

# **Lowell Area Recreational Authority (LARA)**

## **Regular Board Meeting**

**FEBRUARY, 13, 2019**

Lowell City Hall – 301 E Main St, Lowell, MI 49331

## **MINUTES**

Board Members present: Mark Anderson, Betsy Davidson, Heather Hoffman, Perry Beachum

Absent: Greg Canfield, Rich Conrad, Diane Simmons

6:10PM meeting called to order

Approve minutes from the December meeting- Tabled to the March meeting

No quorum at the January meeting- no minutes

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. RAILROAD CROSSING PERMIT EASEMENT:** LARA will need to apply for a Railroad crossing permit easement needed to gain permission for the trail to go under the existing trestle at the Moose/Rogers property- Anderson Motioned approved 11,500 for the Railroad crossing permit. Seconded by Hoffman. All Ayes.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- 2. NEEDED ENGINEERING DRAWINGS & APPLICATION FOR RAILROAD CROSSING:** Hoffman Motioned to pay \$2,500 to hire Williams and Works to provide engineering drawings and the application. Anderson seconded. All members voted Ayes.  
**MOTIONED CARRIED**
- 3. PHASE II PROJECT-** Mark Anderson and Robert of the Friends Group met with representatives of The Meijer Foundation who awarded a gift of \$500,000 for this trail project. This gift brings the fundraising efforts closer to the \$6.2 million-dollar project. Members of the LARA Board and the Friends Group continues

their fundraising efforts to close the gap of funding still needed for the project. There is an estimated \$800,000 of fundraising still needed. With the exception of the Railroad Crossing easement and one other property, all of the letters of intent for property easements that the trail will go over, have been signed. No board action needed.

LARA will have a booth at the EXPO. March 23, 2019.

Bills: BHT&D AUDITOR invoice for LARA Audit: Anderson, motioned to pay the bill \$2,400. Hoffman seconded. All members voted aye.

6:40pm meeting adjourned- Anderson, motioned to adjourned. Davidson seconded. All members voted Aye. Motioned Carried to Adjourned.