



**Board Meeting, September 10, 2008 @ 6:00 pm
Vergennes Township City Hall**

Present:

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

Meeting Minutes

August meeting minutes approved.

Old Business

TREAD Fund Development Committee (Dan, Mari, Jodie and Betsy) – Calls to potential donors being made. September 18 meeting to report on results.

Steelcase Foundation grant winners to be announced by September 30. Also waiting for news on applications to Frey Foundation and Look Fund.

Al prepared draft Request for Proposal (RFP) to be considered by LARA Board. Limits of project need to be defined, including sections on High School property and beginning point (Gee Drive or Cherry Creek). Section within Alden Nash West can be deleted from design. Need any comments to Al about 1 week before next meeting.

Tentative schedule for RFP;

October LARA votes to send RFP to design firms
November, LARA receive and review proposals
December, LARA votes to select Design firm

New Business

None

Easements

Foreman Road

Need to check if Perry sent letter suggesting LARA will offer compensation for easement, based on market value of land or potential rental earnings for 20 years. Letter to included deadline for response, otherwise LARA will proceed with trail within Right of Way. Discussed marking right of way line and potential tree removals for that case. Linda to contact Kent County Road Commission before marking trees.

Lowell Area Schools

Need to clarify trail route through parking areas to include in RFP for design services.

Alden Nash West

Alden Nash West – Steve Hansen reported to Mari that he waiting for landscaping plan. Construction not anticipated until spring or summer of 2009.

Wege property

Mari and Al to meet with Pete Gustofson on September 15th to discuss easement for Wege property.

Other

Meeting ended @ 6:55.

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 October 8, 2008 at 5:30 pm, Lowell Township Hall.** *(moved up time for Al)*

Respectfully submitted,
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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).