

Special Meeting of the Chester Township Board
October 8, 2015

At the American Legion Hall in Marne with Wright Township also present.

60 plus people attended.

Meeting Called to order by Gary Meerman. Present Meerman, Berenbrock, Kelly

Meerman motioned that Supervisor Josh Westgate monitor the meeting.

Josh turned the joint meeting over to Joe Bush from Ottawa County to speak on the Sand Creed Drain District. (Others were present to answer question on the project)

DEQ did a study on this matter in 2003

GVSU also did study in 2003

Lower Grand River watershed management Plan done in 2011

Common Finds

Sedimentation, Siltation, Nutrients, Temperature, Flow were all issues.

GEI conducted study 2014 – 2015 for the upper 9 miles of Sand Creek. The entire 9 miles were walked and photographed and studied.

Restoration Goals were set

Bank stabilization, debris removal, grade control, wetland restoration, ditch creation and vegetarian buffers put in place.

Goals if put in place would:

Reduce erosion, stream souring, overbank flooding, coldwater fishery & habitats would improve for recreational activities.

Joe Bush stated that it would be 6 to 8 months after applying for the grant before he would know if we would be granted it. The construction time for this work would be Fall of 2017 to Spring of 2018.

Resolution of Chester Township Board to expenditure of funds for this drain maintenance was offered by Ed Kelly and supported by Gary Meerman. Roll call Meerman yes, Kelly yes, Berenbrock yes. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:10

Submitted by Dianne Berenbrock