



**Board Meeting, Sept 15, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
King Memorial Building**

Prior to the meeting, members gave a report to the Lowell City Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the trail route being proposed through the city to join the Foreman and Montcalm sections of the River Valley Rail Trail.

Attendance - LARA Board Members; Al Halbeisen, Mari Stone, Betsy Davidson, Perry Beachum, Gary Goff, Jim Hall, Mark Anderson. Guest, Dave Austin.

Minutes – August minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Davidson gave a Treasurer's report – There were no invoices to be paid. She will be requesting 7K from DNR for the Rail Trail study due this month.

Austin reviewed the erosion problem on Gee drive with the city, which doesn't have an ordinance to address it. The adjoining property owners have been asked to take care of it. Maintenance issues along Alden Nash will be done in the fall.

Public Comment – None

Phase 2 – Next step is to apply for grants. DNR funding needs to be in the city Master Plan/Rec Plan. However, MDOT is the major funder at 60% - 70%. The local match that all of the jurisdictions committed to will be a part of this project.

Other Business – Repair at observation deck on Alden Nash – Al, Mark and Dave will discuss by email, decide how to fix it best, and then tell Harding's how to proceed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Mari Stone

Respectfully submitted,
Mari Stone
LARA Secretary

Commonly used acronyms;

Fred Meijer River Valley Rail Trails – (FMRVRT)
Kent County Road Commission (KCRC)
Lowell Area Schools (LAS)
Lowell Education Foundation (LEF)
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
North Country Trail Association (NCTA)
West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition (WMTGC)
Wittenbach – Wege Center (WWC)

Greenville to Owosso – (GO)
Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA)
Lowell Area Community Fund (LACF)
Lowell Light & Power (LLP)
Lowell Cable TV Fund (LCTV)
Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance (MTGA)
Safe Routes to School (SR2S)
Trail Resources Enrichment and Development
(TREAD)

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