

LARA Board Meeting, April 11, 2018 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendance- Perry Beachum, Betsy Davidson, Gary Goff, Greg Canfield **Guests:** Dave Austin, Mark and Teresa Mundt, Rich Conrad, Robert Brown, Sarah Kozal

Minutes- March Minutes supported by Davidson, 2nd by Goff

Treasurer's Report- Payments to Hooper printing for \$214.44 for LARA brochure, Williams and Works for \$6463.65 for Phase 2 grant work, Ryan Excavating for \$6579.54 for Phase 1A work, a check rewrite for \$250.00 for a lost check. Supported by Canfield, 2nd by Beachum

Public Comments: Mark Mundt (800 Bowes Rd.) asked questions about current trail costs and long-term maintenance issues. He also asked about possible alternate routes. Teresa Mundt (800 Bowes Rd.) is concerned about a lack of privacy if a trail passes through her property. Rich Conrad asks if trails will increase property values and generate money for the city general fund. Rich has also consented to join the LARA board, pending an OK from the townships! Robert Brown addressed trail concerns speaking from the entire rail-trail experience.

Phase 1A-Gee Drive to M-21: A change order has been issued to Ryan Excavating to begin the completion of Phase 1A. They expect to start in a couple of weeks.

Phase 2-Rail Trail Connection: Dave Austin summarized the status of the grant application process for Phase 2. DNR and MDOT applications have been submitted. LARA remains committed to a goal of Phase 2 completion in 2020. The current challenges moving forward are: 1. Finalize the route. 2. Continue talks with Bowes Rd. residents affected by the trail. 3. Permitting issues. 4. The balance of money needed beyond MDOT and DNR grants. LARA needs to address what other money sources may be available.

Love Week-Impact Church- Impact Church community work projects will be completed the week of June 25-29. Coordinator Bob Rogers would like some trail work projects. Goff and Davidson will supply Bob with some suggestions.

Adjourn: 7:15

Gary Goff, LARA Secretary