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Board Meeting –Geneva Township Hall
Wed. Jun 8, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order; Introductions; Agenda additions and/or corrections
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting May 11 – corrections/approval
3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:
 - Jun 9- Natural Shorelines program Berrien County (Sarett)
 - Jun 15 - Senior Paddle on Maple Lake
 - Jul 13 - VBCD Farm Day/Picnic 6:00 p.m. (TRC meeting at picnic)
 - Jul 15 - Field trip to Cardno native plant nursery
 - Jul 23 – Rhythm on the River festival South Haven (man table?)
 - Jul 24 - Maple Circle Paddle on Maple Lake
 - Aug 2-VBCD millage request on ballot
 - Aug 6 - River Rescue
 - Sep 19 - ICCD/dedication of Maple Lake natural shoreline
 - Oct 2 - Fall VSMP collection event
 - Oct 15 - grand opening Black River Preserve/ Paddle on BR
 - Dec 7- Annual meeting
4. Treasurer’s Report: Nesbitt
5. Old Business
 - [A] Funded Grants:
 - 1] VSMP with VBCD
 - 2] Stream crossing inventory with VBRC
 - a) teams are coordinating w/ AJ and Road Commission summer intern Rachel and starting to inventory
 - b) volunteers still needed even if didn’t get training to go out with Rachel
 - 3] PPR/Ox Creek with SWMLC and SWMPC
 - a) Community Pint Night at The Livery May 5th and Paddle-Recap- Total made was \$1031.56 (\$523.06 from donation jars, \$450 from kayak auction since Third Coast Surf Shop ended up donating kayak, and \$58.50 from Livery based on selling a record 117 pints)
 - 4] CISMA with VBCD-consider asking Erin Fuller to come to a meeting and explain how TRC can help
 - 5] Pine Creek w/ VBCD- grant was approved- Colleen to let us know if any update
 - [B] Field trip to Cardno nursery in Walkerton, Indiana- Friday July 15- **MUST DECIDE TRANSPORTATION ISSUE**
 - Option 1: car pool. Kevin can borrow a 7 passenger mini-van but we would need a couple other vehicles.
 - Option 2: rent vehicle. Enterprise is sold out of 15 person vans but will rent 7 passenger mini-vans for \$157 dollars (includes insurance). This would cost \$22 / person plus gas.
 - Option 3: everybody drives separately and just meets at Cardno.
6. New Business
 - [A] Fundraising: another Pint Night? Kevin talked to Kelly Vega and we can have any Thursday night in fall (do in conjunction with a PPR paddle?); raffle license- Kevin spoke to Larry Nielsen, PP Village has passed resolution so we can be a qualifying organization, now we need to put together application to SOM; Kevin spoke to manager of Community Thrift Store in Paw Paw, we are on waiting list to staff one Saturday per month (40% of sales for the day to a max of \$400).....[Continued on next page]

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[B] Proposed Paw Paw River Water Trail (PPRWT) 1. Bette and Kenneth to report on June 6 meeting at Coloma Twp. led by SWMPC 2. Kevin and Kenneth plan on doing some pathway maintenance on Watervliet to Coloma section and possibly hosting a community paddle for government officials and stakeholders in July or August [C] Annual Meeting: room reserved at VBCC for Wednesday Dec. 7; “Shifting Sands” director/producer Pat Wisniewski has agreed to show their hour long documentary at annual meeting [D] July 23 Rhythm on the River Festival in South Haven- Should TRC do this? (Would need someone to man table with tri-fold)