



Board Meeting, March 10, 2010 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell Chamber Offices

Present:

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

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of February 10 meeting were approved.

LARA Treasurers Report

The Treasurers Report was reviewed and accepted – Motion to authorize payment to W&W.

Old Business:

Replacement for Edwards – Gary Goff and Bob Pfaller were nominated.

Lowell Community Expo, March 27th - Davidson gave an update on booth setup, schedule, and reviewed plans for the announcement. Jodie Seese will not be able to attend, but has this all organized.

MDOT Enhancement Grant – Austin is working with MDOT on several “formal” changes. A new letter of conditions will be sent by MDOT. MDNR needs formal approval by the legislature, which will take place in the next few months.

W&W is in “design mode”. Surveying on Foreman is being done, and will do the HS property during spring break. Austin has met with the KCRC, and received good comments from the preliminary walk through. He presented conception drawings of the AN portion, Wege property, and the 4 – 5 road crossings. Concern on Wege property for not disturbing natural areas and minimal impact.

Lowell Schools Easements – Still working on formalizing with LAS.

Alden Nash West Easement – Lowell Township has given approval to the plan.

Planning and fundraising for Phase II - There was a short discussion regarding the location of Phase II. Likely it will be the necessary connections to the Greenville/Ionia rail trail. This subject will continue to be on the agenda.

New Business:

Davidson noted that Kaleidoscope is holding a non-profits event on Thursday, September 9 that is intended to be a roving outdoor Expo. There is a great potential for us to hold our groundbreaking ceremony during this event. She will keep the Board informed.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

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

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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 Institute for Volunteer Excellence (LIVE 5)
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)