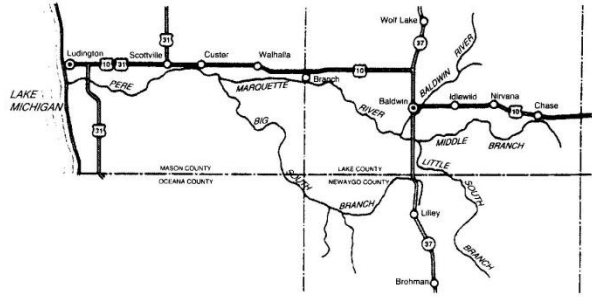


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 10:00 A.M. August 5, 2017 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin, MI Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Paul Bigford at 10:09 a.m.
2. Attendance: Mike Batcke, Jay Barnhart, Jim Bos, Paul Bigford, Jeff Carpenter, Dave Gabrielson, Marv Hanna, Michael Hoag, Mark Raven, Tom Seroczynski, Grant Snider, Chuck Turk
Excused: John Karakashian, Scott Lachniet
Absent:
Guests: No guests
3. Minutes of the June 3, 2017, 2017 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Bos and seconded by Chuck Turk – minutes were approved.
Minutes of the July 15, 2017 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Bos and seconded by Chuck Turk – minutes were approved.
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Welcome Guest: No guests were present
 - B.
 - C.

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. The treasurer's report indicated that as of July 31, 2017 we had \$121,260.59 available and were on budget for the year. Jeff Carpenter moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Tom Seroczynski – motion passed
 - B. The PMWC received the grant money, \$15,000, to support the railroad erosion site work that had been solicited by the CRA.
 - C. Preliminary numbers show that the 2017 C4C raised \$7,113.30 and the annual banquet and auction raised \$6,620.00
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee:
 - No meeting was held in July. Next meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2017 at 10 am at the Lake-Osceola State Bank
 - B. PMWC project planning document
 - PMWC project planning and progress summary.
 - Current Active projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Railroad Erosion site - There was discussion about what progress has been made regarding the possibility of remediation by looking at land that was not part of the railway right of way. Paul Bigford will be contacting the CRA and Forest Service to see what new information is available.

- Training for the volunteers associated with the MTU habitat survey was done and various stretches of the river have been assigned. The goal is to have the work completed by October, 2017.
- Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
 - TFM application was done. Areas being treated will include Baldwin Creek, Big South, Luther Swamp, Little South, and the Middle Branch of the PM in addition to areas of the main branch.
- Future Projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management

C. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board – The Board looked at a proposal from Daniel Greene to tear down and replace an existing 1856 square foot cabin on Baldwin Creek and also add a 24x24 foot garage. The proposal was approved with some modifications.

D. River Interns –

7. Communication and Information

A. The next issue of the Mainstream is planned for the fall.

8. Public Comment: No public comment.

New Business

9. New business –

A. Election of Officers for 2017-2018 – the following officers were elected. Jim Bos made the motion and Jeff Carpenter seconded.

President – Paul Bigford, Vice President – Tom Seroczynski, Treasurer – Jay Barnhart, Secretary – Dave Gabrielson

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM

Minutes submitted by Dave Gabrielson, Secretary

Remaining schedule of meetings for 2017:

September 9, 2017 – note that this is the second Saturday due to Labor Day being on the 4th

October 7, 2017

November 4, 2017

December 2, 2017