

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**MAY 24, 2021**

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on May 24, 2021 at 7 pm at the Burt Township Hall, with phone attendance via phone number 1-866-678-6823, password 7861936#.

**ATTENDANCE:** Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness, Gary Street, Mike Goerke, Katie Parker, Brett Lindgren, Margie Reh, and Mac Richardson at the Township Hall. No one on the phone. Public: Harold Koviak and Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary in attendance at the Township Hall.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Hodulik

**AGENDA:** No additions.

**MOTION:** Moved by Katie Parker to approve as written, seconded by Mike Goerke. Motion approved.

**MINUTES:** April 26, 2021 minutes eliminate the phrase “Michigan EPA” after the word ”EGLE” under the Trail Head topic.

**MOTION:** Moved by Katie Parker to approve the April minutes, seconded by Mike Goerke with the above change.  
Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE PHASE I:** Gary Street reviewed the plan to blacktop two areas at the Indian Rd and West Burt Lake Road intersection and 300 feet north at the former Swayze residence. The permit is in place from Brent Shank, ChCRC. ChCRC will grade Indian Road to the west as it may have to be shut down for a short period of time. Mike Spierling of Spierling Construction will notify Street and Shank of the construction date, to be shortly after Memorial Day. Letters were sent to four neighbors in the Indian Road area informing them of construction on Indian Road. Street will contact them of the construction date. The trail has been cleaned up and dragged. It will be brined at the end of June. Discussion regarding the desire to pave more of the trail, especially a continuous section, should be planned for next year.

**PHASE II.** An area to inspect for a possible repair is on the east side of West Burt Lake Road north of Hogsback Road and may need a new runoff created. It is marked with an orange ribbon on the tree.

**PHASE III.** May 14 the MDOT “Notice of Advertisement” for bids was released and on June 4 low bidder will be announced. Huron Engineering’s construction estimate is \$510,000. They will provide a proposal in June for the construction engineering costs.

**GRANT POSSIBILITIES: DALMAC FOUNDATION GRANT.** Hodulik received a letter from Tri County Bike Association stating the Burt Lake Trail has been awarded a \$5,000 DALMAC grant for Phase III construction. Gary Street investigated the deadline dates for the Kodak Foundation grants. There is a fall deadline date and he will follow through with a grant request. Street also volunteered to contact Citizens National Bank for a possible grant. Consumers Energy Foundation and DTE Foundation still need to be investigated.

**SIGNS:** Some signs are needed to “point the way” to the Topinabee Trail Head to the east and the Brutus intersection at US 31 to the west. These could be signs with arrows and “Bike Trail” or “Bike Lane” with an image of a bike on them. A second possible sign is a “stick walker”. A maximum of 3 signs on each side of East Burt Lake Road and Mullett-Burt Road of this type would be sufficient. Mile marker signs should also be posted and the map given to “911”. An inventory of signs stored in Gary Street’s barn consists of: “BIKE LANE, STOP, STOP AHEAD, TRAIL ENDS 700 FEET, and YIELD” all quantity one. “NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES” quantity 20, and the small diamond shaped BURT LAKE TRAIL, quantity 51. A couple of “NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES” signs should be considered along Riggsville Road. . A decision as to the possibility of sharing of ChCRC sign posts will be investigated. Screen Graphics of Indian River and Sign and Banner on M33 will be approached regarding the creation of the “stick walker” and “Bike Lane with bike” signs.

**TOPINABEE MAIL ROUTE ROAD IN MULLETT AND BURT TOWNSHIPS (PHASE VI):** Emphasis should be on this road as it is completely located in Cheboygan County, which involves working with Brent Shank, Cheboygan County Road Commission. Brutus Road is located in Cheboygan and Emmet counties, requiring cooperation from two road commissions.

Brett Lindgren reported that the estimate has been reduced to \$100,000 from \$106,000 to have 5 foot paved shoulders from the township line to Woodruff Street. This amount is for Mullett Township to pay for 4 of the 5 feet paved shoulders. Again, it was brought forward that the road commission manager, Brent Shank, has stated many times they would pave 2 feet and the additional width would be paid by the township. This would be done this summer by Reith Riley when they blacktop M27 through Topinabee. So there is probably a month to decide if Mullett can find the money in their budget to do this project. As an additional topic, to cross the I-75 overpass a traffic light system that a biker would initiate is probably the best solution as any other solution would be very expensive.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**PHASE III BID LETTING:** May 14 was the bid release date, June 4 the bid letting date (award low bidder), then 30 days of paperwork, contract awarded, pre-construction meeting hosted by MDOT/Cheboygan County Road Commission and our engineers-Huron Engineering, followed by construction.

**TRAIL HEAD POSSIBILITY ON THE EAST SIDE:** A possible land swap with township land on Crump Road(4.6 acres) for the Corner Store land(.5 acre) was reviewed by the

Township Board at the May 6 meeting with a presentation by an EGLE representative regarding the clean up of contamination including demolition of the building, and possible land trade which would relocate where Mrs. Kinney would live and provide a trail head on the corner store property. Legal documents must be created to make it happen.

**FINANCIAL STATUS:** The Trail Fund at CNB is \$ 44,577.45 as of April 31, 2021. There is also \$18,540 in the TOMTC account. The last invoice #4202, dated 4/1/2021 with Huron Engineering for pre-construction services for \$5,433.00 ( check # 149) was paid 4/28/21. This completes the \$18,100.00 contract with them. This brings the CNB balance down to \$39,144.45.

The Township Trail Maintenance Fund at CNB is \$102,543.71 as of April 31, 2021. There was a deposit of \$15,084.29 in April, \$10,000 yearly and \$5,084.29 remaining unspent in the Parks and Rec balance from fiscal year 2020-21.

**MEETING DATES FOR 2021: All meetings will be at 7 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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, except for Dec 13 (second Monday).**

**NEXT MEETING: June 28, 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall.**

**COMMITTEE COMMENT:** Mac Richardson suggested Mullett Township should contact MAPS for financial support and “advertising” the trail to gain property owner support. Margie Reh stated the Indian River Bike/Kayak Races will be July 18 and the proceeds will be gifted to the trail.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Harold Koviak emphasized the need to have signs directing bikers to Topinabee and Brutus connectors.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Paul Janness made motion to adjourn, seconded by Brett Lindgren. Motion passed. **ADJOURNED:** 8:17 pm

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary