



**Board Meeting, August 12, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell City Hall**

Attendance - LARA Board Members; Al Halbeisen, Mari Stone, Betsy Davidson, Perry Beachum, Jim Hall, Mark Anderson. Guest, Dave Austin.

Minutes – July meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report –Davidson gave a Treasurer's report – There were no invoices to be paid. Discussion was held regarding the creation of a maintenance fund with some of the operations funding. She will have a report of suggestions for the next meeting. BHT&D is reviewing the Investment Policy and we will adopt upon their approval.

Public Comment – None

Pavilion and Trail Maintenance Issues – The installation of the bronze donor plaque on a large boulder will be completed this month at a cost of \$675 plus mounting fees.

Phase 2 – Summary of meeting with MDNR and MDOT - Attended by Austin, Halbeisen, Hall and City Manager Mark Howe. The agencies like the B/C Route, especially the links to recreational facilities. They recognize this as a vital link on the system, and will fund to the maximum available. The local match may be in the area of 250K to 1M, with the City serving as the applicant. There are some remaining issues – city parks need to be consulted, questions regarding fiduciary/management by city. It was decided that the project should mirror how we managed Phase I. That way the city has the option to apply for additional funding. There are other options for the Jackson Bridge that could significantly affect the total cost.

Other Business – Davidson received pricing for placing LARA in the Michigan Trails Magazine. A full page is \$2725. It would be great to go into this as a joint community effort. It was decided that we will participate with a full page and invite other businesses and organizations to participate.

Due to the activities of the Pink Arrow Game on September 11th, a motion was made to move the September meeting to the 15th by Beachum, seconded by Stone. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 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 Natural Resources (MDNR)
Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
North Country Trail Association (NCTA)
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)
Lowell Cable TV Fund (LCTV)
Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance (MTGA)
Safe Routes to School (SR2S)
Trail Resources Enrichment and Development
(TREAD)

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