all parties present was completed early in November. We are waiting for MDOT's final approval of the finances to close out the project. Huron Engineering will provide that information to us. Recent conversation with Becky Rivard of Huron Engineering indicated the final cost should be very close to the bid price of \$507,777.

**TOPINABEE MAIL ROUTE ROAD IN MULLETT AND BURT TOWNSHIPS (PHASE VI):** Signage will be erected at the corner of Mullett-Burt Road and Topinabee Mail Route Road and near the intersection with Service Drive to give direction for bikers to the North Central Trail in Topinabee. A project to pave the shoulders will most likely be 2 to 3 years from now.

**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) has been at a standstill for a few weeks. Recent discussions held between the property owner and EGLE personnel regarding the amount of money needed to construct a home, well, septic and driveway have been at an impasse. So the project most likely will not take place in 2022 as EGLE originally planned.

**SIGNS and STENCIL: MORE GREAT NEWS!!** A special thank you to David Jacalone, who once again, took personal time and made outstanding “mile marker” stencils using ¼ inch Masonite which can be used to paint the mile markers on the pavement. Ten metal 12 by 12 “bike” signs and four “To North Central State Trail and To the North Western State Trail” signs have been purchased for \$286.09 from Screen Graphic in Indian River. These will be installed in the spring on 4 by 4 wood posts.

**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY:** Discussions were led by Margie Reh to plan an event/announcement regarding the trail. Margie stated step one is to define a date in June. This would then lead to a budget, invitees, activities (bike ride and/or run, T shirts for sale, a poker run), a speaker, and local media (TV and newspapers). invitees would include UM Biological Station, DNR, State Rep Wayne Schmidt, TOMTC.,BLPA, local government officials running for office in November. The event might conclude at Hoppies with food and drink. Gary Street has a banner used when Phase I was completed in 2013 that could be used again.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP WITH NEW ChCRC MANGER:** An introductory meeting with the new Cheboygan County Road Commission Manager/Engineer, Matt Hall, should take place to review the trail plan and develop a relationship with him.

**FINANCIAL STATUS:** The Trail Fund balance at CNB is \$ **24,923.59** as of December 31,2021, after \$20,000 was transferred from the TOMTC account. There is also a balance of approximately **\$2,982.00** in our Top of Michigan Trails Council account. Huron Engineering invoice, #4461, dated 9/12/21 for \$12,461.75 was paid 10/8/21, check 150, and the second Huron Engineering invoice, #4527, dated 10/11/21 for \$26,782.00 was paid 11/5/21, check 151. Huron Engineering has been paid \$39,243.75 of the **\$51,440 original contract**. The third Huron Engineering invoice #4584, dated 11/11/2021 for **\$18,065.25** will be approved and paid at the February 3, 2022, Township meeting. A written explanation from Huron Engineering for the additional **\$5,869.00** over the original contract involved 120 hours overtime and additional

surveying time. The CNB account balance after this payment will be **\$6,858.34**. **A fourth and final invoice will also come from Huron Engineering to complete the project.**

**TOWNSHIP TRAIL MAINTENANCE FUND:** Balance December 31,2021 is **\$102,612.56**.

**PHASE III CONSTRUCTION COSTS:** To date a total of **\$492,612.74** has been paid to J and N construction, leaving a balance of **\$15,116.26** of the **\$507,777.00** bid unpaid.

**MEETING DATES FOR 2022:** All meetings will be at 7 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. **Jan 24, Feb 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, Aug 22, Sept 26, Oct 24, and Nov 21 (3 rd Monday), and for Dec 12 (second Monday).**

**NEXT MEETING:** **February 28, 2022, @ 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**COMMITTEE COMMENT:** Dennis Dombroski stated that “Safety Grants” are available through the road commission leadership which could assist or pay for getting paved shoulders on Topinabee Mail Route in Mullett Township.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Brett Lindgren made motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Janness. . Motion passed. **ADJOURNED 8:20 pm.**

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary