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Board Meeting Agenda
Geneva Twp. Hall
Tuesday June 19, 2018 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to order; introductions; agenda additions and/or corrections.**
2. **Minutes of Apr 17 and May 15 Regular Meeting-corrections/approval.**
3. **Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:**

July- Series of community paddles on PPR

HARTFORD- Sat July 14

WATERVLIET- Sun July 15

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 leaders.**

Sept. 12 (Wednesday)- VBCD Conservation Fair Ely Park Hartford. TRC invited.

Sept 15- Community paddle on Black River w/ SWMLC and B/SH HWTA???

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

Nov 8 TRC 10th Annual Meeting **NEW DATE!**

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.

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.

CISMA: Nor Serocki presented before PPR paddle.

Ox Creek: Grant period has been extended to end of 2018. Haight attended meeting on Wed June 6 re new website to showcase redevelopment concept for mall/creek.



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Pine/Mill: Still a possibility of coordinating what we do under our FwF grant with VBCD on its grant. Septic committee meeting on July 12 at VBCC from 10-12. Green festival to highlight septic health/maintenance Sept 12.

B] New grant projects: PPR/BR Watershed Management Plans Update, Ox Creek 319, Hall Park Invasive.

1) Watershed plan updates: Haight attended meeting with partners and DEQ at VBCD on June 19.

2) E. coli sampling: TRC has received a \$1500 grant from Freshwater Future to be used between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. Final report due July 31, 2019.

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

1) PPRWT- Plans moving forward for community paddles. 3 articles in Herald Palladium on Sunday June 10 about TRC, water trail, PPR in general, Colleen's work with VBCD, etc. Bids received from contractors but water too high. Per Rick R. \$5,000 each from Coloma Twp., Watervliet Twp., Coloma City, and Watervliet City for 2018 trail maintenance.

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

D] Speakers: AJ Brucks to speak on VSMP data on Wed July 25 at VBCC; Ryan Postema of COL agreed to speak on date TBD; no response yet from WMU prof David Karowe re climate change and lakes.

E] 10th Annual meeting has been changed and VBCC now reserved for Thursday Nov 8

7. Adjourn.