



*An alliance of the Black River  
and Paw Paw River Watersheds*

Board Meeting  
Geneva Twp. Hall  
Wed. Jan. 11, 2017 6:00 p.m.

### Revised Agenda

1. Call to order; Introductions; Agenda additions and/or corrections
  2. Minutes of Regular Meeting Nov. 9 – corrections/approval
  3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:
    - Jan 19- VBCD septic committee organizational mtg VBCC 1:00pm
    - Feb 8- TRC meeting 6:00 p.m.
    - Feb 8- Ox Creek Stakeholders meeting 6:00 p.m.
    - Mar 8- VBCD Farming for the Future
    - Mar 15- Molly Rippke of DEQ on E. coli, 7:00 p.m. LMC SH
    - March 20- Volunteer recognition event with VBCD
    - May 7- VSMP macro collection event
    - July ??- Cardno Nursery Open House Field Trip
  4. Treasurer's Report: Nesbitt
  5. Old Business/Projects/Funded Grants:
    - A] Annual meeting recap: # of attendees, presentations well received, silent auction a success. Discuss acknowledgments to donors.
    - B] Stream crossing inventory with VBRC-completed, over 200 sites inventoried
    - C] PPR/Ox Creek with SWMLC and SWMPC- 1] Report re: Kevin and Bette attending Steering Committee meeting Dec. 1. Stakeholder mtg on Feb 8. 2] Report re: Dave and Kevin attending Sarett mtg on Dec 20. C.E.'s complete. Discussion re match, short film, farmer event w/ BCCD. 3] met w/ Nancy C. on 1/10/17 re:March speaker event w/BCCD, summer wetland field day
    - D] website changes to acknowledge in memoriam donations-update from Dave. Jim Scott Tribute on webpage- Joe? TRC letterhead-updated version?
    - E] Pine/Mill Creek 319 grant w/ VBCD- TRC volunteer possibilities? Septic Meeting Jan 19.
  6. New Business
    - A] Election of officers
    - B] TRC role (monitoring/watching/reporting) re: Palisades decommissioning?
    - F] VSMP- all data now on MiCorps Data Exchange; Spring collection Sunday May 7
    - G] ] Paw Paw River Water Trail (PPRWT) – Marcy has hired two contractors to do limited amount of Winter work. County park in Watervliet approved for MNRTF funding. Hagar Twp authorized Abonmarche to submit grant request for Twp park on river in Riverside. Presentations: Lawrence Village/Twp meeting 1/24, VB supervisors 2/23
    - B] DEQ E. coli TMDL presentation on Wed Mar 15, but larger room available Tue or Thur
    - C] TRC sponsored paddle events; Kenneth report
    - D] Sent a letter of support for VBCD/Notre Dame Pine Creek grant request
    - E] Fundraising: Community Pint Night at The Livery: Have been asked by Livery to do again in Spring (Thur 5-8)? Also, maybe something with Arclight in summer after a paddle?
- Still need to submit additional info to SOM to be qualified for raffle license.
- F] Annual Meeting: date for 2017, Wednesday 12/6 or 12/13?
  - G] Freshwater Future grants: \$500-\$3,500. Spring cycle deadline March 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - H] River Rally 2017 by River Network. May 8-11 at Amway Grand in GR. Member rate: \$449 or \$225/day (not including lodging).
  - I] Speakers: DEQ E. coli TMDL, event w/ BCCD, Palisades decommissioning issues?
  - J] Other projects? Ask/pay PJ Chmiel to work on logo for T-shirt design?

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