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**Board Meeting Agenda  
Geneva Twp. Hall  
Tuesday July 17, 2018 6:00 p.m.**

- 1. Call to order; introductions; agenda additions and/or corrections.**
- 2. Minutes of June 19 Regular Meeting-corrections/approval.**
- 3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:**

July- Series of community paddles on PPR

COLOMA- Sat July 21

RIVERSIDE- Sun July 22

LAWRENCE- Sat July 28

PAW PAW- Sun July 29

July 25 (Wed) - AJ Brucks to speak on 5 years of VSMP data at VBCC. Coffee, cookies, and socializing at 6:30, program at 7:00.

Aug 4 (Sat) - River Rescue w/ VBCD. Need segment leaders.

Aug 15 (Wed) - VBCD Annual picnic, Stanley Johnston Park S. Haven 5:30

Aug 21 (Tues) - next TRC meeting

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 30 (Sun) - VSMP (Need leaders); identification on Oct.1

Nov 8 (Thur) - TRC 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

- 4. Treasurer's Report: Nesbitt.**

- 5. Old Business:**

**A] Report from Pierman re: Sierra Club (co-host films?), BCCD, and/or MSEF**

**B] Sam re T-shirt accounting. KH giving KN check for \$24. VBCD owes \$40.**

**C] Haight to continue to work on by-law changes.**

**D] Pint Night fundraiser: \$80 from The Livery, \$55 in donations, unknown how much from Third Coast**

- 6. New Business/Projects/Funded Grants**

**A] On-going grant projects: CISMA, PPR Riparian/Ox Creek, Mill/Pine Creeks 319.**

**Ox Creek redevelopment draft version of website link:** <http://oxcreek.twopiers.com/> The permanent site will be at [www.sustainoxcreek.org](http://www.sustainoxcreek.org) when finished next month

**Pine/Mill: KH attended septic meeting on 7/12. Green festival to highlight septic health/maintenance Sept 12. TOST on hold pending gathering data this summer and depending on status of statewide legislative initiative (pre-emption issue).**



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**B] New grant projects: PPR/BR Watershed Management Plans Update, Ox Creek 319, Hall Park Invasives, E. coli testing.**

**1) E. coli sampling: TRC has received a \$1500 grant from Freshwater Future to be used between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. TRC voted last meeting to spend up to \$1500 of own funds to fully implement project. Need to finalize sampling protocol. Final report due July 31, 2019.**

**C] Non grant projects: VSMP, PPRWT, River Rescue**

**1) PPRWT- Community paddles: 12 paddlers at Hartford, 20 at Watervliet. KH presented today to SJ/BH Kiwanis. River level has finally come down and contractors have started working on various priority segments.**

**2) River Rescue on Sat Aug 4. Still need PPR segment leaders to lead groups of paddlers. B/SH HWTA not able to participate.**

**D] Speakers: AJ on 7/25; Ryan Postema of COL agreed to speak on date TBD; no response yet from WMU prof David Karowe re climate change and lakes.**

**E] 10<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting has been changed and VBCC now reserved for Thursday Nov 8**

**7. Adjourn.**