

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**MAY 23, 2022**

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on May 23, 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, Paul Janness and Margie Reh. Public attending: Harold Koviak, Mary Street, Jerry Trudell, May Ellen Hagerl and Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Hodulik

**AGENDA:** Add “Certificate of Appreciation”

**MINUTES: APRIL 25, 2022**

**MOTION:** Moved by Mike Goerke to approve the April 25, 2022 minutes, seconded by Paul Janness. Motion approved.

**SPECIAL “CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION” by Gene Hodulik:** Gary Street was recognized for his vision for the trail, chairman for the initial Phase I construction (with Steve and Connie Vorenkamp involvement), continual leadership with the maintenance of the trail on the west side with his volunteer group, and his continued support as a committee member since the beginning in 2008.

Margie Reh was recognized for her creativity, financial skills, ability to create ways to raise money for the matching grants, involve TOMTC, update the data base and communicate with the MDOT/TAP and DNR Trust fund personnel which led to obtaining back to back grants for Phase II and Phase III completion in 2 years. The trail would not have 5 phases completed, 11.4 miles of continuous trail around the north end of Burt Lake without her problem solving skills and positive attitude.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE:** Washed out areas will be repaired by Spierling Construction. Gary Street met with Mike Spierling for the west side Phase I repairs on April 29, and Gene Hodulik met with Mike Spierling on May 2 regarding the wash outs on the east side along the fence and the “Pasney curve”. Becky Rivard of Huron Engineering reviewed the site on April 26. Hodulik coordinated a call of Becky and Mike to discuss the best solution, which will involve rock on the slope of the cave ins, grass seed, netting, and building a blacktop curb to force water to drain at the rock formations. The east side will be repaired by May 27.

Twelve 4" by 4", 8 foot long posts were installed April 16 along the trail and BIKE signs attached on April 30 by Mike Goerke, David Jacalone, Paul Janness, Gene Hodulik. The entire trail of asphalt was power swept by Spierling on May 2. On May 14, Mike and David have also painted 4 bike stencils and half mile markers starting at the Gorge going east and west with an "E" or "W" by the number. The Phase II and III runoffs have been cleared. More bike stencils will be painted. Phase I will be brined the end of June and the entire trail will have the grass mowed by mid June.

**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:** cancelled for June 11. There is a lack of enthusiasm by the committee as a whole with so many activities going on in the area, the U of M Bio Station personnel are very busy getting ready for more students this year, and chairman Hodulik had just too many responsibilities "on his plate" to be the person to arrange all the details to be completed and it was effecting his health.

## **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. The estimate to have 5 foot shoulders was \$ 347,000! Suggestion by Matt Hall. ChCRC Manager, was to just do one side at half the cost. Margie Reh suggested contacting MDOT/TAP to discuss any grant money that might be available to try to obtain, but experience has shown that usually takes a couple of years to get it. This would be a joint proposal/application with Mullett Township. Another suggestion by Brett Lindgren was to contact Brent Shank, now at Emmet CountyRoad Commission, regarding the construction of the shoulders, which was not the same method used for Mullett Township paved shoulders 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. Discussed was an alternate route in Emmet County using Snyder Rd and Maple River Rd, which is longer, but has no wetlands which are along Brutus Road in Maple River Township.

**FINANCIAL STATUS:** There is **\$3,232.87** of Burt lake Trail donations at Top of Michigan Trail Council. The Trail Fund at CNB is **\$ 6,863.16 as of April 29, 2022.** **A fourth and final invoice will also come from Huron Engineering to complete the project.**

**TOWNSHIP TRAIL MAINTENANCE FUND:** Balance April 29, 2022 is **\$102,646.01.** There will be an additional **\$10,000** added to this total on May 4, 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 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<sup>rd</sup> Monday), and for Dec 12 (second Monday).

**NEXT MEETING:** June 27, 2022, 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Harold Koviak extended a thank you to the volunteer trail maintenance group, Gary Street, and Margie Reh for all they have done for the trail.

**COMMITTEE COMMENT:** Gary Street stated that Snyder Rd and Maple River Road will be reviewed as another route to the North West State Trail near Brutus. Gene Hodulik stated that Bennett Rd on the east side will be reviewed as another route to connect to the North Central State Trail in Topinabee.

Margie Reh commented that it was an excellent plan that the township put in place a few years ago for maintenance of the trail

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

**ADJOURNED 8:11 pm.**

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary