

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BURT LAKE TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 27,2021

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Trail Committee was called to order by Chair Gene Hodulik on SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 at 7 pm at the Burt Township Hall.

ATTENDANCE: Committee members: Gene Hodulik, Mike Goerke, Gary Street, David Jacalone and Paul Janness at the hall. Public attending: Hank Jallo and Carolyn Hodulik, recording secretary. Katie Parker and Bert Ebbers and Margie Reh on vacation. Brett Lingren at daughter's university golf match.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Hodulik

AGENDA: No additions.

MINUTES: August 23, 2021.

MOTION: Moved by Gary Street to approve the August 23, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Mike Goerke. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

TRAIL MAINTENANCE:

A meeting of Brent Shank (Cheboygan County Road Commission Manager), Mike Spierling of Spierling Construction, Gary Street, and a UM Biological Center person representing Karie Slavik was held at the Gorge entrance to discuss a solution to the problem resulting from hard rains bringing much sand onto the trail from the southeastern side of Riggsville Road to the west of the driveway. Solution is to divert the water runoff on the southeastern side of Riggsville Road into the vegetation berm to the east of the Gorge driveway. The area was marked off where the runoffs will be located. Large stone will be used for this project to keep the sand in place. This work will be done by Spierling Construction.

Gary Street will be creating a budget for next year to include the usual maintenance, cutting the entire Phase I,II,III grass and recommended additional trail lengths to blacktop. The top priority at this time would be from the the West side trailhead North to the woods. He will also investigate finding a contractor to seed the area between the trail and road berm for portions of Phase I.

PHASE III. This Phase was started the day after Labor Day, Sept 7. Great progress has been made with clearing of trees, cutting down a steep hill, and spreading sand over the northern part of the trail from Roberts Road to the Phase II connector. There is to be 6 inches of sand, 6 inches of stone base, and 2 inches of blacktop.

Sept 22 a meeting was held to discuss the optional fence, length 700 feet, cost \$35,000 extra, in the Pasney curve, Stations 50-57 which would be located on the edge of the trail to the west side. After seeing the terrain and getting several questions answered it was decided that it is not needed at this time. This area will be monitored once the trail is finished. Gene Hodulik, Bert Ebbers, and Katie Parker attended the meeting with the Huron Engineering surveyors and engineer. There is 400 feet of fencing in the original cost from Stations 46-50, which is necessary for safety reasons to be installed.

GRANT POSSIBILITIES: On hold as Katie Parker is on vacation.

TOPINABEE MAIL ROUTE ROAD IN MULLETT AND BURT TOWNSHIPS (PHASE VI): Planning with the Road Commission regarding future reconstruction of Topinabee Mail Route Road in Burt Township is the next priority for the committee. Mullett TS will continue to work on funding over the next 3 years to add paved shoulders to the road. However the Paser number assigned to West Burt Lake Road and Topinabee Mail Route are very similar. Road Commission Manager Brent Shank favors West Burt Lake Road at this time. If that is the priority, the trail committee must get a bid as to the cost to blacktop additional stretches of the Phase I trail at the same time West Burt Lake Road is being paved.

Brutus Road alternate trail to Brutus was brought up by Gary Street to avoid the wetlands in Emmett Co.

BRICKS TO RAISE MONEY : Discussed were the best place to have bricks displayed and it was agreed at the trail heads A plaque display instead of brick was also discussed. It was agreed that until a trail head on the east side happens to put this idea “on the back burner”. Brett Lindgren stated there is a company in Central Lake that does bricks, Northern Monument and Engraving, phone 231-544-1295. A \$100 donation brick cost about \$18 plus shipping cost. Paul Janness researched an engraver in Wolverine, Eric Moral, who does sign engraving and bricks. He charges about \$30 per brick.

TRAIL HEAD POSSIBILITY ON THE EAST SIDE: A possible land swap of the township land on Crump Road(4.86 acres) for the Corner Store land(.5 acre) is progressing well. The township is to obtain “ cost avoidance “ proposal to improve the township land to be a trail head vs. the corner store property. The appraisals are approximately \$22K for the township land and \$12K for the corner store property. Latest estimate of a start date to demolish the building is March/April of 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

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SIGNS and STENCIL: This topic was discussed in great detail last month. See August minutes. Mike Goerke suggested that a large sign that could have metal name plates attached would be a better solution than bricks at each trailhead.. Hodulik wants to make a stencil of the

bike sign painted on the shoulders of the road to reduce the \$200 each cost. Mike suggested tracing on parchment paper (Hobby Lobby), to make a pattern to be transferred to either heavy cardboard or thin plywood. Post signs can be designed and purchased from Screen Graphic in Indian River. Dornbos Signage is another provider that was suggested by Brent Shank as they provide signs for the road commission. Their phone numbers are 517-543-4000 or 800-922-0029.

FINANCIAL STATUS: The Trail Fund at CNB is \$ **44,158.75** as of August 31,2021. There is also a balance of approximately **\$21,200.00** in our Top of Michigan Trails Council account.

TOWNSHIP TRAIL MAINTENANCE FUND: Balance August 31, 2021 is **\$102,578.27**.

MEETING DATES FOR 2021: All meetings will be at 7 pm on the 4th 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: October 25, 7 PM at the Burt Township Hall.

COMMITTEE COMMENT: Mullett TS has a Township meeting on Monday Dec 13 and Mike Goerke and Brett Lindgren can not attend the trail meeting if held that date. Discussed solar stop light at the I-75 overpass for bikers. Gary Street said the Phase III construction is looking great!

PUBLIC COMMENT: Hank Jalloos stated he would like to see the trail developed into Topinabee using the extended paved shoulders on Topinabee Mail Route Road.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Paul Janness made motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Street. Motion passed.

ADJOURNED: 8:15 pm

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary