

LARA Board Meeting, September 12, 2018 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell City Hall

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

Minutes-August minutes supported by Anderson, 2nd by Goff

Treasurer's Report-Payments to Lowell Area Schools for \$100.00 for Pink Arrow Banner, Larry Lathrup for \$200.00 for art designs, Hub International for \$1982.00 for trail insurance, Kaleidoscope Laser for \$40.28 for trail sign. Treasurer's Report supported by Anderson, 2nd by Canfield

Public Comments: Perry Beachum stated that the Women's Club wants to donate a bench for the trail. Discussion followed on where it could be placed. This was followed by discussion on the need for crack repair on the trail.

Phase 1A-Gee Drive to M-21: Dave Austin reported that the catch basins need to be maintained by Ryan Excavating due to floodwater and sediment washing into a nearby driveway. Also, grass seed has not been watered enough, leading to a lot of weed growth. The retainage money for Ryan Excavating is to be withheld pending attention to these issues. Two Phase 1A reports are due for Community Fund review. Betsy Davidson is working on these reports.

Phase 2-Rail Trail Connection: Dave Austin said that the preliminary scores for the DNR Trust Fund grant application have been released. Dave reviewed these scores and pointed out where there is potential for more scoring points. There is no report from MDOT as of yet, but Dave remains hopeful. LARA is asking for \$300,000 from the Michigan Natural Resources Fund. Dave is confident that this funding will happen.

Adjourn: 7:15 p.m.

Gary Goff, LARA Secretary