



**TWO RIVERS COALITION
April 11, 2012 BOARD MEETING
Geneva Township Hall**

Call to order: 7:16 p.m.

Attendees: Dave Foerster, Joe Parman, Kenneth Nesbitt, Sam Ewbank, Grant Poole, Nancy Edwards

Motion by Sam Ewbank to approve March 14, 2012 minutes, all in favor

April 11, 2012 Agenda approved

Treasurer's Report – Kenneth Nesbitt - handouts provided, total assets at \$10,604.84

Motion by Sam Ewbank, seconded by Nancy Edwards to approve Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2012, all in favor

Friends of the Kal-Haven Trail – Sam Ewbank: Friends would like to partner with TRC for the Parade of Homes Tour. Friends and TRC members would “house sit” at a local house as part of the tour and provide outreach education while doing so.

June 13, 2012 TRC Board Meeting – Discussion was held to have the June Board meeting at Lake Michigan College, LMC South Haven. Scott Dierks, Cardno - JFNew will present on Low Impact Development, LID. Classroom rental is \$20.00 an hour with a cost share with Conservation District, Paw Paw & Black River Steering Committee – Wetland Protection Grant.

Motion by Sam Ewbank, 2nd by Nancy Edwards to have the June 13, 2012 meeting at LMC and approve cost of room rental not to exceed \$60.00, all in favor

Paddle Events, Kenneth Nesbitt, hand-out provided – TRC will partner with Van Buren Conservation Districts annual “River Rescue”, August 4, 2012 – Paw Paw and Black River clean-up. The next TRC paddle event will be June 29-July 1, Paw Paw River Paddler's Jamboree @ Watervliet.

Septic Systems – TOST, Time of Sale and Transfer: Frank Jurenka is currently working with Berrien County on Septic Systems issues and TOST. Van Buren County Planning Commission is currently working on recommendations to County Board and a possible TOST ordinance.

Jeff Mitchell Park – Progress, DNR completed their portion on maintenance/construction with the parking area. The Van Buren County Road Commissions is currently working on the “finish work” and road drainage portions of the project.



- **Paw Paw Library Interpretive Signs** – Sam Ewbank and Dave Foerster brought in examples of material and quotes for interpretive signs. TRC will sponsor three signs, Rain Gardens, Prairie Grasses and Pours Pavement. Dave will check with Library Architect to see if proposed signs fit their landscaping goals and whether or not proposed signs are compatible with other signage to be used at the Library. Quotes were obtained from four different sources and prices ranged from \$400 to upwards of \$1,000 when considering sign design costs, sign materials, sign life expectancy, shipping and installation. The most affordable quote received thus far was from Revolution Design, Benton Harbor – 24” x 36” plastic fiber sign ¼” thick, \$300 to \$400 including installation. We have scheduled a meeting with the Library in early May to discuss details.

Announcements, Suggestions, Comments:

- June 7th - Van Buren Conservation District Clean Water Tour
- July 11th TRC Board Meeting will tentatively be held at the Peterson Farm following the Van Buren CD annual meeting

Adjourned 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Joe Parman, Secretary