



**Board Meeting, July 12, 2006 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell Township Hall**

Present: Board Members, Dan Edwards, Al Halbeisen, Betsy Davidson and Perry Beachum.

Others present included Greg Pratt of Lowell Area Schools, Alan Rumbaugh, Stacy Messersmith (YMCA) and Jennifer Tripp (NCTA) and interested neighbors Sue Schaeffer and Sue Sejat.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of June meeting were not prepared. A summary of meeting with LAS and concerned neighbors was given.

LARA Treasurers Report

Balance as of 7-12-06 is \$19,394.85. Motions passed to approve paying bill for insurance and for the monthly report.

Old Business

Prior to the meeting Al H. met with Greg Pratt to review the trail options on the high school property and discussed the options with Bob Ford of LAP. Landscape Architects and Planners will prepare a comparison of east side versus west side routes (*for the August meeting*).

New Business

Invited Kent County Fair Board members to attend July meeting but none attended.

Development Committee (Dan, Mari, Leslie and Jennifer)

Presented handout on Development Committee Strategy and discussed possible volunteer events for September (clear potential route at LHS, clear easement route at CWP, cleanup bark at Cherry Creek).

Marketing Committee (Betsy, Tamara, Jennifer and Eric)

Planning to host Chamber event in October at NCTA office.

Easement Committee

Perry suggested setting timetable for making contacts on potential easements. To be discussed at next meeting.

Lowell School Easements

Pending review of route options.

Alden Nash West

Expect contact with Steve in July.

Cook Property

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

Grand River

Jim had meeting scheduled with Jim Reagan to discuss easements along Grand River.
(no report on meeting)

Other

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 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 9, 2006 at 6 pm, Lowell City 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)
Lowell Education Foundation (LEF)
Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence (LIVE 5)
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)
West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition (WMTGC)
Wittenbach – Wege Center (WWC)