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LARA Minutes

October 9, 2024

Board Members Present (P=Present, EA=Excused Absent)

P-Perry Beachum (Chair) City of Lowell Resident
P-Mark Anderson (Vice Chair), Lowell Twp. Board Representative
P-Amanda Rogers (Treasurer) Lowell Twp. Resident
P-Mark Weaver, (Secretary)Vergennes Twp Resident
EA-Sherry Richmond, Vergennes Township Board Representative
P-Eric Bartkus, Lowell City Council Representative
P-Tom Gossaiux, At Large Member
P-Jennette Stevenson, Alternate, Lowell Township
P-Janalee Grischke, Alternate, Vergennes Township
Unassigned, Alternate, City of Lowell

Guests

None

Motions

- Approval of August 2024 Minutes: Mark A moves to approve. Eric supports. Motion carried.
- Approval of October 2024 Agenda: Mark A moves to approve. Eric supports. Motion carried.
- Motion to excuse tonight's absences of Sherry . Mark A moves to approve. Tom supports. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

- Pay 3 bills: 2 from Williams&Works; 1 KHC Mark A moves Eric supports. Motion carried.
- Accounting issue with accidental payment. Mark moves to reimburse Amanda. Tom Supports. Motion carried

Public Comment

- None

New Business

- Amanda noted that the Grant is asking for a progress report Dave will provide Amanda with the update.
- Dave will get with Amanda to update the contract with W&W.
- Bench on Alden Nash near new development. Perry will turn it around.
- Mark A suggests maintaining needs along Alden Nash. Amanda suggested looking at the larger maintenance strategy.
- Cross Country Coaches request for recommendations. Mark A suggested a contact to assist Janalee.
- Mark A is working with Kent CO Parks and Greenway. KCP is setting up a meeting for ideas where future trails should be. Meeting is Oct 25. Looking for others to join in the meeting.

- Mark A discussed using the railroad ROW along Grand River. John Cool MI RR Assn. Liability is the greater concern.
- Fall cleanup. Perry asks if we have any plans for fall cleanup.
- Pavilion. Janalee will talk with the garden club to see if they're interested in cleaning it up, splitting grasses and perennials.
- Vergennes needs to update their parks and recreation plan. It is needed to prepare the next round of grants.

Old Business

- W&W added clarification to their billing. Dave will ensure that subsequent billing is noted with tasks identified.

Williams and Works Trail Update.

Dave's report. Dave, with the City's help, got \$582000 MDOT increase in the grant. So far, MDOT has granted \$2,072372 toward the Trail.

DNR Trust fund grant. \$300K already awarded but required a resolution by the city of Lowell. Resolution has been approved and signed.

Regan easement payment. Checks cut and easements to be signed 14 Oct. with city and Regans. EGLE permit still has minor issues.

Still need to move hydrant near Walgreens. Will happen in spring.

Dave will get with Amanda re budget and set up a project schedule.

Eric requested an update on project progress. Per Dave, trail done in '25. Bridge over Lee Creek is fall of '25 or early '26. There may be some calendar restrictions for construction (King Milling grain delivery and Regans hunting season)

Adjourn

- Adjourned at 7:30 pm via motion by Mark A and supported by Tom. Motion carried.
- Next scheduled meeting is November 13, 2024.