



Lowell Area Recreation Authority

September 11, 2013
@ Lowell City Hall

Meeting Minutes

Board Members:	Al Halbeisen, Mari Stone (absent),	Mark Anderson (absent), Gary Goff (absent)	Perry Beachum, Andrew Schrauben, and Betsy Davidson
Guests:	Jim Hall	Mark Fritsma	

Approval of Minutes – none presented

Treasurer's Report - Received reimbursement from MDNR (not 100%)

Motion passed to approve payment of invoices for Zach's for mowing, pavilion expenses and Williams & Works

Public Comments - Mark reported on progress on Saranac to Ionia trail construction

New Items to Discuss

Maintenance Plan – Discussed setting up as-needed contracts for mowing, pavement repair and snow blowing.

Phase 1 – Bike rack for WWC. Perry will check on getting bike rack fabricated and installed.

Phase 1-A – and **Phase 2** - Connections to Ionia-Greenville Rail Trails –

Al's comments on Draft Report (Dave Austin not at meeting but indicated he would contact Al to discuss comments)

Need summary at front of report with recommendation

New Route A

Suggest crossing at Spring Street instead of Elm, better landing elevation at east side of Flat River

Is elevated walkway feasible, considering conflicts with the navigable channel? Closer to Main Street could be problem with currents at upstream side of dam.

New route B

Need better alignment thru Fairgrounds to avoid confluence of Flat and Grand Rivers (long elevated approaches and bridges)

Prefer to show route with connection to Lowell Township Park as a feasible alternative to Route A

Cost of recommended Comparison of routes A and B, need breakdown of the cost, lengths of new trails and estimated bridge costs.

Reported that Lowell Township is looking into connections across Grand River to township park. Al will discuss with Mark to see what is being done and to coordinate with trail master plan and Phase 2 study.

Pavilion Project – Building permit site plan approved by state, need final approval of permit or turnover to Cascade Township for inspection.

National Trails Day, September 28, Jeff McCusker planning event