

LARA Minutes

June 19, 2024

Board Members Present (P=Present, A=Absent)

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

Board Members Absent

A Unassigned, Alternate, City of Lowell

Guests

P Dave Austin
P Mark Fritsma

Motions

- Approval of May 2024 Minutes: Tom moves to approve. Amanda supports. Motion carried.
- Approval of June 2024 Agenda: Tom moves to approve. Janalee supports. Motion carried.
- Motion to excuse tonight's absences. Tom moves to approve. Eric supports.

Treasurer Report

- Bills approved for payment: Tom moves to approve. Eric supports.
 - City of Lowell / Williams and Works, Phase 1 Design: \$2324.00
 - The Breadon Group, General Liability Premium: \$2091.00
 - City of Lowell / Williams and Works, Phase 1 Design: \$1006.25
 - Breadon Group, Crime and Property Premium: \$1017.00
- Amended Final Budget of the year. Tom moves to approve. Eric supports.
 - Easement and Planning from \$50,000 to \$80,000 (to cover actuals of \$79,494.41)
 - Office Budget from \$45 to \$1,100 (to cover actuals of \$1013.88)
- Adopt Next Year's Budget (review files from Amanda). Tom moves to approve. Janalee supports.

Public Comment

- Mark F (FMRVRT): Update- 3K feet of Trail near Smyrna to be completed shortly.

New Business

- No new business

Old Business

- Mark A: Status- Bench on Alden Nash. Mark A absent.

- Dave A / Mark A: Status- Repair and Maintenance specifications and contractor proposals. Dave reached out to Ron G about the success of Mark F's work. \$7K / mile for crack filling/repair, vegetation removal and 2 coat sealer. LARA has 3.2 miles. Dave recommends cycling/funding/repairing a portion each year. Mark F (FMRVRT) is on a 3-4 year cycle. May be beneficial to follow FMRVRT cycle for economy of scale.
- Mark W: Status-Partner webpage updates; Cloud storage for LARA files, Board member spotlight. Updates sent. Mark W awaiting verification. Board recommends Google drive storage. Mark will call Janalee. And Mark will contact Jordan to switch from Microsoft to Google.
- Mark A: Establishment of a simple agreement for contractors such as Zacks Clean Cut Lawn Care for Pavilion maintenance. Mark A absent.
- All: Seeking project proposals for Impact Church's community service projects. Tabled for the time being.
- Mark A / Dave A: Any word from EGLE regarding Reagan property? See update below.

Williams and Works Trail Update.

- Dave Austin / W-W Update: Dave reports Reagan and EGLE have reached agreement, but the area requires a higher rate of mitigation which potentially impacts our budget. Looking to MDOT and DNR to help with the increase costs.

Adjourn

- Adjourned at 7:45 pm via motion by Perry and supported by Eric. Motion carried.
- Next scheduled meeting is July 10, 2024.