



**Board Meeting, January 9, 2008 @ 6:00 pm  
Lowell Township Hall**

**Present:**

LARA Board Members, Mari Stone, Al Halbeisen, Betsy Davidson, Linda Regan and Dan Edwards.

Guests; Jim Hall, Mark Fritsma and Al Rumbaugh

**Meeting Minutes**

December meeting minutes were not reviewed.

**LARA Treasurers Report**

Checking balance \$25,321.92 includes \$20,000 Fundraising Assistance Grant. \$12,630.00 in Money Market Account. Reports approved.

**Old Business**

**TREAD Fund Development Committee** (Dan, Mari, Jodie and Betsy) – Keith Hopkins working with committee; complete interviews with potential fund raising campaign leaders. Presentation to LARA Board in February.

Study of Wege property. Recreation plans to be discussed at Township meetings.

**New Business**

Rails to Trails – Multi-agency group looking at potential acquisition and conversion of railroad lines from Greenville to Lowell (Foreman Road) and from Kent County line to Ionia. LARA would be responsible to make connection in Lowell from Foreman Road to Montcalm Road (county line).

Easements

**Foreman Road**

Perry to contact Graatz's for meeting to discuss options.

**Lowell Schools**

Discussed route options at High School. A portion of the trail could be left unpaved until funding is available.

**Alden Nash West**

No action.

**Wege property**

Other

Meeting ended @ 6:50.

The foregoing constitutes my understanding of matters discussed and conclusions reached. Please review and share your additions or corrections at our next board meeting on **Wednesday February 13, 2008 at 6 pm, Lowell City Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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[www.lowellareatrailway.org](http://www.lowellareatrailway.org)

**Commonly used acronyms;**

Landscape Architects & Planners (LAP)  
Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA)  
Lowell Area Schools (LAS)  
Lowell Community Fund (LCF)  
Lowell Education Foundation (LEF)  
Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence (LIVE 5)  
Lowell Light & Power (LLP)  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)  
Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance (MTGA)  
North Country Trail Association (NCTA)  
Trail Resources Enrichment and Development (TREAD)  
West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition (WMTGC)  
Wittenbach – Wege Center (WWC)  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)