

## **Poland Municipal Forest Board Meeting – Poland Village Hall – June 25, 2019**

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

### **Board Members Present:**

James Brammer - Late

Bob Elias

Sam Moffie, Council Representative

Dr. Ian Renne

Mark Thompson

Elinor Zedaker, Chair

Quorum present – yes

### **Approval of May 28, 2019 Forest Board Minutes:**

Elias made a motion to approve the May 28<sup>th</sup> minutes, Moffie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Business:**

- *Mauthe Bridge*- Moffie showed and discussed the bridge renderings and drawings from MS Consultants. He stated that Village Council appointed a Bridge Oversight Committee to oversee the rehabilitation process. The specification and contractor bid package is to be reviewed, approved and passed to Village Council for their approval. Moffie also discussed rough costs and timelines to complete the project. No taxpayer dollars have been used to date. The Poland Forest Foundation has paid for some of the expenses to date. A fundraising campaign has been developed and started.
- *EnviroScience*- Thompson commented about EnviroScience. EnviroScience was in the forest with a specialized contractor last week and we will be including an estimate for targeted work in the final report. The final report should be complete in several weeks. Renne mentioned that he would like to discuss the report when it becomes available. The board discussed problems with key areas within the forest concerning erosion and trees falling into the creek. It has been reported that bank erosion has undercut a portion of Bluebell Trail, approximately 70 feet long.
- *Butler Trail Culvert*- Thompson updated the board on the Butler Trail Culvert. Dominion stated that they do not have the funding in this years' budget to fix the erosion problem at the culvert. The Village Solicitor and Dominion are discussing the options and legal determination of ownership of the responsibility. The pipeline inspector has been to the site and is aware of the situation and safety concerns. Dominion workers have complained about an individual along the trail being

abrasive. Caution markers and fencing have been removed by vandals from the erosion area.

- *Volunteer Work Crews*- Thompson reported that the Volunteer Work Crews have been working as much as time and weather permitted.
- *Gutknecht Trail Entrance*- Elias stated that the street department set three fixed posts at the entrance to the Gutknecht Trail to prevent vehicular traffic from entering.
- *Public Comments by Poland Residents*- A few residents voiced their concerns about the Mauthe Bridge project.
- *Other Business*- Thompson said that an Indian Trail resident cleaned out an old drainage ditch on forest property that drains into a basin. The resident asked if they could pay a contractor to fix the basin that is on forest property to reduce the backed-up water in their yard. Moffie advised that the homeowner should contact the Village Solicitor.

**Adjourn:**

Moffie made a motion to adjourn, Renne seconded the motion. All said aye.

Next board meeting – Tuesday July 23, 2019