

LARA Board Meeting, May 9, 2018 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendance- Perry Beachum, Betsy Davidson, Gary Goff, Greg Canfield, Heather Hoffman, Rich Conrad **Guests:** Dave Austin

Minutes-April minutes supported by Davidson, 2nd by Canfield

Treasurer's Report-Payments to Williams and Works for \$11,303.54 for Phase 1A and Phase 2, Ryan Excavating for \$63,033.60 for Phase 1A work. Supported by Canfield, 2nd by Goff

Public Comments: None

Phase 1A-Gee Drive to M-21: Dave Austin reported that Ryan Excavating had a late spring start but is now well underway. Curb work is done. Storm sewer and catch basin are now getting installed.

Phase 2- Rail Trail Connection: Dave Austin reported the following items: **1.** Update on status of grant applications-MDOT is behind on application issues so they are giving LARA until May 30. MDOT will let LARA know if we are still in this funding cycle. **2.** An easement through a Bowes Street resident's property is being looked at, possibly avoiding the trail going in front of several Bowes Street houses. The owners of the Bowes Street property prefer the trail easement to be on the southern end of the property near the Grand River. **3.** DNR wants updates on easement issues. Dave is working on this. DNR also wants more information on trail maintenance. Dave is working on a more detailed description of this issue. All easement and funding commitments must be submitted to the DNR by October 1, 2018.

Love Week-Impact Church: A church group from the Baptist Church will complete 3 trail projects: **1.** Clean up the Cooper Woodland foot path. **2.** Trim overgrowth from Nature's Place Trail at Cherry Creek Elementary. **3.** Trim overgrowth and clean up the Lowell Area Trailway from Creekside Park to Foreman Road. Goff will meet with the project manager if necessary.

Adjourn: 7:40 p.m.

Gary Goff, LARA Secretary