

TRAILWAY LARA

February 8, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS: PRESENT: Betsy Davidson, Heather Hoffman, Alan Teelander , Al Halbersten

Also Present: Robert Brown, Mark Fritsma, Ron Gunderson, Dave Austin,

Minutes were presented, Hoffman made motion to approve the January minutes as written, Davidson supported

Reviewed Treasurer report

Public Comment

Trail clean up between Lowell & Saranac is complete. There was discussion on the use of crushed asphalt with a sealcoat being an option for trail surface. This surface has yet to be approved at the state level. If this becomes an option, this would be a potential cost savings. \$8,200 per mile vs \$90,000 per mile for asphalt.

There was discussion on the the possibility of the trail being added to the current insurance policy. This was done successfully in another city.

A grant has been submitted to the Lowell Cable Endowment Fund. Betsy is working on submitting a grant to Amway.

Phase 1A – Gee Drive to M-21:

The city will need to finalize the ordinance regarding trails and sidewalks determining who is liable for maintenance.

There is some question as to who is responsible and liable for maintenance on the trails. Michigan Wire wants to work with the Trails, but needs to have the city ordinance defined. Soil borings will be happening to determine the correct design of the retaining walls that will need to be constructed on Gee drive. The trail will go by five properties that will require permeant easements to allow the trail. Moving toward getting temporary grading permits to allow work on the properties.

Phase 2 – Connection to Flat River Trail and Grand River Valley Trail:

Ron and Robert discussed the trail section in Lowell being the last link to the regional trail system. They were concerned that if LARA submits a grant application to MDOT, it will be in competition with the Fred Meijer Trail application and this grant money is needed to complete their portion of the trail that would help finalize their funding for the last part of their trail.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.