



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

Present:

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

Guests; Alan Rumbaugh

Meeting Minutes

March meeting minutes approved.

LARA Treasurers Report

Checking balance \$17,169.93. \$12,647.86 in Money Market Account. Reports approved.

Old Business

TREAD Fund Development Committee (Dan, Mari, Jodie and Betsy) – Campaign cabinet nominations – Chairpersons; Betsy Davidson, Jodie Vokes and Liz Baker. Keith prepared proposal for donation levels. Grant application for LCF for \$150K for Lead Gift to start campaign. Working on getting more cabinet members.

Adopt-a-Road cleanup Saturday April 26, meet at Cherry Creek Elementary at 8:30.

501.c.3 Dan talked to Brent about setting up for a fee of \$700. Need to have a Friend group “Friends of Lowell Area Trails” (FLAT) group.

New Business

LARA office space at Chamber office. Need work date for clean up and moving shelves.

Safe Routes to School – Meeting April 14th to discuss grant application with MDOT.

Wege Wittenbach Center April 19th event with conservation groups. LARA planning to participate in event with information and tour guides.

Easements

Foreman Road

Call Perry to contact Graatz’s for meeting to discuss easement request.

Lowell Schools

The southern and western portions of the trail would start as unpaved sections until other portions of the trail are constructed and the need for future phases is determined.

Alden Nash West

Second phase to be developed and constructed this summer. Steve Hanson is willing to include trail in construction if LARA pays for paving and landscaping (wholesale cost). Al estimates cost of construction for asphalt and grading at \$25,000 for 1000 foot section of trail.

Wege property

Verbal commitment to trail along Alden Nash as indicated in study report. No report on how to proceed with easement.

Other

Meeting ended @ 7:50.

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 May 14, 2008 at 6 pm, Lowell City Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,
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For more information refer to the website
www.lowellareatrailway.org

Commonly used acronyms;

Friends of Lowell Area Trails (FLAT)
Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA)
Lowell Community Fund (LCF)
Landscape Architects & Planners (LAP)
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)
Flat River Outreach Ministry (FROM).