

Black Creek Watershed Coalition Annual Meeting Minutes August 25, 2016

Location: Genesee County Park & Forest Interpretive Nature Center,
11095 Bethany Center Rd., E. Bethany, NY

Attendance: Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident; George Squires, Byron Planning Board; Kevin Donovan, Village of Bergen Deputy Mayor; Brian Ostling, Town of Chili Highway, Julie Michalko, Churchville Planning Board; Ray Cipriano, Town of Bethany; Daniel Street, Town of Bethany; Shannon Morley, Conservation Education Program Coordinator – Genesee County Parks.

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by Chairman, Dorothy Borgus.

Dan Street was introduced as a member of the Bethany Town Board.

Meeting minutes of June 30, 2016 regular monthly meeting were **approved**.

George reported the joint Black/Oatka sub-committee, tasked with organizing a strategy to do community outreach to implement the watershed management plan, has a meeting scheduled for August 5 at 1 PM at the USDA Service Center conference room in Batavia.

Mill Seat Open House on July 28, 2016.

George reported the watershed display was set up and many map guides were handed out. He added one additional email address to the list.

Churchville Lions Country Fair on Saturday, August 13th and Sunday, August 14th, 2016.

George reported he had the watershed display at the event. He thanked Lyle and Julie for their assistance. He talked to many people in between the rain and a few gave email addresses for our list.

Election of Officers

Brian Ostling made a **motion** to elect the following slate of officers for 2017: Chairman, Dorothy Borgus; Vice Chairman, Kevin Donovan; Secretary, George Squires; Treasurer, Lyle Warren. There were no other nominations. The **motion** was seconded by Julie Michalko and **approved unanimously**.

Black Creek inland waterway designation

George reported the following bills were signed into law by Governor Cuomo, designating Black Creek in Monroe, Genesee and Wyoming Counties as an inland waterway: S7984, A10433; S7513, A10104. This designation will open up funds for municipal projects. We are aware of a project being discussed in the Village of Churchville.

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George said he had not made any progress on this issue at this point.

Genesee County Park & Forest Presentation

Shannon Morley gave a power-point presentation on the Genesee County Park & Forest. The presentation highlighted the importance of Black Creek which flows through the Bethany Park.

Genesee River Bash

George distributed information on the upcoming Genesee River Bash a benefit for Genesee RiverWatch. The event is scheduled for October 6, 2016 at the Port of Rochester Terminal Building. BCWC has been invited to exhibit at this event. Brian Ostling suggested we set up our display at the event and volunteered to help staff the exhibit. **George will contact George Thomas to let him know we will attend.**

Next meeting – September 29, 2016 perhaps in Churchville.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted, George Squires

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