



**Board Meeting, March 8, 2006 @ 6:00 pm
Vergennes Township Hall**

Present: Board Members, Mari Stone, Dan Edwards, Al Halbeisen, Betsy Davidson, Jim Pfaller, and Perry Beachum and Guests; Tamara Karczewski, Eric Lundstrom, Kelsey Lundstrom and Steve Mueller

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of February meeting approved.

LARA Treasurers Report

Motion approved to accept the report.

Motion approved to purchase reusable banner for LARA, not to exceed \$300.

Funding and Grants Report

Discussed splitting Funding and Public Relation committee. Motion approved to reorganize committee and seek more participation from community members. Funding (Development) committee to include Dan and Leslie. PR committee to include Betsy, Tamara, Eric and Jennifer.

Dan working on Look and Rotary grant applications.

Need another meeting with Community Fund board to review status.

Public Relations

Discussed preparations for Lowell Expo and April 20 Open House.

LARA will host a Chamber of Commerce after hours event in October.

Letter of support received from Athletic Boosters.

Sign standards

No report.

Easements

Lowell School Easements

Still waiting for review by Lowell Education Foundation for approval.

Lone Pine Development/Alden Nash West

Al has sent draft easement to developer, received comments and answered questions. Developer planned to have more comments in March. No action since last meeting.

Wege property easement

Waiting for meeting with Wege contacts.

Foreman Road easements

No report.

Alden Nash

No report.

NCTA Coordination

No action.

Other

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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 April 12, 2006 at 6 pm, Lowell Township Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,
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www.lowellareatrailway.org

Commonly used acronyms;

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
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)
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)
West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition (WMTGC)