

Lowell Area Trails Meeting
“Connecting our Community”

June 9, 2004
4:00 - 5:00 pm
Athletic Office Conference Room
Lowell High School

Present: Mari Stone, Alan Rumbaugh, Dan Edwards, Al Halbeisen, Paula Blumn, Jessica Johnston, Barry Hobrla, Dave Pasquale, Betsy Davidson, and Peter Haefer.

Response to Meeting with Lowell Community Foundation Board

Dan has prepared a summary of the MDNR and MDOT grant programs. Other sources of funding for the local share will be investigated.

Public Information

A meeting of local “non-profits” is being considered to coordinate efforts.

Betsy and Al Rumbaugh attended meeting of West Michigan Greenways/Trails Coalition. Much of the meeting focused on the administration of the coalition. The next meeting is July 16.

Mari has been invited to attend June 23 meeting of Grand Valley Metro Council to discuss project to map green spaces and trails.

Draft Agreement for Lowell Area Recreation Authority

Progress has been made on the agreement and discussions have included having the Lowell Area Schools be a participant in the authority. A revised draft is expected in July. The goal of the committee is to get the agreement approved by the end of summer.

Discussion was held on how to collect the \$6000 grant to pay bills for Mark VanAllsburg’s work on the agreement. It was also noted that the grant process requires submittal of progress reports.

Riverwalk Festival, July 10th

Committee will set up booth for riverwalk. Maps of the overall trail system and the first segment proposed should be available for public review.

Goals

Betsy and Paula will work on a timeline for planning, funding applications and construction of trail.

Al will contact LAP to get specific proposal for first segment of work. However answers are needed on the status of development plans in the Alden Nash corridor.

Cooper Woodland cleanup

A date for cleanup work at the Woodland was set for Saturday August 21. A list of work tasks will be developed. Some cutting work should be done prior to the date.

Al will contact Marsha Wilcox to check on status of brush pile cleanup and check with a wildlife specialist to determine if some of the brush piles should be removed.

The committee members are invited to visit the Cooper Woodland Preserve after the next trail meeting. Al will explain the limits of the property and discuss potential links to the Cherry Creek school property via the sanitary sewer easement and to Foreman Road.

The foregoing constitutes my understanding of matters discussed and conclusions reached. Please review and share your additions or corrections at our next group meeting on **Wednesday July 14, 2004 at 4 pm, Lowell High School, Athletic office..**

Respectfully submitted,
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