



TWO RIVERS COALITION
April 8, 2015 BOARD MEETING
Geneva Township Hall

Call to order: 6:06 PM by

Attendees: Kevin Haight, Kenneth Nesbitt, Bette Pierman, Joe Parman,
Kyle Alexander, Paul Vanden Bosch, (board members underlined)

Agenda – April 8, 2015 agenda approved as amended

Motion by Bette Pierman, seconded by Joe Parman to approve March 11, 2015 minutes, all in favor.

Treasurer Report, handout provided - Kenneth Nesbitt reported that TRC had \$7,124.00 in total resources. The Board reviewed committed funds for projects and grants, Mitchel Park donation.

Kenneth filed IRS 990 form, tax exemption form.

Watershed signs - Check with Berrien County Road Commissioner to see how TRC's watershed signs held up over winter.

Phragmites - Allegan and Ottawa received a grant for a phragmites identification and removal program. Board held discussion on possible partnerships on the grant/program.

Unfinished Business

Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program, VSMP – Events scheduled for May 3rd & 4th, 9:00 a.m., Lawrence Park, Paw Paw River. Volunteers will be sampling in several location on the Black River, Paw Paw River, South Branch of Paw Paw River and Watervliet Dam; two sites per team with one team leader. AJ from the conservation with have supplies and habitat assessment forms. Notifications were sent through TRC's MailChimp, website, Facebook, press release and 4-H news.

Free Tree Seedlings, Consumers Energy, Bette Pierman – Consumers Energy is looking for non-profits and educational groups to help plan 50,000 Norway spruce trees. Board held discussion on possible locations or groups that could benefit from this program. Can seedling be planted on public lands, Land Conservancy properties?



New Business

Board held discussion on future Speakers/Topics for 2015:

Haight report on efforts/discussions

1. Kalamazoo River 2010 spill and aftermath
 2. Enbridge pipeline under Straits of Mackinac
 3. Shoreline plantings talk
 4. How to prevent toxic algae blooms in the Great Lakes
- b. Discussion re: Strategic Planning for 2015: potential projects, initiatives, direction
Marcy Colclough to attend our May meeting to discuss RCPP. What can TRC be doing toward Grant efforts?

Announcements, suggestions, comments:

April 15 Don't Frack Up Our Future Fennville Library

April 17-19- Tree Seedling Sale

April 25 Tales From the River So Haven Library

Apr 28 Michigan Trails Legislative Day Lansing

Apr 29 Water Tension & the Great Lakes Pack SoHaven Lk Mich College

May 2- Black River Preserve Workday

May 3- VSMP

June 18 - Army Corp – Stakeholders Meeting – Michigan Harbors – Grand Haven?

July 22- Maple Lake Workday

September 20-VSMP

December 9 – TRC Annual Meeting – VB Conference Center

Adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted:

Joe Parman, Secretary