



Board Meeting, February 16, 2012 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell Chamber Offices

Attendance - LARA Board Members; Al Halbeisen, Andrew Schrauben, Linda Regan, Mari Stone, Betsy Davidson. Guests; none.

Minutes of the Dec and Jan (as amended) meetings were approved.

Treasurer's Report

There is approximately \$500 in the accounts at the present time. Regan motioned to pay several small invoices, Stone seconded, and the **motion carried**. Waiting for reimbursement from DNR to pay W&W invoices.

Davidson discussed the recommendations from the Auditor report – the development and adoption of an annual budget, as well as adopting investment and capitol plans needs to be accomplished this year. Additional funding from the municipalities will be necessary to cover the annual auditing expenses. It was suggested that an additional \$1000 be requested, making the annual contribution from each \$2000.

Pavilion/Brick Installations, Amenities Package – There was no discussion regarding these agenda issues.

Rotary plans to contribute 13K this year toward the pavilion project.

Connections to FMRVRT in Lowell – Halbeisen had met with Larry Mikulski to review potential routes on St. Mary's and LAS properties. No problems are anticipated.

Williams & Works proposal for Connection Study – Does cover both potential routes through town – does not include the connection on Alden Nash to Meijer. Discussed applying to local funders for the needed engineering, and would likely conduct a small Capitol Campaign. Will look for an updated proposal from W&W in March. Stone motioned to adopt the name “Phase I Extension” for the Meijer link, and “Phase II” for the GO connection. Regan seconded, and the **motion carried**.

Other Business:

Woodland Preserve Easement - Stone met with Wege Foundation representative Terri McCarthy to discuss the needed easement to the Cooper Woodland Preserve. She was very interested in getting this accomplished before the property is put up for sale in the near future. Stone will keep the Board informed of progress.

Expo – March 24th is the date this year. We will have a booth next to the GO group. A schedule will be sent by e-mail to sign up.

Trail Rules – Stone will send out a suggested list for consideration in March.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 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

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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)