

BURT TOWNSHIP
Burt Lake Trail Committee Minutes
August 26, 2019

The Regular meeting of the Burt Lake Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on August 26, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan.

ATTENDANCE: Gene Hodulik, Dennis Dombroski, Bert Ebbers, Paul Janness, Katie Parker, Margie Reh, Mac Richardson, Gary Street, Dale Covy
Also Attending: Tom Stephanic and Dave Boyle of OHM Advisors

Chair Hodulik led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – July 22, 2019

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Janness to approve the minutes of July 22, 2019.

MOTION APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS

Phase I Maintenance

Gary Street and Jerry Trudell installed approximately 23 “No Motorized Vehicles on Trail” signs on existing posts. Three more new posts and signs will be installed between Raver Road and Mundt Road. 50 signs were purchased for the entire trail, paid using the Parks and Rec Budget of the Township. “Brush Hogging” will be done mid-September. U of M mowed the grass between the northern section of the trail and West Burt Lake Road, an improvement! Thank you U of M!

Phase II Construction

Dave Boyle gave an update for Phase II construction which begins Sept 3 with a completion date of Nov 1. A pre-construction meeting was held on Aug 19 at OHM advisors in Petoskey. The meeting was led by Ben Gowell, OHM project engineer with Kathy Bunker, the daily on site engineer. The meeting was represented with members from the trail, U of M, County Road Commission, township board, and J & N Construction. J & N Construction was awarded the bid for Phase II, with a bid of \$697,758.44. This is almost 11 percent over the estimated Dec 2016 cost of \$625,000. The overage will be covered by rebates from the DNR Trust Fund from payments already made (estimated at \$50,000) and by a recommended change in the construction plan for the Gorge, which has been approved by MDOT. The estimated cost of asphalt was considerably higher than anticipated which caused the overage.

Major “To Do” is moving a Consumers Energy utility pole near the Gorge and the possible delay of laying asphalt due to the Reith-Riley strike.

Phase III/IV—Dave Boyle Update

All Phase III and IV data is entered in both grant requests. All new questions have been

answered. Next list of applicants (Oct 1), for possible “conditional” approval includes our trail. This will enhance our chances for approval by the Trust fund in December.

The survey of Phase III and archeology study are both completed. There were no cache findings in Phase III. The survey will be forwarded to U of M for their approval. The ROW area will be reviewed to be sure no easements are required. A meeting with Brent Shank will be scheduled to discuss the East Burt Lake road with 6 foot shoulders and construction plan/schedule.

Finances for Phase II

Discussion was led by Dave Boyle regarding cash flow (and its problems) which will require strict controls. Margie Reh will talk with Bill Kanine, CPA and Township resident (who volunteered to assist us). Timing of obtaining grant money will need to be controlled carefully and it will be necessary to have a special fund set up from the township for timely payments. Documentation of current refunds must begin this month to be ready to input when 25% of the project is completed.

E-Bikes - Dombroski

Discussion of e-bikes entailed experiences on Mackinac Island. Type 1 (mostly pedal and motor) are state approved for trails, Type 2 (pedal some, motor more) are also legal. Type 3 (no pedaling at all, all motor) are not allowed at this time. Amish horse/buggy have been on the trail which is allowed.

Financial status

The trail is current with OHM bills, paying 3 invoices totaling \$7,069.50
Citizens National Bank balance - \$17,077.83
TOMTC balance - \$13,160.15, with \$1200 (individuals) plus \$1500 from the Biathlon.
Capital Expenditures Maintenance account balance - \$76,178.31

PUBLIC COMMENT - Stephanic asked if he could ride his 4 wheeler on the trail. Answer is yes on paved shoulders, no on off road trail.

Next meeting – Sept 23, 2019 – 7:00 pm

MOTION: Moved by Reh, supported by Parker to adjourn

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Hodulik, Trail Chairman

