



**Board Meeting, November 11, 2009 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell City Hall**

Present:

LARA Board Members; Mari Stone, Jim Pfaller, Dan Edwards, Linda Regan, Perry Beachum and Betsy Davidson. Guests; Andrew Schrauben, Dave Austin, Dave Pasquale. Vice President Beachum opened the meeting at 6 pm.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of October 16th meeting were approved.

LARA Treasurers Report

The Treasurers Report was reviewed – Davidson offered invoices to approve. Williams & Works in the amount of \$2,245.50. Campaign pledges will be invoiced in January.

Old Business:

MDOT Enhancement Grant – We have secured approval for this funding contingent on the MDNR award.

MDNR Grant – The MDNR board will make decision on 12/2/09 – staff has recommended our grant to the upper level. Austin does not anticipate any problems.

Lowell Schools Easements – Still working on the letter of intent to grant easements, and the formal agreement needed at the high school site. Will need to finalize after funding is secured.

Alden Nash West Easement – A draft of the easement language was presented and discussed.

New Business:

A survey will need to be done for the Alden Nash section from Gee to Foreman. Austin noted that this cost was not anticipated in the engineering budget. Stone motioned to add the survey to the project and budget, and to have Williams & Works perform the survey as soon as possible. Pfaller seconded, and the motion carried. Austin will contact the KCRC regarding the public easement.

Capital Campaign – Davidson reported that \$388,000 has been pledged to date. She was pleased to tell the board that pledges of payroll deductions are coming in from LAS teachers and staff. Regarding the total amount needed for the project, we will reevaluate after bids are received in the spring and explore solutions to possible “gaps” at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 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.

.

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)