



**Board Meeting, October 11, 2006 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell Township Hall**

Present: Board Members, Mari Stone, Dan Edwards, Al Halbeisen, Betsy Davidson, Perry Beachum, Jim Pfaller, and Leslie Stougaard.

Guests;

Stacy Messersmith (YMCA), Greg Pratt (LAS), Sue Schaefer and Gary Ritzema.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of September meeting approved.

LARA Treasurers Report

Balance as of 10-11-06 is \$20,998.16. Motion passed to approve the monthly report and payment to LAP for work on route options on LHS property and draft easement for Wege.

Old Business

Wege Easement update. Mari has letter for lawyer requesting LARA look at routes south of the power line, rather than crossing from the Cooper Woodland Preserve to the sanitary sewer easement.

LARA will host the Chamber After Hours on October 12 at NCTA office.

Al met with Greg Pratt to follow up on presentation to Lowell Area Schools Board of Education at the September 25 Workshop for potential trail routes on the high school property. Questions from the Board included insurance coverage, Cherry Creek route, Trailhead location and Power line easement.

New Business

The December 13 meeting will include a community open house to look at the high school route options. Al will work on marking optional route at Lowell High School to give community a preview of the route.

Terms of Office. LARA members serve 2 year terms, with 4 ½ years maximum continuous service. Current terms expire January 2007. Passed motion to issue notice to townships and City to request nominations for next terms.

Development Committee (Dan, Mari, Leslie and Jennifer)

Applied for grant from Look Fund for \$3000.

Marketing Committee (Betsy, Tamara, Jennifer and Eric)

October 14 – Harvest Run & Clown Parade

Attending lunch meeting at Lowell Senior Neighbors on November 1.

Easements

Lowell School Easements

Route option 2A/B will be marked for December meeting.

Alden Nash West

No action since last meeting.

Wege property easement

See old business.

Foreman Road easements

Al to review options with Kent County Road Commission.

Fairground Connection to Stony Lakeside Park

No action.

Other

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 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 November 8, 2006 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)

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)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)