



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

Board Meeting

Geneva Twp. Hall

Wed. Oct. 12, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order; Introductions; Agenda additions and/or corrections
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting Sept. 7 and July 13 – corrections/approval
3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:
 - Oct 15 - grand opening Black River Preserve/ Community Paddle on BR
 - Oct 19- TRC Fall Speaking Event; Erin Fuller on CISMA and New Invasives, 7pm at VBCC
 - Oct 22 – B/SHWTA annual meeting (Kevin to speak re: PPRWT)
 - Nov 2-3- MiCorps Conference; Kevin, AJ, and Bette attending
 - Nov 9- November TRC board meeting at Geneva Twp. Hall at 6:00 p.m.
 - Nov 10- Community Pint Night fundraiser at The Livery in Benton Harbor 5-8pm
 - Dec 7- Annual meeting-“Shifting Sands”, 6:30- 9:00 p.m.
4. Treasurer’s Report: Nesbitt
5. Old Business/Projects/Funded Grants:
 - A] VSMP with VBCC-Fall collection event recap
 - B] Stream crossing inventory with VBRC-update
 - C] PPR/Ox Creek with SWMLC and SWMPC- Park(ing) Day event recap
 - D] CISMA/Japanese Knotweed forum in St Joe on Sept 23 recap
 - E] Pine Creek w/ VBCC- update from Colleen?
6. New Business
 - [A] Technical update to PPR and BR Watershed Management Plans- in kind pledge amts in letter of support
 - [B] Request for support from SWMLC for Black River Protection project- see material sent by email
 - [C] Paw Paw River Water Trail (PPRWT) –LIAA Water Trails Summit recap. Kevin proposes that board recognize the PPRWT as an ongoing current project of TRC.
 - [D] Fundraising: PPR not open enough for a community paddle so fundraiser at Arclight on hold until Spring? Community Pint Night at The Livery on Thursday Nov 10 from 5-8. Still need to submit additional info to SOM to be qualified for raffle license.
 - [E] Annual Meeting: Need to determine whose seats on board are up. May not be able to do 50/50 raffle unless get license from SOM. Silent auction of donated items including: Large seed packet from Cardno, beach stone jewelry from Lupine Prairie Glassworks, hand-forged pendants from TRForge, sampler kit of soaps, balms, lotions, etc. from Melanie’s Apothecary, handmade native bee house from Sam. Everyone needs to solicit more donations. Kevin went to VBCC and tested new DVD equipment.
 - [F] Maple Lake sediment issues. Larry Nielsen has asked to speak to board at Nov 9 meeting re findings from 2015 drawdown. Dave F. has spoken to Dave Sons of Ackley Lake Assoc. who wants to talk to us about toxins in sediment.