



**Board Meeting, September 14, 2016 @ 6:00 pm  
Lowell City Hall**

**Attendance** - LARA Board Members; Al Halbeisen, Mari Stone, Betsy Davidson, Mark Anderson, and Gary Goff. Guests: none

**1. Minutes** – August meeting minutes were approved with the addition of a motion to approve an expenditure of \$500 for a bike helmet giveaway in Lowell.

**2. Treasurer's Report** –Davidson gave a Treasurer's report – there is currently \$180,863.00 total in all accounts. Invoices to be paid to Williams and Works for \$991.20 for Phase 1A; Clean Cut Mowing for \$255 for mowing; Rotary for \$500 for helmets, and \$100 for banner for Pink Arrow project.

**3. Public Comment** – Halbeisen shared a Lansing Journal article on trails adjacent to industrial areas.

**4. Phase 1 – Cherry Creek to Wittenbach Center.**

Regarding the fence installed adjacent to the trail west of Alden Nash in the sanitary sewer easement – The owner did not seek permission, and Lowell Township will be addressing the matter with them. It was also noted that there are washouts occurring again at the North viewing area along Alden Nash.

Davidson, Goff and Anderson will represent LARA in a meeting with representatives from the LACF in celebration of their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**5. Phase 1A – Gee Dr. to M-21** – \$220,000.00 should be sufficient to complete – will see when it goes to bid. Four easements will be needed. Vaught property will have a wall barricade, Juan Saldivar is open to any improvements we need to do on his property, Bronson's will be contacted later in October, and Austin will meet with Dean Lonik for further details on that easement. Time is running out to proceed this year – there is much to do. Bid policy needs to be reviewed regarding sealed bids.

**6. Phase 2** – Connection to FRVT and GRVT – Jerry Hale had met with Meijer reps who told him they will support financially. Hale is willing to remain the contact. It is slated for a 2018 project – planning work to begin spring of 2017.

Other business:

None

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 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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