



Board Meeting, March 9, 2011 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell Chamber Offices

Present:

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

Approval of Minutes – No minutes were presented for approval.

Treasurer's Report - Approved payment of 4 invoices, approx. \$12K

Old Business:

- Lowell Expo, March 26 – Discussed preparations for setup, display and cleanup.
- **Grant Applications:**
 - o Lowell Cable TV Fund, Due April 15 & Lowell Community Fund, April 15
 - o Dave, Betsy and Al will discuss application amounts after bids are received for Phase 1, during the week of April 4
- Bidding of Phase 1; April 1, 2011. Award of Contract approx May 3.
- Clearing for Wege easement (Dave, Al and Gary met on Saturday March 19th)
- Exhibit for Phase 2 connections to Ionia-Greenville Rail Trails
 - o North segment on Middle School/Bushnell, tennis court location – Need to discuss plans with Greg Pratt, LAS
 - o Trailhead/Rotary Club pavilion. Money being raised by Rotary auction.
- Michigander bike tour, overnight stay at Kent Co Fairgrounds in Lowell July 19th – LARA will consider putting up display at fairgrounds

New Business:

- July 4th Grand Rapids Bike Race being held in Lowell
- Pack & Pedal event, June 11 Belding to Fallasburg
- Coordination of master plans for West Michigan Trails (contacted by Dave Heyboer, have not heard back)
- High School, Senior Service Project, Friday May 20th (needs to be confirmed by Dee Crowley)

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

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)