



**Board Meeting, August 10, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
Rotary Pavilion on Foreman**

Attendance - LARA Board Members; Al Halbeisen, Mari Stone, Betsy Davidson, Mark Anderson, Perry Beachum, and Gary Goff. Guests: Dave Austin, Dean Lonik.

1. **Minutes** – June meeting minutes were approved as presented. There was no July meeting.
2. **Treasurer’s Report** –Davidson gave a Treasurer’s report – Invoices to be paid to Williams and Works for \$5092.40 and \$236 for Phase 1A; Clean Cut Mowing for \$395 for mowing and mulch; Gary Goff for \$87 to reimburse brush hogging expenses.
3. **Public Comment** – Dean Lonik spoke to the board about the requested easement across his property on Alden Nash for Phase 1A. He was looking for reasoning behind the choice of this route. He believes another option would still provide the safety and connections we are after. He is concerned about his liability and the adverse impact to his business. The board understood his perspective, and discussed some potential solutions. Advice will be sought from legal and insurance experts
4. **Phase 1 – Cherry Creek to Wittenbach Center.** Sealcoating has been completed. Beachum motioned to approve payment to Harding Enterprises, Stone seconded, and the motion carried.
It was noted that there has been a fence installed adjacent to the trail west of Alden Nash in the sanitary sewer easement. We will inquire with Lowell Township to determine if it is there legally.
5. **Phase 1A – Gee Dr. to M-21** – Fundraising is proceeding. It was determined that LARA will continue to pursue 35K from the DDA.
6. **Phase 2** – Anderson told the Board that Jerry Hale has been talking to a contact at Meijer who works with larger donations. They prefer to function as a “closer” on projects, waiting until other funding sources are gathered and filling in project completion gaps.

Other business:

Gary Goff acknowledged groups and individuals who worked on trail maintenance projects in the past few months: Tom Postema, Scenic Expressions, who maintains the path to the Cooper Woodland Preserve; Mike Hooper, Hooper Printing, who provided a sign for the path; Impact Church Love Project, who cleared the trail in the Preserve.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mari Stone

Respectfully submitted,
Mari Stone
LARA Secretary