

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

February 22, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on February 22, 2021 at 7 pm via phone 1-866-678-6823, password 7861936#.

ATTENDANCE: Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness, Margie Reh, Katie Parker, Dennis Dombroski, Mike Goerke and Brett Lindgren. Public: Harold Koviak and Carolyn Hodulik, recording secretary.
All attending by Teleconference.

AGENDA: Add Topinabee Mail Route Road under New Business

MINUTES: January 25, 2021 minutes as written.

MOTION: Made by Katie Parker to approve January minutes, seconded by Brett Lindgren.
Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

PHASE I. The proposed \$25K budget for the new fiscal year starting April 1, 2021, was discussed at the Township Board budget meeting in February and has been incorporated into the proposed budget.

PHASE II. All documentation and financial data was entered into the Trust Fund data base by Margie Reh and has been approved and closed by the DNR Trust Fund staff. Shirley Reimann, Burt Township Treasurer received the close out payment check of \$56,024.64 today, February 22, 2021, which will be deposited in the Trail Citizens National Bank account.

PHASE III. Bert Ebbers has worked relentlessly since the first of the year to obtain easement agreements from Guidos, Howard, Crary, and Forsmark families. He obtained (with Huron Engr help), Cheboygan County Road Commission approval Feb 18, and delivered them to the Cheboygan County Deeds Office to be recorded by February 19. A special thank you to Bert and also to Tim MacArthur for developing the easement agreements in a very short time period. These families have been extremely supportive of the trail and excited to see this phase completed. These recorded easements have been forwarded to MDOT and the originals will be sent to Tim MacArthur. MDOT has assured Huron Engineering that we will not lose our position for approval to build Phase III.

No easement was granted by the Pasney family cousins. The trail has been re-routed into the ROW, closer to the road, in that area.

Huron Engineering has been in close contact regarding the easements and trail route with MDOT, Cheboygan County Road Commission manger Brent Shank, and Karie Slavik at U of M. In lieu of the UM easement documents, which are not complete yet, it has been suggested that a “letter of intent” be obtained from Karie Slavik to buy some time until the UM easement documents are completed.

GRANT POSSIBILITES. DALMAC is a current possibility to apply for with a March 1 written deadline and March 15 video deadline. Hodulik will work on written submittal. The majority of the video used for the fund raiser could be used if a portion is erased and replaced with a DALMAC greeting. This can be contracted with the original video company, or find a local person with this expertise.

NEW BUSINESS

PHASE II. The \$100,000 to assist with the “float” of payments to the road commission will be paid back to the Township before March 31,2021. Power sweeping the phase II trail section will be done in the spring at the same time as paved sections of Phase I.

TOPINABEE MAIL ROUTE ROAD.

The current ChCRC plan for Topinabee Mail Route does not support the trail plan which has been in place since Sept 2008 to connect to the North Central Trail in Topinabee and Nothwest Central Trail in Brutus. The Cheboygan County Road Commission project to spend \$225,000 to upgrade the road in Mullett Township this year without paved shoulders was discussed in detail. A plan was developed to discuss with Brent Shank to either alter it to include paved shoulders or possibly move it back to 2022 as originally scheduled to provide more time to complete a better plan.. A meeting with Brent Shank, Manager, Cheboygan County Road Commission is step one, followed by a presentation to the CHCRC Board only if a compromise cannot be reached. Attending the meeting will be Laz Surabian, Mullett TS supervisor, Harold Koviak, Burt Township supervisor, and possibly Gene Hodulik, Burt Lake Trail Chairman. Reh will obtain TOMTC support.

FINANCIAL STATUS

PHASE II. Grant Funds for the project were DNRTF at \$295,000 plus MDOT Grant at \$374,090.75 for total Grants of \$669,090.75. J and N Construction Bid was \$697,758.44 but actual cost was \$610,263.15 for a savings of \$87,495.29 or a 12.54% reduction. All of the MDOT Grant was paid to the construction company, \$374,090.15 plus another \$236,172.40 of the Trust Fund Grant for a total of \$610,263.15. The Phase II \$100,000 used by the trail committee to simplify payment timing to the road commission and re-imbursements from the Trust Fund, will be repaid to the township before March 31,2021.

In addition during 2017 and 2018 a total of \$50,023.83 was paid to OHM for Phase II and 2019 to the end of the project in 2020, an additional \$78,236.75. The total of \$128,260.58 was paid with donations to the trail.

PHASE III. The grants are \$355,000 from MDOT and \$125,000 from the Recreational Trail Program for a total of \$507,000. Engineering cost during the construction phase are estimated at approximately \$60,000, which are not included in the grants. Huron engineering estimate is \$512,795 for construction. A total of \$33,229.25 has been paid to OHM for work on Phase III. Huron Engineering has been paid \$12,677.00 for a total of \$45,906.25 so far on Phase III.

The Trail Fund at CNB is \$ 50,748.21 as of January 29, 2021

The Township Trail Maintenance Fund at CNB is \$87,437.49 as of January 29, 2021

MEETING DATES FOR 2020:All will be at 7 pm on the 4th 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. MARCH 22, 7 PM VIA PHONE BECAUSE OF COVID 19 WILL BE VIA PHONE.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Hodulik congratulated Harold Koviak, elected MTA Secretary for 2021.

MOTION TO ADJOURN. Dennis Dombroski made motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Janness. Motion passed.

ADJOURNED: 8:15 PM

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary