



**Board Meeting, December 2, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell City Hall**

Attendance - LARA Board Members; Al Halbeisen, Mari Stone, Betsy Davidson, Gary Goff, Perry Beachum. Guest, Dave Austin.

Minutes – August and September minutes were approved. There was no quorum in October. Halbeisen has November minutes for approval at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report –Davidson gave a Treasurer's report – There were no invoices to be paid. BHT&D has started the audit, and will be providing an investment policy for the Board to adopt.

Public Comment – None

Pavilion and Trail Maintenance Issues – This project is complete except for the installation of a trail map at the site.

Phase 2 – Beachum received approval from the Lowell City Parks and Rec for the B/C route for Phase 2 of FRVRT and GRVRT. Austin presented a tentative timeline of the project.

Funding overview – The City is OK with being the fiduciary and also with the overall plan. Question – where will the engineering and grant application funding come from? A multi-year request will be made to LACF. Beachum suggested a joint workshop session with the City Council to work out the details.

Other Business – Williams & Works has investigated the board walk issues. They determined that it has shifted on the south end because of frost heave. They have an idea, and are trying a fix. Will be reviewed in the spring to see how it worked.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 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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