



**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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)