Black Creek Watershed Coalition
Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2016

Location: Chili Highway Department, 200 Beaver Rd., Chili, NY

Attendance: Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident; George Squires, Byron Planning Board; Lyle Warren, Churchville resident; Kevin Donovan, Village of Bergen Deputy Mayor; Brian Ostling, Town of Chili Highway, Chuck Rettig, Chili resident and Josh La fountain, Monroe Co. SWCD.

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Chairman, Dorothy Borgus.

Meeting minutes of May 26, 2016 regular monthly meeting were approved.

Dorothy and Lyle reported on the Churchville Walk-About held on June 2, 2016 from 5 to 7 PM. It was well attended and we talked to many people including NYS Senator Mike Ranzenhofer.

There was some discussion regarding the joint Black/Oatka sub-committee tasked with organizing a strategy to do community outreach to implement the watershed management plan. They are still attempting to schedule a meeting with newly appointed Genesee County SWCD District Manager Molly Cassatt. (Note: the meeting is now scheduled for August 5 at 1 PM)

Kevin Donovan reported on a tour of the Village of Bergen WWTP held jointly with the Village Board on June 22, 2016. Kevin discussed the planned future plant upgrades and the newly installed chemical treatment system to reduce phosphorus discharge in the effluent.

Mill Seat Open House is scheduled for July 28, 2016 from 3 – 7 PM. Set-up will take place at 2:30 PM. All members are encouraged to attend. The July meeting is cancelled.

Churchville Lions Country Fair on Saturday, August 13th and Sunday, August 14th, 2016. We will set up the display on Saturday morning at 8:30 AM. Volunteers are needed to man the booth.

George reported on a June 7th canoe and kayak trip down Black Creek from just upstream of the Route 19 bridge in Bergen to the dam in Churchville. The event was conducted by the ACORNS volunteer group from the Genesee County Parks. George said he noticed “a lot” of dead Ash trees along both sides of the creek (most likely victims of Emerald Ash Borer).
Chair, Dorothy Borgus appointed the following nominating committee to determine a slate of officers for the Annual Meeting in August: Chuck, Rettig, Brian Ostling, and Lyle Warren.

Next meeting – ANNUAL MEETING on August 25, 2016 at the Genesee County Park & Forest Interpretive Nature Center, 11095 Bethany Center Rd., E. Bethany, NY.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted, George Squires

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