



**Board Meeting, July 14, 2010 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Lowell Chamber Offices**

**Present:**

LARA Board Members; Al Halbeisen, Mari Stone, Andrew Schrauben, Perry Beachum, Linda Regan, Gary Goff and Betsy Davidson. Guests; Dave Austin, Tammy Sayles

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of June 9 meeting were approved.

**LARA Treasurers Report** - Davidson gave her report - Several invoices were approved including Williams & Works and Pinnacle Insurance.

**Tammy Sayles of Pinnacle Insurance** was present to answer any questions the Board had regarding insurance coverage. One of her suggestions was to create/set a policy for how private property damage claims will be handled. They are not covered by the liability insurance, which covers legal claims and is triggered by a lawsuit. It was decided to look into coverage for accidental and vandal damage to “property in the open”. It was noted that the LARA agreement requires the liability and officials coverage offered by the current plan.

**Old Business:**

**MDNR/MDOT Grant updates** –Austin noted that he is heavily coordinating the 2 grants at this point in time. Having a difficult time getting the two entities together, so is addressing issues one at a time.

**Easements along Alden Nash** - Between Gee and Foreman, two additional permanent easements will be needed – one on the Cahoon property and the other on the Graham/Roth. These are for “rest areas”, which are required due to the grade of the path. We will also need grade warning signage.

Austin outlined several other items he is working on:

- 10 (in total) permanent easements
- several permits from KCRC for RoW and road crossings
- 5 grading permits

There are areas in which he could use help from the Board, and he will send out a summary for volunteers.

**Lowell Schools Easements** – No news, still working with Greg Pratt.

**Alden Nash West Easement** – Nothing new.

**Adopt a Road Status** – Schrauben heard from the FFA, and was told that they rotate Alden Nash with the Student Council. Discussion was held about starting a friends group for Gee Drive cleanup. It would be good to have something installed at Creekside Park for information, hopefully for the September 9<sup>th</sup> event.

## September “Kick-off Celebration” – More in August

### **New Business:**

None was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

The foregoing constitutes my understanding of matters discussed and conclusions reached. Please review and share your additions or corrections at the next Board Meeting.

*Mari Stone*

Respectfully submitted,  
Mari Stone  
LARA Secretary

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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)