



**Board Meeting, June 8, 2011 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Lowell Chamber Offices**

**Present:**

LARA Board Members; Al Halbeisen, Andrew Schrauben, Linda Regan, Perry Beachum, Mari Stone. Guests; Dave Austin

**Approval of Minutes** – None

**Treasurer's Report** - None

**Old Business:**

Austin has created a blog to keep up with the latest construction news. Construction started June 6<sup>th</sup>, and is due to be complete by August 15. The Public meeting with neighbors went well, Austin also met with Wege Reps for a walk through of that section.

DNR sign – needs a location. We will discuss with other signage and donor brick placement decisions. A workshop meeting was scheduled for the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Will go to 8:30. Idea to toss around – corner of Gee & Foreman for bricks.

Phase 2 – Connections to rail trail – Austin gave a rough cost estimate of 500K for the pedestrian bridge and 1+ million for several needed paved sections. We will also need to pursue several easements.

Community Action Committee – RtoT – LARA rep – one is needed.

**New Business:**

Wege easement to Cooper Woodland – Austin had discussed this briefly with the Wege Rep. She suggested we nail down the understanding of this soon. It appears that there is an official recorded 66' wide easement all along the south edge of the property. If so, we could use it for a small parking lot.

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

For more information refer to the website

[www.lowellareatrailway.org](http://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)  
Flat River/Grand River Valley Trails – (FRVT/GRVT)