



Lowell Area Recreation Authority

January 9, 2013
@ Lowell City Hall

Meeting Minutes by Alan Halbeisen

Board Members: Al Halbeisen, Mark Anderson, Perry Beachum,
Mari Stone, Gary Goff, Andrew Schrauben, Betsy Davidson
(Absent)

Guests: Mark Howe, Lowell City Manager Mark Fritsma

Meeting called to order at 6:10.

Approval of Minutes - Motion to review and approve December minutes at February meeting

Treasurer's Report – Motion to pay invoices for Lowell Expo and Chamber membership.

Public Comments – Mark Fritsma discussed Kent County plans to rebuild Cascade Road over Elmdale rail line without grade separation for trail. Road will be lowered and bridge removed. Road Commission would consider installing a box culvert for trail, if separate funding can be obtained. Work planned for 2014.

Mark Howe reports that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be used to pave a trail between the trail on Gee Drive and Ridgeview in the spring.

Meeting Schedule for 2013- Approved at December meeting for 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Officers and terms, new Lowell Township Board member, Mark Anderson replaces Linda Regan. Motion to re-elect current officers, assuming Mari Stone (absent) will continue as Secretary.

Signage and Wayfinding Committee – Committee working on common symbols and colors to be used.

Pavilion site plan – Lowell Community Fund application, submitted Dec 20th. Decision should be made in February. After decision will need to hire Landscape Architect/Designer to set up plan for site. Motion made to have a Large brick made with engraved “Dave Austin & Family” in appreciation of his work with LARA. Betsy working with Mark to select and order brick pavers to be engraved.

Phase 1 – Dave will send e-mails with latest sign styles for comments

Phase 1-A - extension to M-21 along Alden Nash and **Phase 2** - Connections to Ionia-Greenville Rail Trails, Dave Austin will set up a work session for sometime in late January or early February. **(Set for next meeting, 2/13/137)**

Greenville to Owosso (GO) Rail Trail - Community Action Committee; No meeting dates set.