

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

MARCH 28, 2022

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on March 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall.

ATTENDANCE: Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Mike Goerke, Brett Lindgren, Don Tracy, Katie Parker, and Paul Janness. Public attending: Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Hodulik

AGENDA: Add dates to the post/sign and bike stencil installations.. Motion to accept agenda with Trail Maintenance work to add dates by Mike Goerke and seconded by Brett Lindgren. Motion approved.

MINUTES: February 28, 2022

MOTION: Moved by Mike Goerke to approve the February 28, 2022 minutes, seconded by Brett Lindgren. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

TRAIL MAINTENANCE: Gene Hodulik reviewed using the township map the sections of the trail that will be paved this summer. They are from Hardwood south to the Jontz hill and then a section parallel to Brutus Road west and east of the trail head. Mike Goerke volunteered to assist with the installation of the 4 by 4 posts (Saturday April 23) and stenciling the bike emblems (Saturday May 14), on East Burt Lake Road and Mullett- Burt Road. Assistance will be needed. High Visibility white spray paint will be needed to be purchased (Do It Center, Complete Paint), as well as the 4 by 4 posts. Location of the posts and stencils will be marked by Katie Parker, Gene Hodulik, and hopefully some input from Gary Street (because of his experience on the west side Phase I)

Question was raised by Katie Parker regarding the paving of the trail through the west side trail head. Brett Lindgren suggested someone physically look at the trail head, stop signs, paved area, soil base, etc. to make a final decision to pave or not pave the trail through the trail head..

Paige Perry still must be contacted at the DNR Gaylord office regarding 911 signs on the trail. Don Tracy stated that there are some local companies that can paint straight lines along a road or parking lots that Munro Township has used, if we need one as the “fog line” on Mullett-Burt road has worn off.

PHASE III. We are still waiting for MDOT’s final approval of the finances to close out the project. Becky Revard of Huron Engineering said it could take another 2 to 3 months. So we need to be patient while the MDOT close-out work continues.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY: Discussions by the entire group led to the following schedule: the date will be Saturday, June 11, starting at 10am. The starting location will be Maple Bay (10 am), stopping at the midpoint at the Gorge (11:30) for several minutes for a Ribbon Cutting, some recognition, and then proceed to Hoppies (1 pm), for BBQ (hotdogs and hamburgers). Katie Parker will ask permission from Karie Slavik (U of M), to be sure it is ok to stop at the Gorge for a Ribbon Cutting and quick speech. Paul Janness discussed the BBQ with Bob Babcock and he is very positive about doing it. If held in his parking lot or back deck, we will need to rent a port-a- potty. Discussions regarding publicity included the “Burt Lake Buddies” facebook page, Burt Township website, the May BLPA Newsletter, the Straitsland Resorter. A way to collect attendee numbers will also be developed via internet and a form in the Resorter to get a count of the number of participants who may be at Hoppies. A reporter from the Resorter will be invited as well. Three announcements will be in the Resorter in May and first week of June.

NEW BUSINESS

WEST SIDE PHASE I PAVING: Discussions led to measuring exact lengths of the segments to be paved and then determining the priority to pave these segments over a few years time-frame. This project should also be done in conjunction with obtaining feedback of people living on the west side and using the trail.

FINANCIAL STATUS: There is **\$2,982** of Burt lake Trail donations at Top of Michigan Trail Council. The Trail Fund at CNB is **\$ 6,862.03 as of February 28, 2020**. The third Huron Engineering invoice #4584, dated 11/11/2021 for **\$18,065.25** was paid February 3, 2022, check #152. **A fourth and final invoice will also come from Huron Engineering to complete the project.**

TOWNSHIP TRAIL MAINTENANCE FUND: Balance February 28, 2022 is \$102,629.14. There will be an additional \$10,000 added to this total April 1, 2022.

PHASE III CONSTRUCTION COSTS: To date a total of **\$497,341.95** has been paid to J and N Construction, leaving a balance of **\$10,435.05**, of the **\$507,777.00** Phase III bid unpaid.

MEETING DATES FOR 2022: All meetings will be at 7 pm on the 4th 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 (3rd Monday), and for Dec 12 (second Monday).

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 25, 2022, 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE COMMENT: None

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

ADJOURNED 8:00 pm.

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary