

BURT TOWNSHIP
Burt Lake Trail Committee Meeting
July 23, 2018

The Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Eugene Hodulik on July 23, 2018, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Rd., Cheboygan, MI 49721.

Attendance – Gene Hodulik, Jim Valrance, Mac Richardson, Margie Reh, Dennis Dombroski
Also Attending: Harold Koviak, Katie Parker, Tom Stephanic, Gary Street, Donna McDougall,
Clerk/Recording Secretary

Chair Hodulik led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda – Hodulik

MOTION: Moved by Richardson, supported by Dombroski to approve the Agenda as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

Minutes - June 23, 2018

MOTION: Moved by Reh, supported by Vallance to approve the minutes of June 23, 2018 as presented.

APPROVED

Old Business

U of M Easement

Using UM contacts, Jim Conboy (TOMTC), and Mac Richardson finally got UM to provide us with their version of the easement, which was sent to Hodulik, then, modified by Boyle and Hodulik with input from the DNRTF and MDOT and Tim MacArthur, and then was resent to the U of M. There was some question about insurance but that was resolved by the township insurance agent, and he will add the trail onto the policy at no additional cost to the township. U of M, DNR and MDOT all approved the stipulations and wording of the easement.

The Board will sign the easement agreement and construction license agreement at the August 2nd Township board meeting. August 17 is the deadline for next bid letting for MDOT.

The Historic Preservation Office still needs to approve the final archeological report and send a letter so stating to Dave Boyle at OHM-Advisors to be entered into the grant data bases.

Grants

People for Bikes Grant – Reh

No updates on the application but will find out by August 31st.

Burt Lake was awarded the largest Dalmac grant this year, \$10,000, and will receive the money when construction begins.

DNR Trust Fund grant - must wait until 25 percent of costs are paid and construction begins

before reimbursement.

Indian River Biathlon – Reh

83 participants entered the competition, about the same number as last year. The proceeds will be split between the Burt Lake Trail and the Indian River Snowmobile Club.

New Business

Signage

Trail signage is needed on Mullet-Burt Rd – possibly to include mile markers. Reh will talk to Jim Conboy about getting signs.

Financial Status

Citizens National Bank: Approximately \$7,000.43

TOMTC: \$26,999

Public Comment

Street made the following suggestions for trail maintenance:

There have been a few instances where the trail maintenance workers have been harassed for driving on the trail. He would like to get lime colored vests for workers and signs for vehicles. The committee agreed this would be a worthwhile expense and Hodulik will bring it to the board meeting.

Street also said the west side of trail should be mowed at the end of September to make cleaning up the trail easier. Richardson volunteered to work on this with his tractor.

The base of the hill by Rick Johnson's house is still getting a wash out during heavy rains. It will be added to the list of paving jobs for next year.

The trail gets very dusty during periods of little rain and Street would like to bring the trail to keep down the dust.

Committee Comments

Hodulik expressed appreciation to Richardson and Street for writing letters to U of M to get the easement approved.

Valrance said trucks kick up gravel on Mullet-Burt and it gets on the trail. Street will contact Brent Shank to clean it off the trail.

Next meeting - August 27, 2018 - 7:00 pm

MOTION: Moved by Valance, supported by Dombroski to adjourn.

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary