

LARA Minutes

May 8, 2024

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Perry Beachum (Chair) City of Lowell Resident. Approved absence.
Unassigned, Alternate, City of Lowell

Guests

Dave Austin is absent.

Motions

Approval of 17 April 2024 Minutes: Tom G moves to approve the agenda. Sherry R supports. Motion carried.

Approval of 08 May 2024 Minutes: Tom G moves to approve the agenda. Sherry R supports. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Bills approved for payment:

- City of Lowell / Williams and Works \$555.00. Tom G moves to pay the bills. Eric B supports. Motion carried.

Insurance carrier. HUB International is no longer servicing our insurance policies which expire July 1. Two carriers were approached. One was unable to provide all the components. The other, Breadon Group LLC, will match the components and rate provided by HUB International. Tom G moves to approve changing coverage to Breadon Group LLC. Mark A supports. Motion carried.

Received a check for \$106,000 from Lowell Township for general trail-related expenses.

Public Comment

No public comment.

New Business

Mark A: Hardings proposal is for trail maintenance/repair (removing sod to bring the trail back to its original width, fix cracks and seal coat). Mark A will seek another proposal and bring it to the Board in June for award.

Amanda R reported that Impact Church's annual "Love week" is expanding to support a few projects every month. The Board agreed to identify potential projects and submit to Bob Rogers (Impact Church's project coordinator).

Old Business

Mark W reported no action on Township and City webpages and getting LARA files on the Cloud.

Dave A reported that the new restrictions imposed by EGLE on the Reagan property is not supported by the Reagans. The Reagan's objection letter was delivered to EGLE, but EGLE is still unwilling to issue a permit unless the trail is moved or a boardwalk is installed. Mark A and Dave A will inform EGLE that the Board is not in support of EGLE's restrictions.

Rail Trail Connection/Update

Dave Austin / W-W Update:

Dave is out of town.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 6:46 pm via motion by Tom and supported by Sherry R. Motion carried.

Next scheduled meeting is June 12, 2024