



**Board Meeting, March 14, 2007 @ 6:00 pm  
Vergennes Township Hall**

**Present:**

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

Guests; Larry Mikulski, LAS, Dave Austin, resident of City of Lowell, Bob Ford, LAP, Stacy Messersmith, YMCA

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of February meeting approved with correction in appointment of LARA representatives by governing communities.

**LARA Treasurers Report**

Balance as of 3-14-07 is \$ 10,774.33. Motions passed to approve report.

**Old Business**

Application for 501(c)3 status for LARA has been reviewed by Mark Van Alsbury. Motion passed to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy as required by 501(c)3 status.

Discuss options for part time assistance. Al forwarded information on GVSU intern program to Betsy. Stacy indicated YMCA has used interns from Cornerstone. Need suggestions from committees for job duties.

**New Business**

See discussion of Wege property in Easements section.

Garlic Mustard Club is looking for support from LARA for cleanup days on April 18 and 22.

**Development Committee (Dan, Mari, Jodie and Jennifer)**

Combining with Public Relations committee and establishing goal of having 10 members. Another goal is to start working on obtaining local funds to match with grants.

Established acronym of TREAD, Trail Resources Enrichment and Development committee.

Plan to be on agenda for Lowell Community Fund meeting April 10 at 3:30.

Lowell Expo is Saturday March 24. LARA will set up booth on Friday @ 5 and man it from 9 to 3.

## **Easements**

### **Foreman Road**

Bob Ford of LAP presented exhibit and rough cost estimates for route options from Cherry Creek Elementary School to the Wege property on Foreman Road. Perry suggested reviewing the options with the Graatz family, preferably on site when the weather warms up.

### **Lowell Schools**

Definition of Consumers easement is being reviewed. Larry indicated that power lines were moved to east to avoid cutting trees on adjacent properties.

### **Alden Nash West**

Mari indicated that an easement is indicated in master deed for the property for the trail to be located in sanitary sewer easement. Need to work out details of easement with Steve Hanson.

### **Wege property**

A meeting was held on March 1 at which representatives of Peter Wege presented the possible donation of land located east of Alden Nash to be used for recreation and nature preservation. Before donating the land Mr. Wege requires that the community develop a concept for use of the land. The groups at the meeting discussed the possibility of developing a joint recreation master plan for the City of Lowell and for Lowell and Vergennes Townships. A meeting to discuss how to proceed is planned for March 29<sup>th</sup>.

LARA will proceed with planning for trails. The easement location for the trails across the Wege property adjacent to Alden Nash may be discussed at the March 29 meeting.

## **Other**

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 11, 2007 at 6 pm, Lowell Township, lower hall.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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### **Commonly used acronyms;**

Landscape Architects & Planners (LAP)

Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA)

Lowell Area Schools (LAS)

Lowell Community Fund (LCF)