



**Board Meeting, June 10, 2009 @ 6:00 pm
Vergennes Township Hall**

Present:

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

Guests; Dave Austin, Williams & Works;

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of April and May meeting approved.

LARA Treasurers Report

The Treasurers Report was reviewed and approved. Checks to pay invoices were approved with the exception of the check for landscaping design work - to be verified by Halbeisen after consulting with Steve Hansen.

Old Business

MDOT/MDNR grant updates – Austin said there were a few questions he received in feedback regarding links to the Rail Trail, Boardwalk on Wege Property, crossings on the North side of the HS, and status of the SW2S connection to LARA. After discussion, Beachum motioned to approve the responses, Pfaller seconded, and the motion carried.

Gratz Easement – The letter will be sent out by June 21 – Betsy will contact Keith Hopkins to see if he could play a role, and Stone will contact Pete Gustafson regarding work on the easement language.

Lowell Schools Easements – The letter of agreement was reviewed by the School Board in June. This is still a work in progress.

Alden Nash West Easement – A meeting will be called to discuss the details. Attending should be Hansen, Halbeisen and Stone from LARA, Dave Austin, Lowell Township and LAS reps.

Campaign Cabinet Report – \$365,927 has been raised to date. Jodie Seese will be working about 15 to 20 hours over the summer on various leads. Application to the LCTV Fund will be made for 15K. LL&P has given \$1,000, and Meijer is still in play for additional funding. Bricks have been selling, and samples will be on display with more buying opportunities at the Riverwalk Festival.

New Business – Stone offered to recruit volunteers for Riverwalk booth. Same set up as Expo.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 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 July 8, 2009 at 6 pm, Lowell Township Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,
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www.lowellareatrailway.org

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)