



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

Board Meeting  
Geneva Twp. Hall  
Wed. Jan 10, 2018 6:00 p.m.

### **Agenda**

- 1. Call to order; introductions; agenda additions and/or corrections**
- 2. Minutes of Regular Meeting Nov 8– corrections/approval**
- 3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:**
  - Feb 14- TRC meeting**
  - Mar 20- VBCD Volunteer Appreciation Night
  - May 6- Spring macro collection (VSMP) on Sunday; I.D. on Monday
- 4. Treasurer's Report: Kenneth N.**
- 5. Old Business:**
  - A] 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting recap**
  - B] Report from Bette P. re Sierra Club, BCCD, or MSEF issues of which we should be aware**
  - C] Sam re: T-shirt accounting**
  - D] Need thank you letters to silent auction item donors and remaining 2017 donors**
- 6. New Business/Projects/Funded Grants**
  - A] Election of Board members. Discussion re: fact TRC is organized on a Directorship basis, not a Membership basis. Reminder that there is still one open seat on board.**
  - B] Elect new officers; consider changing monthly meeting date**
  - C] On-going grant projects:**
    - CISMA, PPR Riparian/Ox Creek, Mill/Pine Creeks 319**
    - Ox Creek: At recent grant meeting, discussed contributing approx. \$1,100 dedicated funds where needed to complete project. Possibly story board/sign about Ox Creek.**
  - D] New grant projects:**
    - PPR and BR Watershed Management Plans Update**
  - E] Non grant projects:**
    - VSMP, PPRWT, E. coli monitoring, New TRC rack cards**
    - PPRWT- series of community paddles involving trailhead towns?**
    - E. coli monitoring- Appear to be 3 options for 2018: 1) repeat same wet/dry format as 2017 to get more data, 2) focus on septic tank issue and only do dry event testing on selected streams, 3) focus on manure run-off and only do wet event testing on selected streams. Need to send 2017 data to VB Health Dept. and city of S. Haven. Need to explore possible funding. FwF, VBCD, Paw Paw Lake Foundation?**
  - F] Events:**
    - River clean-ups, community paddles**
  - G] Speakers:**
    - AJ Brucks re 4 years of VSMP data**
  - H] Change TRC bylaws (Art. X) to allow annual meeting at time other than December**
  - I] All board members on Facebook need to make an effort to like AND share posts on the TRC Facebook page. This is important and likely drives the algorithm that determines who sees our posts.**
- 7. Adjourn**