

# Poland Municipal Forest Board Minutes

**Board Meeting – Poland Village Hall – February 26, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by the chair

## **Attendees Present:**

Bob Elias

Chris Graff

Sam Moffie, Council Representative

Ian Renne

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker, Chair

## **Absent Excused:**

James Brammer

Quorum present - yes

## **Approval of January Forest Board Minutes:**

A motion was made by Bob Elias to approve the January minutes. Sam Moffie seconded the motion, all approved.

## **Corrections to January minutes:**

Ian Renne asked that his comments be admitted into the January minutes about future flooding downstream, maintenance of the Butler Trail for EMS vehicles, and installing a foot bridge instead of a box culvert.

## **Business:**

- Garlic mustard pull – Renne was asked to help decide upon a date for the mustard pull. April 6<sup>th</sup> was suggested and decided on by the board. Renne suggested that we advertise the date to attract volunteers.
- Mauthe Bridge – Thompson stated the contract for the Mauthe Bridge design has been given to the village council to vote upon. Moffie reported that new barricades have been installed.
- EnviroScience – Thompson said that he is waiting on the initial report from EnviroScience and will be presented to the board when complete.
- Butler Trail box culvert – Thompson reported with details on this project and presented a photo display from many things that need attention throughout the forest.
- Some of the photos presented by Thompson included: damage due to the rot on the Mauthe Bridge, debris collected at Drake Run, erosion on the top of the culverts on Butler Trail, invasive plant species in the ditches, damage done to the Graffiti Bridge, log jams in the creek, flooding after excessive rain, gas line exposed, debris cleanup efforts around culverts, and the scouring of trees and the creek banks caused by flooding.
- Renne stated that he is against removing all the wood from the creek, and that the forest is in a flood plain and left unimpeded has many benefits.
- Volunteer work crews – appreciation was expressed to all the help in the forest working on trails and for all the work that has been done throughout the winter.

## **Public Comments:**

- Some residents and non-village residents voiced their concerns about the natural state of the forest, the Mauthe Bridge design and concepts, the walking trails and possibly moving trails to accommodate the flooding, driving cars on Blue Bell Trail, and possibly building a second bridge to cross the creek.

## **Other Business:**

- Thompson will email ideas to the board about trail marker signs.
- Renne stated that a future discussion about a white tail deer management plan is needed.
- Elias spoke of a work order for an attractive new gate to close off the Gutknecht trail to vehicles.
- A future nursery in the forest could possibly be a Boy Scout Project.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

- Moffie made a motion to adjourn, Elias seconded the motion. All said Aye.

**Next Meeting: March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**