

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

July 25, 2022

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on July 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall.

ATTENDANCE: Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness, Katie Parker, and Margie Reh. Public attending: Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Hodulik

AGENDA: No additions

MINUTES: May 23, 2022 minutes were discussed but not voted upon as a quorum of members was not present. . Voting on the May minutes will take place next meeting. The same is true for the **June 27 Minutes**.

OLD BUSINESS

TRAIL MAINTENANCE: Due to another hard rain, another area has washed out about half way along the East side (Phase III) fence. Hodulik communicated with Spierling who was using the trail and saw the location, and he will repair the area. Some blacktop has also caved in at that point. Building a blacktop curb to force water to drain at the rock formations may be the final solution to this problem as it has worked well on Phase II. Several locations that had washed out previously in this area were repaired for a cost of \$7,275.

May 2 the entire trail was power swept by Spierling at a cost of \$1,320.

June 13-14, Spierling Construction fine graded and paved two sections of trail, the first going west and east to the woods from the trail head parallel to Brutus Road. The second section was paved from the Jontz Hill north to Hardwood Road. Total cost of paving was \$30,125 for 1,667 sq. yards of asphalt. A ditch was cleaned out at 4805 West Burt Lake Road (\$1,200), which flooded the trail and new crushed limestone (900 linear feet) was applied and packed in several locations on Phase I of the trail for \$2,325.00.

Phase I was brined the end of June (cost not know at this time),and the entire trail was mowed the first week of July by Slowinski Lawn Service of Indian River for \$1,075. A second mowing for the same price will be done in August.

The trail at the driveway entrance to the Gorge was again cleared of sand which washed onto it by a heavy rain which has become a constant problem, fencing railings were clamped and

additional screws installed to prevent warping and several more bike signs mounted on posts where appropriate. Yield signs will be installed at the 3 driveways near the east end of Phase III.

Additional bike stencils need to be painted on the paved shoulders on East Burt Lake Road and Mullett-Burt Road.

TOPINABEE MAIL ROUTE AND BRUTUS ROAD CONNECTORS: Margie Reh obtained the contact within MDOT/TAP, Julie Thomas, and arranged a conference call July 14 with Thomas, Hodulik, and Reh. Results of the call: earliest grant money would be available is 2025, a minimum of \$200,000/grant, an engineering design is needed which implies a cost to the trail, applying should happen this year, and this is the only opportunity for funds from MDOT/TAP. Topinabee Mail Route is the route to pursue as a joint effort of Mullett and Burt Township.

Hodulik researched the number of properties on each side of Topinabee Mail Route to find that there are over 30 on each side. The idea of a possible separated trail is most likely not feasible if many easements are needed. An unanswered question is could it be constructed in the ROW and still be several feet from the edge of the road like Phase I. Becky Rivard of Huron Engr. will find out from ChCRC how the paved shoulders cost were developed.

PHASE III. No new progress for a closeout. However, an invoice for \$1918.59 was paid by MDOT on July 15.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCES: Another drive for funds would have to be instituted to move ahead for paved shoulders.

PHASE I MAP: Hodulik reviewed a drawing of Phase I defining the paved, gravel, and paved shoulders areas which can be used for future paving plans.

FINANCIAL STATUS: There is **\$3,232.87** of Burt lake Trail donations at Top of Michigan Trail Council. The Trail Fund at CNB is **\$ 6,439.04 as of June 30, 2022.** **A fourth and final invoice will also come from Huron Engineering to complete the project. Check 153, dated May 5, 2022, for \$425.23 was paid.** This was for sixteen 4 by 4 by 8 feet wood posts and five special road spray paint cans to paint stencils, all purchased from the DO IT Center, Indian River.

TOWNSHIP TRAIL MAINTENANCE FUND: Balance June 30, 2022 is \$112,664.65.

PHASE III CONSTRUCTION COSTS: To date a total of **\$499,260.54** has been paid to J and N Construction, leaving a balance of **\$8,516.46,** 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: August 22, 2022, 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMITTEE COMMENT: Margie Reh stated the Biathalon in Indian River yesterday was a great success. Margie and Jess Miller initiated this friendly competition several years ago. Send a thank you note to the Forsmark's for mowing the trail area and planting flowers in the area. .

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

ADJOURNED 7:55 pm.

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary