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Board Meeting Agenda
Geneva Twp. Hall
Tuesday June 18, 2019 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to order**; introductions; agenda additions and/or corrections.

2. **Minutes of Apr 16** Regular Meeting-corrections/approval.

3. **Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:**

Sunday July 28- Prairie Fen Paddle Trip w/ MNA; 9-12 and 1-4 p.m.

Sat Aug. 3- PPR Poker Paddle with Hartford Fire Dept.

Sat Sept 7- Mich Sea Grant/CISMA paddle workshop on AIS

Sat Sept 14- Black River Paddle

Sun Oct. 6-Fall Macro collection, ID on Monday Oct. 7

Thur Nov 7- TRC Annual Meeting

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

5. **Old Business:**

A] Report from Pierman re: Sierra Club, BCCD, and/or MSEF

B] On-going grant projects: CISMA, Mill/Pine Creeks 319.

CISMA:

1) series of naturalist paddles being planned; Aquatic Invasive Species paddle workshop date set Sat Sept 7(Graham Ave BH)

C] **New grant projects:** PPR/BR Watershed Management Plans Update, Ox Creek 319, FwF grant for E. coli testing

1) Watershed Plan Updates: 2nd round of agricultural field survey in late June or July

2) E. coli project: VBCD awarded TRC a mini-grant of \$2,500 to help fund a 3rd year of testing; Need volunteer to help on BR testing (2 half days); Kyle finalizing poster board; Kevin to do report to FwF and present to VB/Cass Health Dept..

D] **Non grant projects:** VSMP, PPRWT, River Rescue, TRC Paddles

PPRWT: next meeting on June 25; almost all stakeholders/municipalities have pledged to contribute to either pathway maintenance and/or promotion; Marcy has selected two contractors for 2019 work; Hagar Twp Kayak Park finally approved

VSMP: Rescheduled to May 19 because of very high water; only sampled 4 sites because of limited turnout



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TRC Paddles: Kenneth planning BR paddle for Sept 14; Dan Burton to lead a joint TRC/MNA paddle hike on Sunday July 28 from 9-12 and 1-4 on Paw Paw Lake in Kalamazoo County; Kenneth possibly organizing a PPR TRC paddle from Watervliet to Coloma

E] PPR National Wild and Scenic River status- Kyle

6. New Business

- A. Paw Paw River Poker Paddle fundraiser w/ Hartford Fire Dept- tentatively scheduled for Sat Aug. 3; Kevin has scouted sites w/Mike Chappell and Kevin McGrew of HFD. Complicated to get license from state lottery commission for “poker game”. May just give trophies for winning hands. Take-out will be at Sportsman’s Club and food etc. will be inside.
- B. Annual Meeting 2019: rooms reserved at VBCC for Thursday Nov 7; keynote by Ryan Postema of COL re evolution of SW Mi river ecosystems
- C. VBCD and BCD are trying to coordinate Oak Wilt speaker. TRC has offered to co-sponsor.
- D. May informal meeting- discussed possible projects (See Kevin’s memo).
- E. Marcy has suggested adopting a neglected rain garden in Watervliet as a project.

7. **Speakers/Events/Projects in 2019:** High water levels in local lakes: Kevin spoke w/ Alan Kehew of WMU who declined saying not enough material to make presentation; other suggested topics/speakers: Patrick Ertel of MDNR; S. Bend storm drain guy.

8. Adjourn