

Minutes of TRC Board Meeting at Kevin Haight residence  
61158 48<sup>th</sup> Ave Hartford MI  
Wed. Aug.10, 2016

1. - Called to order at 6:07p.m.; Attendance: all board members present except Sam Ewbank and Joe Parman; also present: Kyle Alexander of MDEQ
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting Jul 13 – Postponed until Sept. meeting
3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:
  - Aug 17 – workday at Black River Preserve
  - Aug 22 – meeting re: PPRWT at Coloma Twp Hall (since changed to Aug. 25 at 9:00 am)
  - Sept 6 – Celery Pond Advocates luncheon 11:30-1:00 w/ Erin F. at Julia’s Café in S.H.
  - Sept 14 – TRC board meeting-Changed date to Sept. 7 because of LIAA conference
  - Sept 15 – LIAA water trails conference
  - Sep 19 - ICCD/dedication of Maple Lake natural shoreline
  - Sept 17 – SWMLC annual meeting (25<sup>th</sup> anniversary)
  - Oct 2 - Fall VSMP collection event
  - Oct 15 - grand opening Black River Preserve/ Paddle on BR
  - Oct 22 – B/SHHWTA annual meeting (Kevin to speak re: PPRWT)
  - Dec 7- Annual meeting-“Shifting Sands”
4. Treasurer’s Report: K. Nesbitt explained current monthly statement and the 12 month statement he prepared to be submitted with raffle licence application to SOM. Board approved most recent monthly statement.
5. Old Business
  - [A] Funded Grants:
    - 1] VSMP with VB CD-Fall collection event is Oct 2. Board questioned whether all previous data was now in MiCorps database. Kevin to ask A.J. Brucks.
    - 2] Stream crossing inventory with VBRC-Bette explained that all PPR watershed crossings in VB county have been inventoried and that locations in BR watershed in the county are now being targeted.
    - 3] PPR/Ox Creek with SWMLC and SWMPC- Kevin reported recent communication with Marcy of SWMPC. Wightman has completed soil borings and working on engineering for rain garden project. Marcy interested in road/stream crossing inventory in conjunction w/ BC Road Commission. Marcy also working on setting up meetings with Benton Twp, BCRC, Wightman, and new Orchards Mall managers. Board discussion ensued.
    - 4] CISMA with VB CD- Kevin to talk with Erin F. about how TRC can help and/or have Erin come talk to TRC board.
    - 5] Pine Creek w/ VB CD- Colleen and Kyle gave update.
    - 6] Village of Paw Paw brownfield grant approved- Kevin updated board re contents of June letter from Envirologic explaining that \$400,000 grant had been approved for VOPP brownfield site.
  - [B] Field trip to Cardno nursery in Walkerton, Indiana- Friday July 15- Very successful. Consensus of board was to do again in 2017 when Cardno has their Open House event.
  - [C] VB CD millage- Kevin reported success of VB CD millage request and discussion ensued re: VB CD plans for use of tax revenue, such as an action plan, etc. Paul V. made motion, supported by Grant P., as follows: “Two Rivers Coalition asks A.J. Brucks to share her thoughts on how millage will be implemented.” Motion passed unanimously.

**[D] River Rescue –General discussion by participants. Received very good TV coverage by Channel 3. Kevin to provide data on how much trash picked up when received from A.J.**

#### **6. New Business**

**[A] Fundraising: Bette spoke w/ ArcLight owner, Edward Nash. Board agreed that a Fall community paddle on PPR (on a Saturday or Sunday) followed by food and drink at Arclight Brewery was a good idea. Kevin agreed to follow up. Kevin also to submit raffle license application to SOM.**

**[B] Paw Paw River Water Trail (PPRWT) – Kevin, Bette and Kenneth explained to the board current status of project. Kevin explained recent conversations with representatives of Friends of the Paw Paw River that they intended to be the water trail support group for the portion of the PPR in Watervliet and Coloma townships. General discussion about possibility of board taking an official stand/making recommendations on various water trail issues in future.**

**[C] Annual Meeting: room reserved at VBCC for Wednesday Dec. 7; “Shifting Sands” director/producer Pat Wisniewski has agreed to show their hour long documentary. Board agreed that will not try to do a big ticket raffle (like a kayak) at annual meeting but may do a 50-50 raffle. General discussion of merits of silent auction with consensus that we should further explore. Kevin asked board members to come to Sept. meeting prepared to suggest specific possible donation items. Kevin to look into legality of auction of beer/wine (not to be consumed on premises).**

**[D] Need a speaker for Fall- General discussion. Kevin to talk to Erin F. about possibility of talk related to CISMA and invasive species. Bette commented that any program should emphasize good photos of invasives and how to identify.**

**[E] Discussion re: date of Sept meeting because of conflict with LIAA Water Trails conference being attended by Kevin and Kenneth. Board agreed to move meeting to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 7 at a location to be determined and communicated to board by Kevin.**

**Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**