

LARA Meeting
October 12, 2022

Present: Perry Beachum, Laura Garrison, Amanda Rogers, Cliff Yankovich, Janine Mork, Dave Austin, Tom Gossiaux,

Meeting was called to order at 630 pm.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved as presented with a motion by Yankovich, seconded by Garrison.

Approval of the September 7, 2022 minutes – the minutes were approved as presented with a motion by Yankovich, seconded by Garrison.

Treasurer's Report

There were \$350 in deposits on behalf of Betsy Davidson. Beachum believes there will be many more. Teresa Beachum wrote thank you notes for donations received and gave to Sue Olin at City of Lowell.

Bills to be paid include Addorio final bill of \$45.00, Kore-Hi Com \$204.00.

Clean up day – public comment Went well. Took two trailers and two truck loads of stuff off trail. Little bit left on Gee drive at retaining wall. Alden Nash just past black chain fencing – trim more near there. Have another cleanup day in spring. Have everything trimmed sitting by trail to come and haul it away beforehand. Cliff suggested looking at a different day for cleanup. Saturdays don't work for him. Dave – look at other jobs – sweeping, etc...Perry - look at taking some grassy areas back. It grows so fast. Blocks pavilion. Had volunteers from all townships and school groups. Good turnout.

Mark's equipment was a huge help to have on hand. Very appreciative.

New Business

Amanda would like to develop a maintenance plan for trails. We have money in budget and would like to see 5-year plan. We had to have a number for grant proposal. Dave will look and let us know.

Dave – finalizing easement negotiations with Grand Rapids Gravel and the Reagen property. MDOT money comes from fed government. We have to follow very strict procedures. Need to have a good faith offer to property owners for easement. Process has become stricter in the last year or so. Cannot go to assessor office now to get worth. Need to hire professional to value property and get comps, etc.

Permitting with EGLE. Had meetings with hydraulics analysis. Will not impact flow of Grand River. When you get south of Stoney park, cross with culverts. Cannot do that so

now we need to install 150' bridge. More complicated analysis. Proposing prefab bridge. Assembled offsite. 2 pcs.

MDOT – schedule to protect grant. Required quarterly reporting. Keep in touch so they understand and they don't give away money.

DNR real estate office – phase 2. Get right of way from railway. Still waiting to hear back.

Still need Vergennes representative for LARA. Other board members will put out the word also.

Website review - check website for updates brought up at previous meeting. Perry would like to go thru website again at next meeting. 30 mins. Have Jordan do updates before next meeting and then go thru it in November. Janine will follow up with Jordan to come to November meeting. Also discuss IT needs with Kore Hi Com.

Laura motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm. Cliff seconds. Meeting adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting is November 9, 2022