

Lowell Area Recreation Authority Meeting Minutes

(LARA)

Date: April 10 at 6 pm

Location: City Hall

Board Members Present;

Perry Beachum (Chair) City of Lowell resident
Betsy Davidson (Treasurer) Vergennes Twp resident
Mark Anderson, (Vice Chair) Lowell Township Trustee
Greg Canfield, City of Lowell Council Member

Guests; Dave Austin
Mark Fritsma

1. **April Meeting Minutes** Motioned by Mark to approve and seconded by Greg
2. **Treasurer's Report** Motioned by Greg to approve and seconded by Mark
Invoices to Pay: Williams & Works \$3679 and Zach's \$2140
*Motion to pay up to \$15000 application fee for the Railroad permit crossing on the Moose Property. Greg Motioned and Mark seconded. Dave will determine the exact amount and Betsy will write the check when needed.
3. **Public Comments** - None
4. **May 14 – Senior Give Back Day**
5. **Pink Arrow Community Day – August 23rd**
Having at Lowell Township Park. We need to discuss having a booth.
6. **Phase 2 – Connection to Flat River Valley Trail (FRVT) and Grand River Valley Trail (GRVT)**
Resubmitted the grant 3/28. Need to have all the easements and matching fund commitments by October 1. \$1.6 Million left to raise. Need letters of intent from property owners from and easements for GR Gravel, Dr Reagan, Homeowner on Division/Jefferson.

Mark talked with Beth at NCT and she would be interested in meeting and helping with some possible fundraising grants.

Mark has a meeting setup with Tom Alberts who is on the appropriations committee

Betsy will be working on the Frey Foundation application for \$300k

Additional discussion:

Mark Fristma: Lowell to Greenville and Lowell to Saranac approved. Foreman to Vergennes paved and Vergennes to Belding crushed asphalt.

May Cleanup – could talk to High Schoolers, Gary and friends, Senior project, Rotarians

Adjourn: Perry motioned and Greg seconded.