



**Board Meeting, July 8, 2009 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell Township Hall**

Present:

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

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of June meeting approved.

LARA Treasurers Report

The Treasurers Report was reviewed and approved. Annual insurance policy has been paid. Invoices to the municipalities for Annual Operational will be sent out shortly.

Old Business

MDOT/MDNR grant updates – Pre-final feedback was positive. Still waiting to hear.

Gratz Easement – The letter was sent and an attempt was made to meet – the offer was left for them to look over. Halbeisen will follow up.

Lowell Schools Easements – Nothing new

Alden Nash West Easement – Hansen, Halbeisen, Stone, Dave Austin, Regan, and Larry Mikulski from LAS met June 29th to discuss the sewer easement and school property connections. Regan noted that the Lowell Township Engineer, Kent Treweiler will be consulted regarding the 56' wide easement and where constructed/planted improvements can be located.

Riverwalk booth – Stone gave a report. Volunteers are assigned; brick samples will be on display and trail maps to view.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The foregoing constitutes my understanding of matters discussed and conclusions reached. Please review and share your additions or corrections at the next Board Meeting scheduled on **Wednesday August 12, 2009 at 6 pm, Lowell City Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Stone

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Commonly used acronyms;

Kent County Road Commission (KCRC)
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)
Safe Routes to School (SR2S)