



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

Minutes of Board Meeting
Geneva Twp. Hall
Wed. Sep.7, 2016

1. Call to order 6:05. In attendance: Haight, Pierman, Nesbitt, Foerster, VandenBosch, Poole
 2. Minutes of Regular Meeting Aug 10 approved. July 13 meeting minutes tabled.
 3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:
 - Sept 15 – LIAA water trails conference- Haight and Nesbitt planning to attend
 - Sept 16- Ox Creek Park(ing) Event at Mall
 - Sept 17 – SWMLC annual meeting (25th anniversary)
 - Sept 19 - ICCD/dedication of Maple Lake natural shoreline
 - Sept 23- CISMA workshop in St. Joe on Japanese Knotweed
 - Oct 2 - Fall VSMP collection event
 - Oct 3- VSMP Identification session at VBCD office
 - Oct 15 - grand opening Black River Preserve/ Community Paddle on BR
 - Oct 22 – B/SHWTA annual meeting (Kevin to speak re: PPRWT)
 - Nov 2-3- MiCorps Conference- Pierman expressed interest in attending. Haight to ask A.J. Brucks.
 - Dec 7- Annual meeting-“Shifting Sands”
 4. Treasurer’s Report by Nesbitt approved.
 5. Old Business
 - [A] Funded Grants:
 - 1] Discussion about VSMP macroinvertebrate collection Sunday Oct 2 and who was available to help by being team leader or volunteer.
 - 2] Stream crossing inventory with VBRC-update given by Pierman.
 - 3] PPR/Ox Creek with SWMLC and SWMPC- Haight led board discussion about overall status of project and specific plans for Park(ing) Day event at Orchards Mall on Friday Sept 16. Also discussed whether there would be a wetlands/field day still this Fall.
 - 4] CISMA with VBCD- Haight reported on Celery Pond Advocates event. Also discussed Japanese Knotweed forum in St Joe on Sept 23
 6. New Business
 - [A] Board discussion about status of Paw Paw River Water Trail.
 - [B] Discussion about Annual Meeting on Wednesday Dec. 7. Need to determine whose seats on board are up for election. Feature event will be showing of hour long documentary “Shifting Sands” by director/producer Pat Wisniewski. In addition, board agreed there will be a presentation on PPRWT. Plan to do 50/50 raffle if get state gaming license. There will be silent auction of donated items and Haight encouraged board to start lining up donated items. VandenBosch asked Haight to provide a letter to show this was an official TRC fundraising event.
 - [C] Board agreed to have Erin Fuller give a CISMA presentation as TRC speaker for Fall. Haight to determine date/time/venue.
 - [D] Haight related to board Marcy Hamilton of SWMPC’s request for TRC support for a grant request to MDEQ to do technical updates to Paw Paw River Watershed Management Plan and Black River Watershed Management Plan. Board approved supporting SWMPC grant request and committing to in-kind contribution.
- Meeting adjourned 7:45.