



**Board Meeting, March 9, 2005 @ 6:00 pm  
Vergennes Township Hall**

**Present:** Board Members, Mari Stone, Dan Edwards, Al Halbeisen, Betsy Davidson, Jim Pfaller, and Leslie Stougaard and Guests Mark Lessens and Tamara Karczewski.

**Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the February Meeting Minutes approved.

**Old Business;**

Sign standards – Leslie and Perry on committee to review and set standards for sign style and size. LAP provided Al with information on a project with proposed donation structure.

**Lowell School Easements**

Mark Lessens and Peter Haefer have been asked by Sherri Miller to review the proposed trail easements on school property for the Board of Education.

**Wege property easement**

Mari trying to contact Mark Pursley for status of easement.

MDEQ has sent letter to Mari, indicating easements are necessary to proceed.

**Community Expo, March 26**

LIVE 5 has committee working on Expo. They will have wood chips, fence, bikes, bench, etc. There will be a drawing for Detroit Tiger game tickets and a sign up for volunteers to work on the boardwalk.

**LARA Logo**

Jim made a motion to award \$500 bond to Brendan Heldt for his work on the LARA logo, seconded by Leslie and approved.

**NCTA Grant Coordinator**

NCTA is doing pre-interviews for Grant Coordinator position. Dan will volunteer to participate in interviews.

**New Business;**

LEF Grant (\$15,000). Dan made motion to give notice to proceed to LAP for work on first phase grant applications, seconded by Jim. Motion approved.

**Administration Items**

Discussed need to have tax status defined for donations and to have information included in updated brochure.

Jay Cravens, Cascade Township Supervisor will attend a future meeting to discuss easements and insurance issues. They are interested in connections to the Lowell Trails.

**LARA Treasurers Report**

Balance as of 03-09-05 is \$ 9788.32.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 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 13, 2005 at 6 pm, Lowell Township Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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**Commonly used acronyms;**

Landscape Architects & Planners (LAP)  
Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA)  
Lowell Community Fund (LCF)  
Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence (LIVE 5)  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)  
Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
North Country Trail Association (NCTA)