



**Board Meeting, June 11, 2008 @ 6:00 pm  
Vergennes Township Hall**

**Present:**

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

Guests; Dave Austin and Jodie Vokes.

**Meeting Minutes**

April and May meeting minutes not ready.

**LARA Treasurers Report**

Checking balance \$9,136.43. \$13,496.51 in Money Market Account. Reports approved. Motion approved for payment of \$1800 for engineering on Alden Nash West segment using Pre-Campaign funds.

LARA charter Treasurer has authority to approve up to \$1000 for operation expenses.

**Old Business**

**TREAD Fund Development Committee** (Dan, Mari, Jodie and Betsy) – Grant approved by LCF for \$150K includes money for fund raising campaign, some engineering and Lead Gift to start campaign. Motion approved for budget up to \$14,000 included in LCF Grant for fund raising expenses. Next cabinet meeting June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

Perry suggested attending Look Fund meeting to request funding for Trails.

Easements

**Foreman Road**

Gratz daughter (Marge Mayhew) is willing to meet to discuss easement. Perry and Theresa will contact her.

**Lowell Schools**

High School parking lot work. Mari indicated that project will include signing for trails and connection to Alden Nash West from football parking area. Al to follow up with Larry Mikulski to confirm details.

**Alden Nash West**

Mari to set up meeting with Steve Hanson to discuss setting up an agreement for the trail construction.

**Wege property**

Pete Gustofsen to prepare an easement on behalf of Wege.

## **Other**

Meeting ended @ 7:15.

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 July 9, 2008 at 6 pm, Lowell Township Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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### **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)  
Safe Routes to School (SRTS)  
West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition (WMTGC)  
Wittenbach – Wege Center (WWC)  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)  
Flat River Outreach Ministry (FROM).