

POLAND MUNICIPAL FOREST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2018

Present: James Brammer, Bob Elias, Sam Moffie, Mark Thompson, Beth Queen, Elinor Zedaker. Excused: Frank Krygowski.

-Call to order/ opening remarks

At 7:33 PM the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Zedaker

-The December board meeting was cancelled for holiday break. No minutes to report.

-Announcements:

- Beth Queen was appointed to another term on the Forest Board
- James Brammer has volunteered to become Secretary
- Sam Moffie, representative from Village Council has been appointed to be our newest member on the Forest Board

-Approval of November's minutes: Beth motioned, Mark seconded, unanimous yea

- Mark discussed the sanitary project. There is a sanitary line being replaced down Gutknecht Trail. The project is taking place on an existing easement. Inspectors will regularly be present to ensure environment and safety concerns. The board had an open discussion about the amount of time we had to discuss the action of the proposed project, and the lack of participation the board had in regards to the tree removal and the selection of possible replacement plants and grasses. Mark said there is a possibility of utilizing some of the excess top soil from the project
- Elinor reported that the tree on Blue Bell trail has been moved aside.
- Elinor read a list of 2017 improvement projects that was offered by Charles Rumberg from the Forest Foundation. The board discussed the list.
- The second document that the Forest Foundation offered to the Board was a request for funding form. Lauren Schroeder, the author of the form, spoke about the its proposed use.
- Mark discussed the appropriated money for improvements. Of the \$40,000 granted \$34,809 has been spent.
- Mill Creek MetroParks has requested permission to take a trolley tour through the Forest in April 29, 2018.
- Motion to approve Mill Creek permit: Bob motioned, Sam seconded, Unanimous yea

- Beth mentioned that our web page needs fixed or temporarily taken down
- Sam presented a letter that was given to him. The letter was in regards to the Ash trees. The intent of the author is to harvest the trees for profit and for the safety to the visitors of the forest
- Gordon Longmuir asked about the forest maps. Mark replied that they are being worked on. Elinor stated that it will be on the next meeting's agenda
- There was a group discussion about the sanitary project with guests in attendance

-Motion to adjourn: Sam motioned, all said yea. Approximate time 9:20