



**Board Meeting, July 11, 2007 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell Township Hall**

Present:

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

Guests; Steve Hansen, Mark Fritsma, Stacy Messersmith

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of June meeting approved.

LARA Treasurers Report

Setting up Money Market account at ICNB. Motions passed to approve.

Old Business

Adopt-a-Road – LARA is sponsor in Kent County Road program for segment of Foreman Road from Gee Drive to Alden Nash Avenue. Cleanup day is Saturday July 28th at 8 am.

TREAD **Fund Development Committee** (Dan, Mari, Jodie and Betsy) – Developed timeline for fund raising campaign. Consider proposals for fund raising campaign assistance at next meeting.

New Business

Rail America has approached the WMTGC to purchase rail corridor from Lowell to Greenville. Local governments considering cost to conduct appraisal.

Easements

Foreman Road

Perry and Linda had meeting with Hunt family to discuss trail options.

Lowell Schools

Mari and Al attended June 25th LAS Board workshop to request easement for trail route option #1 (south of football stadium and along west side of high school property).

Alden Nash West

Steve Hanson attended meeting. Phase 2 of project scheduled for late 2008, to include easement for trail.

Wege property

Mari will write letter confirming agreement for trail from Foreman Road along west side of property and ask to proceed with the easement.

Other

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 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 August 8, 2007 at 6 pm, Lowell City 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)
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)