



Board Meeting, May 17, 2012 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendance - LARA Board Members; Al Halbeisen, Andrew Schrauben, Mari Stone, Gary Goff, Linda Regan, Betsy Davidson. Guests; Dave Austin, Mark Howe.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Approved payment of the annual audit with a motion by Regan, seconded by Goff. Adopted the 11/12 and 12/13 FY Budgets with a motion by Stone, seconded by Regan. There are \$30,000.00 in Capitol funds remaining from the Phase I project earmarked for amenities - benches, bollards, and signage.

Davidson and Austin commented that there is a dispute with the DNR regarding the amount of their retainer – the amount actually still owed to LARA is \$28,000.00, which will be received upon finalization of their audit. MDOT audit is complete, and all is fine there.

Friends Volunteer Group – Davidson and Stone will re-group to plan a kick-off event and promotional activities. A date of June 26th was set for a promotional event on the trail at Creekside Park. Several members will not be in town for the Riverwalk festival, but if a volunteer can be found, there will be a sign up booth there as well.

Pavilion/Brick Installations, Amenities Package – Austin gave a summary: Bollards are still out for bid; same with signs; benches have been ordered at \$3900.00 with Mike Emden's company as low bidder.

Phase II, Connections to Ionia-Greenville Rail Trails – Austin showed Google Earth maps of possible routes – this data base has all of the alternatives in a color coded system. Also discussed river crossings at Riverside Park to join the north side of the Grand River.

Other Business:

Stone relayed information on the Insurance Policy renewal – Pinnacle Insurance is proposing using a new carrier – Axis. Same basic amount for the liability coverage. Updated certificates will be sent to all covered parties. Discussed coverage for “property in the open”. Considering the deductibles and the value of the property (amenities) it would cover, it was determined that it would not be worth the added cost.

The meeting adjourned at 7 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

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 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)
Greenville to Owosso – (GO)