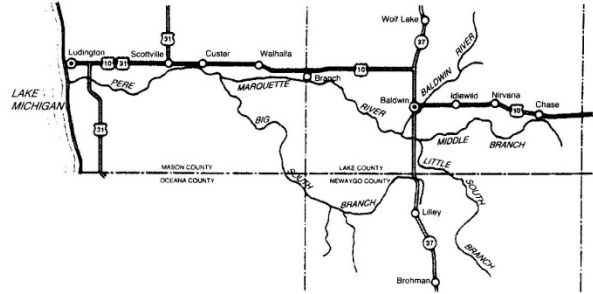


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 10:00 A.M. September 7th, 2019 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin, MI Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Bos at 10:00 a.m.
2. Attendance: Jason Hackney, Michael Hoag, Paul Bigford, Jim Bos, Mark Raven, Marv Hanna, Matt Jacobson, Dick Schwikert, Mark Anderson
Excused: Ian Davison, Tom Seroczynski, Mike Batcke, John Karakashian, Jay Barnhart, Jeffrey Carpenter, Scott Lachniet
Absent:
Guests: None
3. The minutes of the August 5th, 2019 Board of Directors' meetings were approved with corrections (proposed Carpenter, seconded Hanna).
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Paul Kogelshatz has resigned from Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA). Kim Balke will be taking over the railroad erosion site issue.
 - a. Balke and Kira Davis will attend November Board of Directors Meeting.
 - b. CRA has applied to MDNR for grant of up to \$200,000, i.e., 50% of project cost.
 - B. CRA's 50th Anniversary coming up. PMWC should have presence.
 - C. Funding:
 - a) Still do not know if PMWC was awarded the Lake County Community Foundation grant.
 - b) PMTU donation of up to \$20,000 still unannounced. Next PMTU meeting is September 10th at 6pm; this is an open meeting
 - c) Donation check from Fly Fishers International (FFI) is in the mail.

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:

- A. Treasurer's Report: Jay Barnhart (Treasurer) was not present but the budget had not changed since the August meeting.

6. Watershed Restoration/River Management:

- A. RR erosion site update. Recent rains and high water have had little impact on erosion.
- B. A sinkhole has developed on the east side of the Upper Branch Bridge. The plan is to fix the sinkhole by spring/summer of 2020.
- C. Restoration Committee: Committee has not met since spring but plan to meet with Kim Balke (Biologist with CRA) in October.

D. Natural River Zoning Review Board:

- a. At the last meeting, Chad Parrish requested a partial after-the-fact, dimensional variance from the standards established to construct an addition to a deck.
 - i. An 86' reduction in the building setback standard of 138', considering a bank height 12', to construct a 4'x16' deck addition, and a 10'x10' deck addition. New construction will be 52' from the edge of the Pere Marquette River.
 - ii. A variance to construct the deck in the 75' protected vegetation buffer.
 - iii. A 46' reduction in the building setback standard of 138', to add gravel to driveway within the existing two-tracked/cleared area that is currently being used as a driveway.

This request was tabled by the zoning review board at their August 19, 2019 meeting and a public hearing on the application will be held on September 16th, 2019 at 4:30pm Logan Township Hall, 3975 Tyndall Road, Branch

7. Communication & Information:

- A. Mainstream Newsletter: Possible topics for the October newsletter are:
 - a. High water this year
 - b. Upper Branch Bridge
 - c. Railroad erosion site update
 - d. Changes to the Board of Directors
 - e. Updates on donations and new revenues

New Business

8. Website: Working with webmaster on issues such as membership sign-up.

- a. Signing up for newsletter is an issue currently.
- b. Currently it is not possible to track new members who sign-up (or try to sign-up) online.
- c. Webmaster is leaving at the end of September for Europe and needs all information that needs to be updated/fixed by September 13th, 2019. This information should be given to Mark Anderson to communicate to the webmaster.

- i. New Director's list
 - ii. Updated minutes starting with September 2018.
 - iii. Membership form with a way to collect new member information and to send a thank you letter.
 - iv. Finalized meeting dates for 2020.
 - v. Finalized Newsletter.
 - vi. Clear up payment method for website maintenance and updates.
- d. Website is compatible with PayPal to pay online but will need bank account routing number.

9. C4C Copyright

- a. Copyright and/or patent cannot be located, if one exists.
- b. Needs further investigation on two fronts.
 - i. If there is a copyright for logo and wording.
 - ii. How to attain if one is not present.

10. Hazard Waste Disposal The Mecosta Conservation District is having a hazardous waste collection for October 12th, 2019 from 9am-12pm.

- a. Lake County: Wenger Pavilion behind Jones' Ice Cream Parlor
- b. Mecosta County: Fairground, 540 West Ave., Big Rapids.
- c. Osceola County: Road Commission North Facility, 13353 20 Mile Road., Tustin

It was noted that a donation to the Mecosta Conservation District (\$200 or \$250) will needed to be put on the next agenda for a vote.

11. Meeting Dates for 2020

- A. Banquet is scheduled for July 11, 2020.
 - a) Tom Serocznski has reserved the date and hall at AmVets and will follow up at a later date A follow up to check if still reserved at a later date needed.
 - b) Mike Hoag reserved PM Bistro Catering Inc. for catering needs at the banquet for 125 guests.
 - c) Auctioneer Glen Blackwood has also been reserved for the banquet.
- B. Suggested that phone conference calls or email voting be used for meetings below quorum in case of important vote that cannot be tabled.
- C. An executive council was suggested to make quick decisions between Board meetings or Board meetings that do not meet quorum.
- D. The 2020 meeting were approved and are:

JANUARY	No meeting
FEBRUARY	Saturday February 1 st , 2020
MARCH	Saturday March 7 th , 2020
APRIL	Saturday April 4 th , 2020
MAY	Saturday May 2 nd , 2020
JUNE	Saturday June 6 th , 2020
JULY	Cast for Conservation Friday July 10 th , 2020 Banquet and meeting Saturday July 11 th , 2020 <i>50th Anniversary of PM Watershed Council</i>
AUGUST	Saturday August 1 st , 2020
SEPTEMBER	Saturday September 12 th , 2020
OCTOBER	Saturday October 3 rd , 2020
NOVEMBER	Saturday November 7 th , 2020
DECEMBER	Saturday December 5 th , 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM

Next meeting will be held on October 5th, 2019 at the Lake Osceola State Bank in Baldwin, MI at 10:00 am

Minutes submitted by Jason Hackney and Ian Davison, Secretary

Next Meetings:

November 2nd, 2019
December 7th, 2019