



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

**Present:**

LARA Board Members, Mari Stone, Jim Pfaller, Linda Regan, Dan Edwards, Al Halbeisen and Betsy Davidson.  
Guests; Jim Hall, Mark Fritsma.

**Meeting Minutes**

April, May and June meeting minutes approved.

**LARA Treasurers Report**

Checking balance \$9,001.72. \$12696.51 in Money Market Account. Reports approved.

**Old Business**

**TREAD Fund Development Committee** (Dan, Mari, Jodie and Betsy) – Fund Raising Cabinet meeting June 26<sup>th</sup>. Discussed potential donors. Need meeting to discuss procedure for requesting donations. Campaign brochure to be ready for next LARA meeting.

Dan working on applications to Look Fund and Steelcase for grants.

**New Business**

WMTGA has new director. Mark suggested contacting them to become eligible for funding.

Updated recreation master plan for City Parks includes RV Park proposed by Jim Hall.

Next Foreman Road cleanup, week of September 20.

Easements

**Foreman Road**

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

**Alden Nash West**

Mari talked to Steve Hanson about setting up an agreement for the trail construction. Dave Austin provided a list of items to include in the agreement. Phase 2 likely will not start until fall and finish in spring 2009. Steve will work with the Township to get easement agreement.

**Lowell Area Schools**

No action

## **Wege property**

No action

## **Other**

Meeting ended @ 6:40.

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 August 13, 2008 at 6 pm, Lowell City Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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[www.lowellareatrailway.org](http://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)  
Safe Routes to School (SRTS)  
West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition (WMTGC)  
Wittenbach – Wege Center (WWC)  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)  
Flat River Outreach Ministry (FROM).