



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

Board Meeting Agenda

Geneva Twp. Hall

Tuesday August 21, 2018 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to order; introductions; agenda additions and/or corrections.**
- 2. Minutes of July 17 Regular Meeting-corrections/approval.**
- 3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:**
 - Aug 29 (Wed) – Less=More documentary film on sustainable agriculture, CAFO's, etc. 6:00-8:30 p.m. at VBCC.
 - Sept. 12 (Wed) - VBCD Conservation Fair 3-7 pm; Ely Park Hartford. TRC invited.
 - Sept 15 (Sat) - Joint paddle/picnic on Black River w/ B/SH HWTA
 - Sept 18 (3rd Tuesday)- next TRC meeting
 - Sept 30 (Sun) - VSMP (Need leaders); identification on Oct.1
 - Nov 8 (Thur) - TRC 10th Annual Meeting
- 4. Treasurer's Report: Nesbitt.**
- 5. Old Business:**
 - A] Report from Pierman re: Sierra Club, BCCD, and/or MSEF
 - B] AJ Brucks gave a good presentation re VSMP data.
 - C] Haight to continue to work on by-law changes.
 - D] Details about joint paddle w/ B/SH HWTA on Black River 9/15- Kenneth
- 6. New Business/Projects/Funded Grants**
 - A] On-going grant projects: CISMA, PPR Riparian/Ox Creek, Mill/Pine Creeks 319.
 - Ox Creek redevelopment website link: www.sustainoxcreek.org
 - Pine/Mill: Green festival/conservation fair to highlight septic health/maintenance issues on Sept 12. 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Ely Park in Hartford. Volunteer to man table?
 - B] New grant projects: PPR/BR Watershed Management Plans Update, Ox Creek 319, Hall Park Invasives, E. coli testing
 - 1) E. coli sampling: Paul has done 1st round of BR testing
 - 2) Ox Creek 319; large grant has been awarded, contract being developed between BC Drain Commission and MDEQ.
 - C] Non grant projects: VSMP, PPRWT, River Rescue
 - 1) PPRWT- Next meeting of steering committee is Sept 11 at Coloma Twp Hall at 9:00 a.m. Community paddles: 7 paddles completed in June July and August. Total of 140 participants. Big thanks to Kyak Kenneth and Bette Pierman for all their help.
 - 2) River Rescue on Aug 4- cancelled due to low turn-out and other issues.
 - 3) need leaders for VSMP on Sunday Sept 30
 - D] Wild and Scenic River status for PPR?- Kyle
 - E] Request that we sign letter to Sen. Gary Peters from Great Lakes Pilot Association.
 - F] roadside spraying by VBRC- Kenneth
- 7. Speakers: Ryan Postema of COL agreed to speak on date TBD; no response yet from WMU prof David Karowe re climate change and lakes.**
- 8. 10th Annual meeting has been changed and VBCC now reserved for Thursday Nov 8**
- 9. Adjourn.**