



**Board Meeting, April 10, 2013 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell City Hall**

Attendance - LARA Board Members; Al Halbeisen, Andrew Schrauben, Perry Beachum, Mari Stone, Gary Goff, Betsy Davidson, Mark Anderson. Guests; Dave Austin, Mark Fritsma

Minutes – March minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Checks in the amount of \$2350.00 for the audit and \$2159.75 to W&W for Phase 2 work were issued.

Public Comment – We will not renew our commitment to Adopt a Road on Foreman. Beachum suggested Alden Nash SE from Emory to Segwun instead.

A small drop in attendance was noted at the LARA booth at Expo.

Discussion/Agenda Items:

Pavillion Project – There is currently \$35K for the project. If the LCTV request for \$24,800 is granted, we will start the bidding process. It was agreed that we would use local contractors. Anderson is creating a bid sheet for the entire project that he will send by e-mail if the grant is awarded. Austin offered to serve as a clearinghouse for the bids. The question of ownership and maintenance of the pavilion in the event that LARA dissolves was discussed. We should have an agreement with LAS – Davidson will contact Greg Pratt.

Phase 1 – Goff and Austin had staked out the sign layout. There was a brief discussion on minor issues. Goff will verify with the school on locations on their properties. Beachum, Austin, Anderson and Goff planned to install within the month. By mid-summer Austin will process all financials and the DEQ audit will be conducted for a certificate of completion for Phase 1.

Phase 1-A and Phase 2 / Connections to FMRVRT – A second work session will be conducted at the May meeting. It was noted that the one held in February was very productive.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Mari Stone

Respectfully submitted,
Mari Stone
LARA Secretary

Commonly used acronyms;

Fred Meijer River Valley Rail Trails – (FMRVRT)
Kent County Road Commission (KCRC)
Lowell Area Schools (LAS)
Lowell Education Foundation (LEF)
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)
Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
North Country Trail Association (NCTA)
Trail Resources Enrichment and Development (TREAD)
West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition (WMTGC)
Wittenbach – Wege Center (WWC)

Greenville to Owosso – (GO)
Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA)
Lowell Area Community Fund (LACF)
Lowell Light & Power (LLP)
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance (MTGA)
Safe Routes to School (SR2S)

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