

LARA Minutes

August 14, 2024

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

P-Perry Beachum (Chair) City of Lowell Resident
EA-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
EA-Unassigned, Alternate, City of Lowell

Guests

None

Motions

- Approval of June 2024 Minutes: Tom moves to approve. Amanda supports. Motion carried. Minutes edited.
- Approval of August 2024 Agenda: Tom moves to approve. Eric supports with edits. Motion carried.
- Motion to excuse tonight's absences- Mark A and Sherry R. Eric moves to approve. Tom supports. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

- Insurances paid. Two bills approved in lieu of cancelled meeting in July: \$100.00 Pink Arrow Pride, and \$302.00 for PO Box. Signed by Mark A and Perry B.
- New bill \$1380.00 to City of Lowell: Payment of Williams & Works bill.
- Motion to pay our bills. Tom moves to approve. Mark W supports with edits. Motion carried. Nay: Eric Bartkus. Amanda will contact W&W for more details regarding their billing (i.e. "page 2")

Public Comment

- None

New Business

- Perry B. Flat River has invasive species. Perry requests further consideration of possible action by LARA to support mitigation. Eric B believes city should take an active role, even though the city is against it. Amanda recommends consideration of a "go fund me" site. Eric B will share with local individuals for consideration. To be further discussed at another meeting.

Old Business

- Google drive is up and running. Everyone should have access to it.

Williams and Works Trail Update.

From Dave Austin: "Last month, I reported that the EGLE permitting is causing additional costs beyond the available budget. As such, we have asked MDOT for an increase in funding to cover

those costs. At the end of the month, they reported back that they are "*confident we will be able to work with you to keep this project moving forward*", and indicated they would discuss at their end this month. As of this morning, I have not heard anything back.

We had a really good meeting with EGLE on the status of the permit. Our sub-consultant is currently revising the hydraulic model/report to satisfy EGLE comment. Very easy from the sounds of it. We expect to hear from them this week with a revised model and then we can finalize the permit.

Adjourn

- Adjourned at 7:30 pm via motion by Tom and supported by Eric. Motion carried.
- Next scheduled meeting is Wed Sept 11, 2024.