



**Board Meeting, June 14, 2006 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell High School, Choir Room**

Present: Board Members, Mari Stone, Dan Edwards, Al Halbeisen, Betsy Davidson, Jim Pfaller, and Leslie Stougaard.

Others present included Larry Mikulski, Mark Lessens, Barry Hobrla and Greg Pratt of Lowell Area Schools and interested neighbors.

The first part of the meeting included discussion of potential routes for trail on the Lowell High School property. Concerns expressed by LAS representatives included avoid crossings of main roadway and drives, locate Vergennes crosswalk to maximize sight distance, avoid trail adjacent to parking areas to allow for snow removal and coordinate location north of Vergennes with potential elementary school site. Residents concerns were about safety and visibility for trail users and the removal of trees and natural resources. Residents asked for evaluation of a route on the east side of the LHS site. As a conclusion it was suggested that Landscape Architects and Planners do a comparison of east side versus west side routes.

The second part of the meeting covered the usual monthly business items as follows;

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of May meeting were reviewed and approved.

LARA Treasurers Report

Balance as of 6-14-06 is \$19,594.18. Motion passed to approve the report.

Old Business

Trail clean up was held at Cherry Creek Elementary School Saturday, June 3. Work included clearing brush around pond west of school and spreading wood chips.

New Business

Kent County Fair Board considering funding application to develop campgrounds. Invited Board members to attend July meeting.
Next Lowell Community Fund application deadline is August 18.

Development Committee (Dan, Mari, Leslie and Jennifer)

Signage committee rolled into development
Jodi Seese and Angie Hoffman will become committee members to help with fund raising campaign.

Public Relations Committee (Betsy, Tamara, Jennifer and Eric)

Discussion of how to publicize meetings.

NCTA Coordination

No reports.

Easements

Lowell School Easements

Pending review of route options.

Alden Nash West

Expect contact with Steve in June or July.

Wege property easement

Still in limbo as Wege considers future of property.

Foreman Road easements

Still need to contact Hunt family and consider calling Gratz family again to review options along Foreman Road.

Dykema property, south of Bowes Road and north of Grand River.

Jim has talked to Jane Dykema and they would be willing to grant an easement.

Grand River

Jim also planning to contact Jim Reagan to discuss easements along Grand River.

Other

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 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 July 12, 2006 at 6 pm, Lowell Township Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,
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Commonly used acronyms;

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
Landscape Architects & Planners (LAP)
Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA)
Lowell Area Schools (LAS)
Lowell Community Fund (LCF)
North Country Trail Association (NCTA)
Wittenbach – Wege Center (WWC)