



**Board Meeting, October 12, 2011 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Lowell Chamber Offices**

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

Minutes of the Sept meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

No new invoices – we are in process of reimbursement. Project is coming in under budget, even after adjusting the grants down. The DNR funds for amenities is good until summer 2012. Motion to pay invoices to Postal Connections and a Davidson reimbursement for the Oct 5 event.

**Construction Report** - Austin reported there is a small punch list for patches, signs, etc, but not much left to do. Bollards for several locations were discussed, and the sidewalks at the tennis courts don't have curb cuts, so are not bike/wheelchair friendly yet. There should also be striping in the lot to indicate a place to cross.

Grant request – Frey has the request for funding for the planning of FMRVRT connection. Will not likely be for the full amount.

**Other Business** – Betsy, Linda and Mari recommended BHT&D for the audit over Hungerford because the price is the same and they do our taxes already. Beachum motioned to hire BHT&D for the annual audit, Stone seconded, and the motion carried.

Beachum suggested setting up dates ahead of time for volunteer days and creating a friends group brochure. Items in the brochure could include cleanup days, trash collection assignments and duties, a list of various needed improvement projects.

The Board thanked Austin for his commitment to this project. All felt that without his assistance we would not have Phase I at this point.

Phase II – what is it? Discussion centered around connection through town, connection to Meijer, connection to Ada.

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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**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)  
Flat River/Grand River Valley Trails – (FRVT/GRVT)