



**Board Meeting, August 8, 2012 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Lowell City Hall**

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

**No minutes were approved**

**Treasurer's Report** – Approved payment of benches in the amount of \$3,194.00, \$99 for Pink Arrow banner, and \$205.89 to Beachum to reimburse for pop-up tent and trash receptacle prototype.

Davidson reported that a \$2000 grant for the engineering for the Meijer extension was approved by the Look Fund, and Beachum suggested Lowell Community Health for the remaining \$500.

**Friends Volunteer Group** – Several interested persons were present for the meeting, and a discussion was held regarding possible roles for a group.

**Amenities Package** – Benches have been assembled by DPW – Davidson thanked them with donuts. Austin is working on ordering bollards. Funding for signs is extended to November for coordination with community vision. Trash receptacles will cost @ \$150 each. There was a discussion on signage for dog waste receptacles.

**Phase II, Connections to Ionia-Greenville Rail Trails** – Austin discussed the different perspectives of 4 types of users – Thru trail, Round Trip, Destination (or Home Base), Local. He is developing a matrix that puts the users and partners needs on paper so we can see priorities for routes. Will hold a public meeting in late fall/winter.

**Other Business:**

Discussed mowing/plowing needs – ongoing discussion with city and LAS. City section needs a contract, as plowing is required by city ordinance. In township sections, staking at a minimum would be helpful.

NCT has asked for participation for September 29<sup>th</sup> National Trail Clean-up Day. Will participate and work on Cherry Creek pond area. This will be a multiple location effort with NCT working on the rail-trail corridor, and LARA on the pond.

Davidson reported that the October 13 Harvest Hustle will again be held on the trail starting at Cherry Creek Elementary.

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

The foregoing constitutes my understanding of matters discussed and conclusions reached. Please review and share your additions or corrections at the next Board Meeting.

*Mari Stone*

Respectfully submitted,  
Mari Stone  
LARA Secretary

For more information refer to the website

[www.lowellareatrailway.org](http://www.lowellareatrailway.org)

**Commonly used acronyms;**

Kent County Road Commission (KCRC)  
Landscape Architects & Planners (LAP)  
Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA)  
Lowell Area Schools (LAS)  
Lowell Community Fund (LCF)  
Lowell Education Foundation (LEF)  
Lowell Light & Power (LLP)  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)  
Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance (MTGA)  
North Country Trail Association (NCTA)  
Trail Resources Enrichment and Development (TREAD)  
West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition (WMTGC)  
Wittenbach – Wege Center (WWC)  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)  
Safe Routes to School (SR2S)  
Flat River/Grand River Valley Trails – (FRVT/GRVT)  
Fred Meijer River Valley Trails – (FMRVT)  
Greenville to Owosso – (GO)