



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

**Board Meeting Minutes
Geneva Twp. Hall
Tuesday Apr.16, 2019 6:00 p.m.**

Call to order: 6:05

Attendance: Kevin Haight, Kenneth Nesbitt, Kyle Boone, Bette Pierman, Joe Parman and Colleen Forestieri, Pete TerLouw (board members underlined)

Motion by Colleen, seconded by Kyle to approve February 19, 2019 minutes, all in favor. Motion carries.

Peter TerLouw of SWMLC: Watershed management plan updates. Discussion held on conservation efforts in both watersheds and possible conservation projects in current WMP updates. Paw Paw River WMP will have GIS updates to maps, areas of focus, etc. 3 sq. mile executive summaries. 9 county region, TRC board will revisit watershed plans, conservation plans, etc. for possible updates.

Treasurer's Report: Nesbitt, \$50 Memberships dues, \$100 Donation from Great Lakes Adventure Club.

Old Business

Report from Pierman - Sierra Club, BCCD, and/or MSEF: Small Group met in February, Citizens Advisory Panel – Palisades Decommissioning. Possible bill to be introduced?

On-going grant projects: PPR Riparian/Ox Creek, CISMA, Mill/Pine Creeks 319.

Ox Creek: SWMLC - grant has been closed out. No need to continue to reserve funds in budget.

CISMA: Saturday, September 7 (Graham Ave BH) series of naturalist paddles being planned; Aquatic Invasive Species paddle workshop. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) paddle survey on lower PPR

New grant projects: PPR/BR Watershed Management Plans Update, Ox Creek 319,

Watershed Plan Updates: Agricultural field survey of Fall tillage practices in PPR S. Branch and Mill Creek week of April 8th. Black River, N. Branch and Great Bear Lake drain week of April 22nd.

E. coli project: Kevin has submitted application to VBCD for a mini grant of \$2,500 to help fund a 3rd year of testing. Waiting to hear from VBCD Board for approval. Kyle brought mock-ups posters of E. coli results. Kevin presented E. coli testing data at Volunteer Appreciation Night, March 27th.

Non grant projects: VSMP, PPRWT, River Rescue, TRC Paddles

PPRWT: Meeting on May 7, 2019. Most municipalities have pledged to contribute to water trail maintenance. Marcy has sent out RFP's to contractors for 2019 water trail maintenance. Coloma Twp. rejected bids for their section of river. Hagar Twp. Kayak Park not yet approved

VSMP: Macro collection on Sunday May 5, 2019. Still need team leaders. (Kevin will be gone)



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

TRC Paddles: Kenneth talked w/ BSHHWTA about joint Black River paddle. Saturday September 14th. Dan Burton, Michigan Nature Association to lead a joint TRC/MNA paddle hike on Sunday July 28, 2019 from 12-4 on Paw Paw Lake in Kalamazoo County. Kenneth may possibly organize a PPR TRC paddle or Maple Lake Paddle.

PPR National Wild and Scenic River status- Kyle still doing research.

New Business

Kevin will attend Salmon Release on April 19 and have a TRC table on macroinvertebrates.

Board held discussion on possible Speakers for 2019 meetings. High water levels in local lakes. Kevin will contact Tom Howe. Another possible speaker, Patrick Ertel of MDNR: South Bend storm drain/sewer system.

Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:

Friday Apr. 19-Salmon Release

Saturday Apr. 28 – Ox Creek - Livery

Sunday May 5- Spring Macro collection, I.D. Monday May 6

Friday May 10 – St. Joe River Basin Annual Meeting, Angola

Sunday July 28- Prairie Fen Paddle Trip w/ MNA; 12-4 p.m.

Sat Aug. 3- PPR Poker Paddle with Hartford Fire Dept.???

Sat Sept 7- Mich Sea Grant/CISMA paddle workshop on AIS

Sun Oct. 6-Fall Macro collection, ID on Monday Oct. 7

Thur Nov 7- TRC Annual Meeting: Keynote by Ryan Postema of COL, Evolution of SW Mi river ecosystems

8. Adjourn 7:52 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Joe Parman, TRC Secretary