

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

APRIL 25, 2022

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on April 25, 2022 at 7:05 pm at the Burt Township Hall.

ATTENDANCE: Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Mike Goerke, Brett Lindgren, David Jacalone, Katie Parker, Gary Street, and Paul Janness. Public attending: Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Hodulik

AGENDA: Add discussion on Brutus Road project.

MINUTES: March 28, 2022

MOTION: Moved by Mike Goerke to approve the March 28, 2022 minutes, seconded by Katie Parker. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

TRAIL MAINTENANCE: There were two hard rains on Friday and Sunday causing trail damage on the west side Phase I and also Phase III on the Pasney curve. Gary Street showed pictures and described the repair work that would be necessary to replace washed out gravel and erosion under asphalt sections. Katie Parker had placed an orange cone by erosion point number one and roped off the erosion at point two on the Pasney curve. She shared pictures with the committee.

After discussions, it was agreed to immediately contact Mike Spierling, (Spierling Construction), regarding this extra work, especially the erosion sites, inviting him to visit the sites. Gary Street volunteered to contact Spierling. Parker volunteered to assist and show him the Phase II sites. Hodulik will call Becky Rivard of Huron Engineering, regarding any warranty for the Phase III erosion and a possible site visit to secure a repair recommendation from Huron Engineering.

David Jacalone and Mike Gorke installed twelve 4 by 4 by 8 foot treated posts along the entire trail April 16. Installation of the signs is scheduled for April 30 (Saturday). The bike stencils will be painted in May after the asphalt trail has been power swept. Priority will be to locate them on the shoulders of East Burt Lake Road and Mullett-Burt Road. Katie Parker volunteered to mark locations with the help of Burt Ebbers, an avid biker.

Numbers will be painted every 1/2 mile for future 911 use. Mike Goerke suggested starting at the Gorge and go east and west from there adding the "E" and "W" to the number. Brett Lindgren again suggested to contact the Gaylord DNR for possible recommendations and suggestions for signage for 911. Central dispatch is 231-347-3911.

PHASE III. No new progress for a closeout. Cheboygan County Road Commission Clerk, Dana Stempkey said it will be a few months yet.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY: Discussions by the entire group led to the following ideas to be used in the advertisement to attend: Saturday, June 11, at 11:30 at the Gorge entrance off Riggsville Road for a Ribbon Cutting, some recognition, and then proceed to Hoppies parking lot for BBQ hotdogs and hamburgers. Katie Parker obtained 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. We will need to rent a port-a-potty with the BBQ held in Hoppies parking lot. (Let's hope it will be a nice day)! The announcement should be written to invite families with children, walkers, joggers, bikers to this event and offering them the flexibility of different starting points, but to be at the Gorge at 11:30. Gary Street will get the original "Burt Lake Trail" banner out of storage.

Discussions regarding publicity included the "Burt Lake Buddies" facebook page, Burt Township website, the May BLPA Newsletter, the Straitsland Resorter, and Cheboygan Tribune. 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. Two announcements will be in the Resorter in May and one more the first week of June.

WEST SIDE PHASE I PAVING: Reviewed the paving projects for this year: woods- to- woods parallel to Brutus Road and through the Trail Head and the second segment parallel to West Burt Lake Road from Hardwood Rd south to the Jontz "hill". Future projects should be planned out in conjunction with obtaining feedback of people living on the west side and using the trail, which may lead to some donations.

NEW BUSINESS

TOPINABEE MAIL ROUTE PAVING: Resurfacing of 1.93 miles is scheduled for 2023 if the 1 mil county road tax is renewed in August.. It **does not** include paved shoulders. Koviak and Hodulik met with Hall on April 13 to discuss this project. First suggestion was to flip West Burt Lake Road (\$650,000) a 2024 project with TMR (\$400,000). They will not do because of the different costs. We asked for an estimate to have 5 foot shoulders which was received April 24 (today) at a cost of \$347,000!! A follow up meeting will be scheduled and it was suggested that Laz Serabian, Mullett Supervisor, also attend. Another suggestion by Brett Lindgren was to contact Brent Shank regarding the construction of the shoulders, which was not the same method for Mullett last year.

BRUTUS ROAD: Gary Street reported that the assistant Emmet County Planner has retired and she was in favor of getting Brutus Road reconstructed with paved shoulders for the Brutus connection to the Northwest State Trail.

FINANCIAL STATUS: There is **\$3,232.87** of Burt lake Trail donations at Top of Michigan Trail Council. The Trail Fund at CNB is **\$ 6,862.61 as of March 31, 2022**. **A fourth and final invoice will also come from Huron Engineering to complete the project.**

TOWNSHIP TRAIL MAINTENANCE FUND: Balance March 31, 2022 is \$102,637.86. 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 (3 rd Monday), and for Dec 12 (second Monday).**

NEXT MEETING: May 23, 2022, 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE COMMENT: Topinabee Library grand opening is May 29. Spierling needs to power sweep in May.

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

ADJOURNED 8:30 pm.

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary