



**Board Meeting, August 10, 2005 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell City Hall**

Present: Board Members, Dan Edwards, Al Halbeisen, Betsy Davidson, Perry Beachum, Jim Pfaller, and Guests Dave Pasquale, Tamara Karczewski and Eric Lundstrom.

Meeting Minutes

July meeting held at Stoney Lakeside Park. No formal meeting minutes taken. Reviewed possible route to fairgrounds from park and discussed setting up individual meetings with property owners to try to get easements.

LARA Treasurers Report

Balance as of 08-10-05 is \$ 6592.87. Motion passed to approve report.

Funding and Grants Report

LARA to request progress report and invoices from LAP for work performed to date. Progress report is needed for the Lowell Community Fund grant.

Discussed approach to LCF for annual funding. Need goals and timeline to estimate needs.

Public Relations

New tri-fold brochure, updated website and distributed posters.

Sign standards

No report.

Easements

Lowell School Easements

Lowell Education Foundation is preparing draft easement for Cooper Woodland Preserve to present to LARA.

Perry has been in contact with Larry Mikulski about trail options at Cherry Creek end. Al and Perry to review site after meeting.

Lone Pine Development

Al has been in contact with developer for Lone Pine Development (property west of Alden Nash) to obtain easement. Developer wants buffer specified along trail. Committee discussed making it optional, with future owners to decide if needed and what types of trees they would want. Al received input from Bob Ford of LAP.

Wege property easement

No progress to report.

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 September 14, 2005 at 6 pm, Vergennes 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 Community Fund (LCF)
Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence (LIVE 5)
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
North Country Trail Association (NCTA)